

Parallel Session on Economic and Trade Cooperation for Global Food Security and Rural Revitalization

【Basic Information】

Hosts:

Keynote speeches

and practice exploration:	Ni Hongxing	Counsel (DG level) of the Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs
Interactive discussion:	Ma Hongtao	Director General of the Agricultural Trade Promotion Center of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs

Keynote speeches:

Ma Youxiang	Vice Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China
Guo Tingting	Vice Minister of the Ministry of Commerce of the Peoples Republic of China
Ann Derwin	Ambassador of Ireland to the People's Republic of China
Juan José Bahillo	Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock and Fishery of Argentina
Luan Richeng	President of COFCO Corporation
Qi Bin	Executive Vice President of China Investment Corporation
Zhang Xuguang	Executive Vice President of Agricultural Bank of China

Practice exploration:

Wang Ziyun	Vice-Chairman of the CPPCC Ningxia Hui Autonomous Regional Committee
Huang Siguang	Secretary of the Party Working Committee of Yangling Agricultural Hi-tech Industries Demonstration Zone, Shaanxi

Interactive discussion:

Du Zhixiong	Secretary of Party Committee and Deputy Director of the Rural Development Institute of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)
Qu Weixi	Vice President of the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China
Fan Shenggen	Chair Professor and Dean of Academy of Global Food Economics and Policy (AGFEP) of China Agricultural University (CAU)
Colm Rafferty	Chairman, AmCham China
Jerry Liu	President of Cargill China
Chris Tou	General Manager of Bunge China

[Brief Introduction]

On the morning of November 5, 2022, the Parallel Session on Economic and Trade Cooperation for Global Food Security and Rural Revitalization under the 5th Hongqiao International Economic Forum co-sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs was held in the National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai). The parallel session centers on the important decisions and arrangements put forward on the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, such as "advancing rural revitalization across the board", "moving faster to build up China's strength in agriculture", "reinforcing the foundations for food security on all fronts" and "preserving the diversity and stability of the international economic landscape and economic and trade relations" with the focus on the new situation and changes in global agricultural and rural development, bringing together guests from the political, business and academic communities to offer advice and suggestions to strengthen global agricultural economic and trade cooperation, join hands to address risks and challenges, and promote global food security and rural revitalization. It was attended by some ambassadors in China, representatives from national ministries, local agricultural and rural affairs departments, research institutes, financial institutions, international business associations, agriculture-related multinational enterprises and bases for high-quality development of international agricultural trade. The parallel session featured three parts: keynote speeches, practical exploration and panel discussions. People's Daily Online broadcast the event live.



【Keynote Speeches】



Ma Youxiang, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China, attended the Parallel Session on Economic and Trade Cooperation for Global Food Security and Rural Revitalization in Shanghai and delivered a keynote speech.

Ma Youxiang, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China, pointed out that on the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, the Communist Party of China drew a grand blueprint for modernization with Chinese characteristics, put forward the important task of moving faster to build up China's strength in agriculture, and defined the main direction of agricultural and rural modernization in the new era and new journey. China attaches great importance to food security and rural revitalization, and its grain production capacity has reached a new level. It has been stable at over 650 million tons for seven consecutive years, and the rice bowls of more than 1.4 billion people are firmly secured in their hands. At present, the world has entered a new turbulent change period, and many new problems emerge in global food security and rural construction. China has always insisted on expanding agricultural trade and deepening investment cooperation, pursuing multilateralism and humanitarianism, promoting food security and rural revitalization with high-level economic and trade cooperation, and sharing development opportunities with the world.



Guo Tingting, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, attended the Parallel Session on Economic and Trade Cooperation for Global Food Security and Rural Revitalization in Shanghai and delivered a keynote speech.

Guo Tingting, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, pointed out that China has always regarded food security as the top priority, serving an important contributor to global food security, an active promoter of international food cooperation and a firm defender of world food security governance. At present, the global food industry chain and supply chain are facing unprecedented challenges. Maintaining global food security requires the international community to work together. With the efforts of all parties, the clear goal of hunger eradication in the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will surely be achieved.



Ann Derwin, Ambassador of Ireland to the People's Republic of China, attended the Parallel Session on Economic and Trade Cooperation for Global Food Security and Rural Revitalization in Shanghai and delivered a keynote speech.

Ann Derwin, Ambassador of Ireland to the People's Republic of China, pointed out that Ireland has a deep memory of its own suffering and hunger, and attaches great importance to food security in both domestic and foreign affairs and overseas development assistance. Ireland has made great efforts for food security at the international level.



