

Chilean and Peruvian Ministers of Agriculture united to sign the agricultural cooperation agreement.



On 22 February 2019, Mr. Antonio Walker, Minister of Agriculture of Chile, and Mr. Gustavo Mostajo, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation of Peru, united at the meeting in Lima, Peru, to sign the agreement on agricultural cooperation for export development and promotion of agricultural products of the two countries, in order to increase competitiveness in the global markets and seek opportunities in the Asian

markets.

Because of the similarity and complementarity of the agricultural products of the two countries, especially their fruit products such as, avocado, grape and citrus, and the global trend of economic blocs, Chile and Peru agreed to cooperate plans for promoting the export of agricultural products of both countries into the Asian markets, including the current major export markets like the United States and the European Union. In addition, the cooperation agreement also covers other areas such as phytosanitary measures and agricultural innovations. Before this cooperation, both countries have successfully collaborated to set hygiene standards and fight against fruit insects.

The Minister of Agriculture of Chile said that the export of agricultural products of both Chile and Peru have been continuedly growing in the recent period. This cooperation will bring about the learning of agricultural techniques between each other and will be the first step that may include more countries in the future, such as Colombia, Mexico or other countries In the Pacific Alliance.

The Minister of Peru also said that the growth of the country's agricultural exports has increased by 20%, with the value of more than 783 million US Dollars, in January, especially the export of cherries and grapes.

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