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Whereas Maize Research Institute, Guangxi Academy of Agricultural Science, Guangxi, China and **Maize and Cash Crops Research Center, National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute**, Vientiane, Laos (hereinafter referred to as the parties) aim to promote technical cooperation and human resources development, technical assistance and sharing of information of maize research.

Whereas the parties aim to further accelerate institutional collaboration based on mutual benefits.

The parties agree on the following:

Article 1. Form of cooperation:

The parties shall promote cooperation in the fields of human resources development and maize technology through the following:

- a. The development of human resources such as mutual visits of scientists with special mission and personal training for a long or short period in relation to gain active cooperation;
- b. The exchange of technical information including research papers, scientific publications, methodology and other relevant information;
- c. The exchange of plant materials on a reciprocal basis in accordance with due formalities stipulated in the regulations and laws of each country;
- d. The conduct of joint research, symposium, workshops, seminars, and training programs on subjects agreed upon by the parties;
- e. Any other forms of technical cooperation in maize genetics resources may be mutually agreed upon.
- f. Together develop research proposed to Chinese government or other donor for getting research fund.
- g. Workplan develop for long term objectives with annual objectives and outputs developed in annex table activities.

Article 2. Experiments, Results and Publications:

- a. All field experiments and laboratory analysis carried out in both maize research institute, MRI GXAAAS and **Maize and Cash Crops Research Center, National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute**, Vientiane, Laos will be guided if necessary with the assistance and technological know-how of Maize Research Institute, Guangxi Academy of Agricultural Science staff;
- b. Maize Research Institute, Guangxi Academy of Agricultural Science will provide breeding material comprising hybrids and advance lines for testing under Lao's agro-ecological conditions to determine their productive potential in Laos.
- c. Both parties will share responsibilities to assign about one hectares of field to demonstrate the experiment for evaluating the hybrid maize materials importing from Maize Research Institute, Guangxi Academy of Agricultural Science, China.
- d. In relation to the research results, any publication will be jointly authored by the scientific team of both parties and collaborative Institution may freely use the data in their publication, and should acknowledge the co-operative program.

Article 3. Product Development Rights and Interests

The product developed through collaborative endeavor will be jointly negotiate and sign separately agreement in detail by the two parties.

Article 4. Entry into Force and Revision:

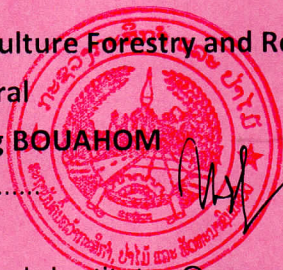
- a. This agreement shall take effort on the date of signature by the Parties and last for five years; the agreement may be revised and renewed upon the written notes at the request of any one of the parties.
- b. The agreement shall be reviewed and assessed yearly by both parties and remain in force unless one of the parties notifies in writing, six months in advance, of its intention to terminate.

Signed in

National Agriculture Forestry and Research Institute, Vientiane, Laos

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