Juan José Bahillo, Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock and Fishery of Argentina, attended the Parallel Session on Economic and Trade Cooperation for Global Food Security and Rural Revitalization via video links and delivered a keynote speech.

Juan José Bahillo, Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock and Fishery of Argentina, said that Argentina is willing to continuously deepen economic and trade cooperation with China, promotes the construction of a fairer, more reasonable and more transparent international trade system under the framework of multilateralism, safeguards the common interests of developing countries and promotes global food security and rural revitalization.



Luan Richeng, President of COFCO Corporation, attended the Parallel Session on Economic and Trade Cooperation for Global Food Security and Rural Revitalization in Shanghai and delivered a keynote speech.

Luan Richeng, President of COFCO Corporation, said that COFCO actively participated in international agricultural and grain trade cooperation, persisted in building a resilient industrial chain, a safe and smooth supply chain and an eco-friendly and green recycling chain. Meanwhile, the COFCO gives full play to China's experiences in tackling poverty and rural revitalization, and actively promotes pragmatic cooperation in international poverty reduction and governance. COFCO will resolutely safeguard the multilateral trading system based on WTO rules, continuously deepen international food security cooperation, jointly safeguard the stability and smoothness of the global agricultural industrial chain and supply chain, strengthen innovation and exploration in agricultural trade and investment, agricultural emission reduction, digital agriculture, agricultural biodiversity protection and other fields, and contribute to the construction of a strong, green and healthy global agricultural development pattern.



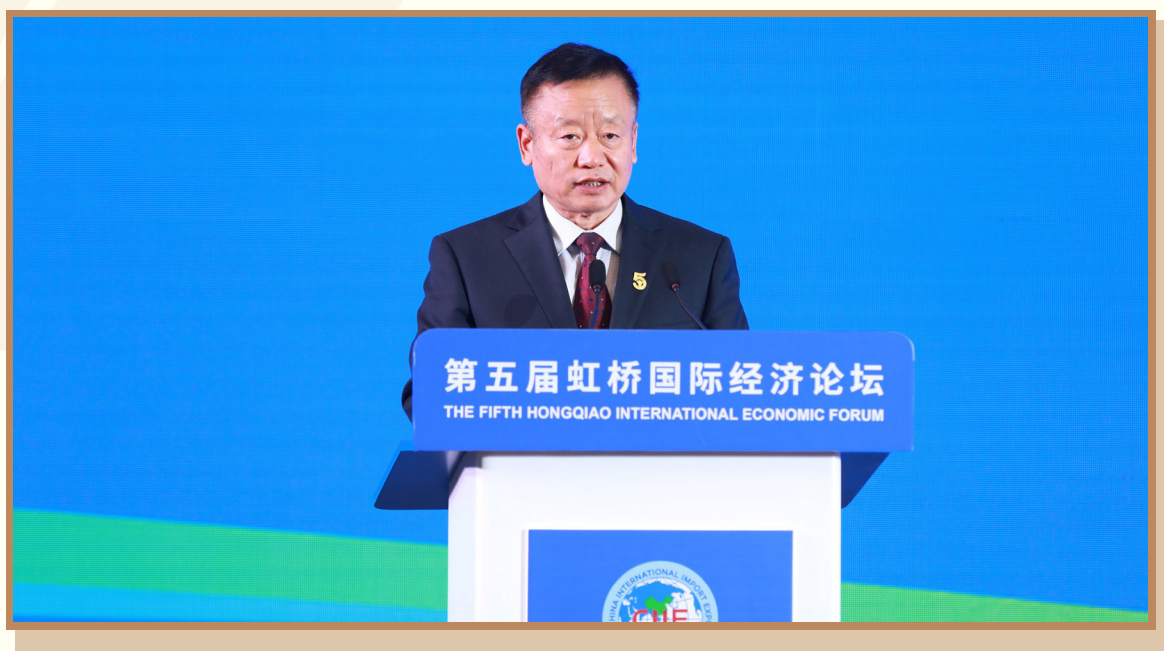
Qi Bin, Executive Vice President of China Investment Corporation, attended the Parallel Session on Economic and Trade Cooperation for Global Food Security and Rural Revitalization in Shanghai and delivered a keynote speech.

