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Exportation of Live Cattle to Mexico

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A ceremony to commemorate the exportation of another consignment of live cattle to Mexico was held today at Blue Creek Village in the Orange Walk District. A total of 629 heads of cattle are expected to be exported to Mexico.

The main speakers at the ceremony were the Hon. Jose Abelardo Mai, Minister of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise, and Hon. Eamon Courtenay, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration. Minister Courtenay pledged his Ministry's support for export-oriented activities such as cattle export and stated that the collaboration between the two ministries and relevant stakeholders will continue to strengthen formalization of the cattle trade. Minister Mai underscored the importance of the cattle trade as an important economic activity for Belize. The Minister said that the value of export earnings of the cattle trade is right behind that of sugar, a long established export commodity.

Also present at the ceremony were Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration, Hon. Ramon Cervantes; representatives from Sukarne, a Mexican meat processing company, which is the buyer of the cattle being exported; as well as officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise and cattle farmers from the area.

Prior to the ceremony, the ministers and other guests as well as the media were given a tour of the quarantine facility where the cattle are being kept until they are loaded for export.

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