

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**Sugarcane Research Institute, Guangxi Academy of Agricultural Sciences
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And

**National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute
Vientiane, Laos**

For

Scientific cooperation

China is the third large sugar consumption and production country in the world, and Guangxi Province is the largest region cultivated with approximately 1 million of hectares of sugarcane.

Sugarcane Research Institute of Guangxi Academy of Agricultural Sciences (hereinafter collectively referred to as "SRI/GXAAS") is a professional and provincial sugarcane institute that takes sugarcane new varieties breeding, production technology innovation and scientific achievement transformation as the main research mission.

National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute (hereinafter collectively referred to as "NAFRI") is mandated to undertake integrated agriculture, forestry and fisheries research in order to provide technical information, norms and results which help to formulate strategy in accordance with the government policies. NAFRI has four main functions including: carrying out adaptive research, developing methods, tools and information packages, providing policy feedback, and coordinating and managing research.

SRI/GXAAS and NAFRI agree to cooperate in the following fields of human resources and sugarcane technology on the mutual benefit bases.

1. 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.

2. The exchange of technical information including research papers, scientific publications, methodology and other relevant information.

3. The exchange of technologies such as sugarcane cultivation technology, sugarcane rapid propagation technology, biological control technology of pests and diseases of sugarcane and mechanization of sugarcane production technology.

4. The exchange and evaluation of sugarcane germplasm resources in accordance with due formalities stipulated in the regulations and laws of each country.

5. The provider of sugarcane breeding materials should have the intellectual property rights.



6. Jointly applying for cooperation scientific projects. The conduct of joint research, symposium, workshops, seminars, and training programs on subjects agreed upon by the parties.

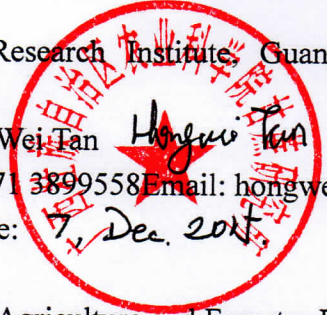
7. In relation to the research results, any publication will be jointly authored by the scientific team of both parties and collaborative Institution may freely use the data in their publication, and should acknowledge the co-operative program.

8. Under this MOU both parties agreed to develop a project proposal for sugarcane research and development in order to develop good sugarcane breeding materials and improved cultivation technology to farmers. The project proposal will be submitted to Chinese Government or another donor who could provide financial support to implement proposed project.


9. Memorandum of understanding (MOU) signature by each party, the MOU shall be in effect for a period of five years or until otherwise terminated in writing by either party. This MOU has two identical copies with each party holds one copy, and it takes effect since being signed by both parties.

10. Any dispute, controversy or difference as to the interpretation of this MOU will be settled amicably by mutual consent between SRI/GXAAS and NAFRI.

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