Qi Bin, Executive Vice President of China Investment Corporation, said that CIC will continuously deepen the international investment layout in agricultural technology innovation, optimization and upgrading of industrial chain and supply chain, green transformation and development; It will focus on Chinese elements, vigorously introduce foreign advanced products, equipment, technology and management expertise through reverse demand research and search with value creation as the driver, and actively integrate its business into China's agricultural industry and consumption upgrading; to realize carbon peaking and carbon neutrality goals, CIC will keep up with the new developments and trends in the frontier fields such as forestry carbon sinks, accumulate advanced operation and management concepts and experiences of international related markets with foreign investment, and drive and promote the institutional mechanism construction of related markets in China.



Zhang Xuguang, Executive Vice President of Agricultural Bank of China, attended the Parallel Session on Economic and Trade Cooperation for Global Food Security and Rural Revitalization in Shanghai and delivered a keynote speech.

Zhang Xuguang, Executive Vice President of Agricultural Bank of China, said that, as a global systemic and important bank as well as a large commercial bank with "agriculture, rural areas and farmers" as its basic orientation of service, Agricultural Bank of China has achieved good results in financial services for national food security and rural revitalization, and in promoting international agricultural economic and trade cooperation. The Agricultural Bank of China will actively fulfill its commitment to sustainable development and work with the global business community to promote balanced, coordinated and inclusive global development. To this end, three initiatives are put forward: First, to deliver on the global food security and rural development goals; second, to strengthen support and assistance to vulnerable areas and groups; third, to build a high-quality global agricultural economic and trade cooperation relationship.

【Practice Exploration】

Wang Ziyun, Vice-Chairman of the CPPCC Ningxia Hui Autonomous Regional Committee, attended the Parallel Session on Economic and Trade Cooperation for Global Food Security and Rural Revitalization in Shanghai and participated in the practice exploration activity.

Wang Ziyun, Vice-Chairman of the CPPCC Ningxia Hui Autonomous Regional Committee, shared the development practice of the National Comprehensive Experimental Zone for the Development and Opening-up of the Grape and Wine Industry, and said that China is one of the countries with the largest consumption potential and the fastest growth in the world wine market. The eastern foot of Helan Mountain in Ningxia is one of the "top ten wine producing areas" in China, with a planting area of 583,000 mu of wine grapes and an annual output of 136 million bottles of wine. Ningxia will fully leverage the two "national platforms" of National Comprehensive Experimental Zone for the Development and Opening-up of the Grape and Wine Industry and China International Wine Culture and Tourism Expo, and strive to lead the rapid development of China wine industry in opening-up to the outside world.



Huang Siguang, Secretary of the Party Working Committee of Yangling Agricultural Hi-tech Industries Demonstration Zone, Shaanxi, attended the Parallel Session on Economic and Trade Cooperation for Global Food Security and Rural Revitalization in Shanghai and participated in the practice exploration activity.

Huang Siguang, Secretary of the Party Working Committee of Yangling Agricultural Hi-tech Industries Demonstration Zone, Shaanxi, said that Yangling Agricultural Hi-tech Industries Demonstration Zone is the first national agricultural high-tech zone in China and a "national team" for developing modern agriculture. It has the only agricultural free trade area and comprehensive bonded area in China at present, and has become an important window for China's agricultural opening to the outside world. Yangling will serve as an opening-up platform, actively strengthen practical cooperation with SCO countries and even other countries in the world in the agricultural field, and speed up the construction of a new pattern of agricultural international cooperation "rooted in China, radiating to SCO, linking the periphery and facing the world".



Ni Hongxing, Counsel (DG level) of the Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, attended the Parallel Session on Economic and Trade Cooperation for Global Food Security and Rural Revitalization in Shanghai and hosted the keynote speeches and practice exploration.



Ma Hongtao, Director General of the Agricultural Trade Promotion Center of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, attended the Parallel Session on Economic and Trade Cooperation for Global Food Security and Rural Revitalization in Shanghai and hosted the interactive discussions.

【Interactive Discussions】



Du Zhixiong, Secretary of Party Committee,
Deputy Director of the Rural Development Institute of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS),
attended the Parallel Session on Economic and Trade Cooperation for Global Food Security and Rural Revitalization
in Shanghai and participated in interactive discussions.

