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#### Laos, Mongolia agree to agriculture cooperation

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Rice farm near Vang Vieng, Laos (Photo: vonchilliman)

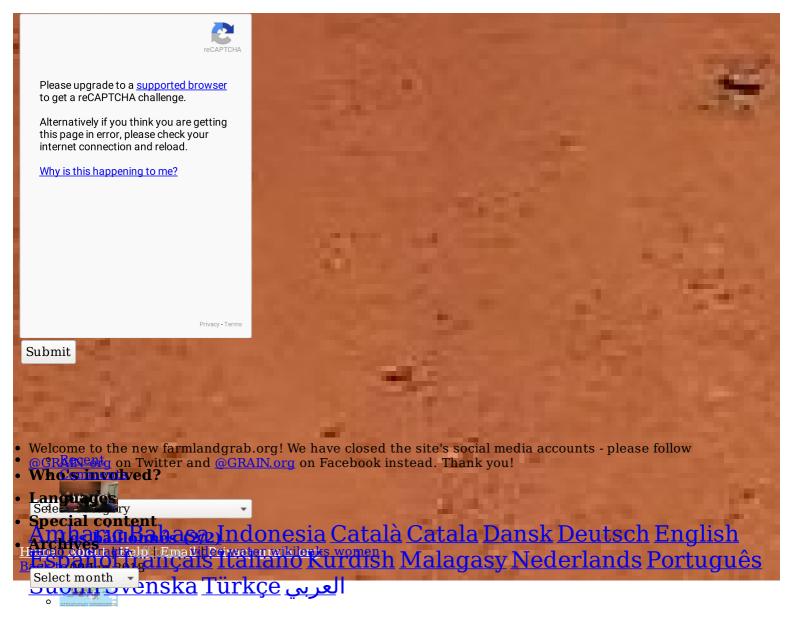
Laos and Mongolia last week inked an agreement for cooperation in agriculture during a visit to Laos by a delegation from Mongolia's Ministry of Food, Agriculture, and Light Industry.

The agreement was signed in Vientiane on Friday by Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Sitaheng Rasphone and his Mongolian counterpart, Mr T. Badamjunai.

Mr Badamjunal led the Mongolian delegation on a visit to Laos from March 14-20 and a meeting between the two agriculture ministries was held last Monday.

During the meeting b<mark>oth sides recogni</mark>sed the importance of promoting comprehensive technical cooperation in th

sides also exchanged vie situation and During the meeting, the Lao side the Mongolian delegation of the lishment of a Lao Joint Agriculture Wor investments in Laos, and abo provide coordination and suppo implementing the cooperation agreement bet private sectors from both sides. The meeting followed to s resulted in the e agreement, which paves the way for the development of concrete pl t was agreed the two sides would formulate joint collaborative projects Memorandum of Underst involving both the public and private sectors. The agreement also allows for regular meetings between the ministries at different levels to evaluate progress and agree on new areas of cooperation, the exchange of expertise between technicians, experts and rese areas of mutual interest including the private sector, and fostering private sector involvement by bot through a joint venture and a business programme. Both ministries agreed to enable their respective private sectors to reach a concrete agreement on de joint venture in rice production and processing for export to Mongolia. On the basis of Lao laws and associated binding agreements and availability of land, the Lao side will request by Mongolia to seek agricultural land of up to 10,000 hectares to produce rice and other crops The use of such land would be in the form of a concession, contract farming or other agreement. aos will also consider Mongolia's request for up to 20 hectares of land for the purpose of establishing "Mongolian Agriculture Cooperation Centre" in the Special Economic Zone in Savannakhet province. Also under consideration is a proposal by Mongolia to develop sheep farming in Laos. Mongolla would provide the necessary assistance to develop the industry and agreed to help Laos with care and breeding by providing two experts to work in the veterinary and animal husbandry centres under the Department of Livestock and Fishery. **Source: Vientiane Times** TWITTER **FACEBOOK PRINT** E-MAIL TTER EBOOK **1AIL** st a comment Email address (optional - if you want a reply) Comment



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