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**BELIZE AND TAIWAN GOVERNMENT JOINTLY OPEN THE NATIONAL SHEEP AND GOAT BREEDING CENTER AT CENTRAL FARM**

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The Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) is pleased to announce that the National Sheep and Goat Breeding Center at Central Farm was inaugurated on March 15, 2018 and is operated by the “Genetic Improvement in Sheep and Goat Project” in Belize. The inauguration Ceremony commenced in the livestock section, Central Farm to showcase the exceptional progress done so far to facilitate the establishment of the Breeding Center at Government level. The infrastructure of the sheep barn and successful importation of sheep from the USA were displayed and introduced during the ceremony. Furthermore, the roasting of whole lamb has been directed to a new method and practice to cook the mutton. The inauguration ceremony was successful and a testament to the prosperous sheep industry in Belize.

The agreement between the Government of Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize on the above-mentioned project had been signed with granted total US\$1,624,475.00 to expand the infrastructure at the National Sheep and Goat Breeding Center in Central Farm, introduce quality breeding stocks to the National Breeding Center and build the capacity of technicians to facilitate the small ruminant production in Belize.

With the dedication from both parties, the Sheep Project has achieved many targets since December 2015 when the project was implemented. The well-designed Breeding Sheep barn has been constructed in Central Farm with the historical importation of purebred Dorper and Barbados Blackbelly sheep producers have been held. In addition to the main target, the traceability and certification system in the Sheep Industry has also been implanted to strengthen the value of breeding sheep nationally.

As the major sources of breeding stock, it’s a great honor to claim that the National Sheep and Goat Breeding Center has been launched and inaugurated. The excellent purebred breeding stock offspring will be stably provided to the local sheep farmers in Belize very soon in the near future to generally improve the sheep proliferation and production efficiency.

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