Du Zhixiong, Secretary of Party Committee, Deputy Director of the Rural Development Institute of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), believes that the current food security situation in China is generally controllable. In recent years, China has made up for the shortcomings of agricultural and rural modernization, promoted rural revitalization in an all-round way, carried out a series of work around grain production, and improved the conditions for grain production. The per capita grain possession is higher than the world's per capita food security line. However, China is a big agricultural country but not a powerful agricultural country, so it is necessary to build up China's strength in agriculture. The main problems facing China are as follows: First, the transformation of the development mode supported by high material input is not sufficient. Second, the ability of agricultural technology innovation to support the steady growth of agricultural grain system is not strong. Third, there are still unstable factors in grain output. Fourthly, there is a mismatch between the quality of existing output and the demand of middle-income people for upgrading agricultural food consumption. Fifth, the main entities of agricultural production are incompetent in coping with the market and nature.



Qu Weixi, Vice President of the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, attended the Parallel Session on Economic and Trade Cooperation for Global Food Security and Rural Revitalization in Shanghai and participated in interactive discussions.

Qu Weixi, Vice President of the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, pointed out that international economic and trade cooperation in agriculture is an important part of China's opening-up to the outside world. Promoting high-level opening-up is an important way to ensure food security and drive agricultural revitalization. First, it is necessary to promote the innovation and development of agricultural trade, and increase the level of agricultural trade facilitation. Second, it is crucial to help agriculture development through the introduction of products and technologies, strengthen cooperation with more African countries, South Asian countries and other developing countries, and make contributions to global poverty reduction. Third, we should take the development of the Pilot Free Trade Zone (Free Trade Port) as the guidance, steadily expand the institutional opening, and promote the high-quality development of agriculture and the development of a country strong in agriculture.



Fan Shenggen, Chair Professor and Dean of Academy of Global Food Economics and Policy (AGFEP) of China Agricultural University (CAU), attended the Parallel Session on Economic and Trade Cooperation for Global Food Security and Rural Revitalization in Shanghai and participated in interactive discussions.

Fan Shenggen, Chair Professor and Dean of Academy of Global Food Economics and Policy (AGFEP) of China Agricultural University (CAU), mentioned that the following two factors shall be taken into account for China's food security: First, the import source is fragile, and it is necessary to elevate the level of import diversification in overseas investment and cooperation. Second, the import price is rising rapidly and the import cost is increasing. China must adopt certain strategies, such as social security, to ensure the food import security. From the perspective of overall agriculture, grain and food, we should ensure the security of growing grain and pay attention to protecting the environment. Climate change is a major challenge that will affect the global economy and agricultural food in the future. It is necessary to integrate the concept of green development into corporate culture and even corporate genes. Multinational enterprises have taken a step ahead, and domestic small and medium-sized enterprises should also be included in this action.



Colm Rafferty, Chairman, AmCham China, attended the Parallel Session on Economic and Trade Cooperation for Global Food Security and Rural Revitalization in Shanghai and participated in interactive discussions.

Colm Rafferty, Chairman, AmCham China, said that AmCham China has provided a very important platform for cooperation between China and the United States, as well as relevant stakeholders. Agriculture is a key area of cooperation. In the past few decades, the United States has invested heavily in global agricultural equipment production, which has improved China's R&D and local production capacity and made great contributions to China's agricultural development and rural revitalization. Together with its members, AmCham China will continue to strengthen cooperation with China, and jointly explore how the investment, technology and practical experience of the United States can better support China's goals of rural revitalization and common prosperity.



Jerry Liu, President of Cargill China,
attended the Parallel Session on Economic and Trade Cooperation for Global Food Security and Rural Revitalization
in Shanghai and participated in interactive discussions.

Jerry Liu, President of Cargill China, said that Cargill will invest RMB 50 million in the next five years to fulfill its corporate responsibilities, including promoting sustainable development and increasing farmers' income to help rural revitalization. In the future, Cargill will base itself on its global supply chain, work with its partners in China to meet China's food demand, help China's agriculture and food industry connect with the global system, and make continuous contributions to rural revitalization in China.



Chris Tou, General Manager of Bunge China, attended the Parallel Session on Economic and Trade Cooperation for Global Food Security and Rural Revitalization in Shanghai and participated in interactive discussions.

Chris Tou, General Manager of Bunge China, believes that the trade and processing of bulk agricultural products is a global industry, and an open and cooperative environment and diversified and stable economic and trade relations are essential. Bunge is glad to see that China will be more proactive in opening-up to the outside world, and that rural revitalization will drive agriculture and rural areas to further release huge consumption potential, which will bring broad market space and opportunities to foreign investors. Bunge will make good use of these policy dividends to continuously expand its business in China.