Sudan to grow Chinese Cotton in eastern regions

The Sudanese Ministry of Agriculture has entered into an agreement with the Chinese Center for Transfer of Agricultural Technologies in Sudan, Al Fao Farmers Council, for growing genetically engineered Chinese cotton in Al Rahad Agricultural Scheme in Gadarif and eastern Sudan regions.

Speaking at the agreement signing ceremony, Coordinator of the Chinese Center for Transfer of Agricultural Technologies, Ashmawi Sabir Ali, said agricultural cooperation between the two economies would reap several benefits, as agriculture is the backbone of Sudanese economy.

The programme of Chinese Center for Transfer of Agricultural Technologies in Sudan aims at acquainting Sudanese technicians and scientists with agricultural technologies, which they can introduce in agricultural cycling to boost crop productivity.

Considered to be one of the most important projects for developing agriculture in Sudan, the agricultural cooperation for growing Chinese cotton is expected to be implemented in other regions of Sudan, particularly in those regions that are eager to develop modern agricultural technologies.

Abdallah Mohamed Ahmed, Director of Al Rahad Scheme, said the Chinese and Sudanese sides can set an example of a model joint cooperation before the world, and nurture a strategic agricultural partnership based integrating experience to enhance Chinese technology and Sudan's potential over the next five decades.

Towards end of the first symposium on agricultural cooperation between the two countries in 2009, China and Sudan inked seven Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) in the area of agricultural cooperation.

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