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Ministry of Agriculture and Taiwan ICDF Organize Sheep Management Workshop in Toledo

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The Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise in collaboration with the Taiwan ICDF Breeding Sheep and Goat Production and Guidance System Enhancement Project (Sheep Project Phase II) held a Sheep Management Workshop at the Copal Tree Resort sheep farm in Toledo District on September 28, 2022.

Thirty sheep and goat farmers and restaurant and resort owners from Toledo District participated in the workshop, which included presentations on the introduction of the sheep project, sheep health management and nutrition, sheep traceability system, pasture establishment, supplemental feeding, and lamb preparation demonstration.

The staff of Copal Tree Resort sheep farm and Mr. Istvan Metzger, field manager for the sheep project, demonstrated the daily management activities of sheep farming, fulfilling the objective of the project for farmers teaching farmers. They also demonstrated sheep feeding, sheep breeds, and vitamin application.

The workshop is another commitment of the Sheep Project Phase II to help farmers learn from other farmers. The Sheep and Goat Project includes a budget of US\$3 million for a four-year implementation of phase II, which was signed by the governments of Belize and the Republic of China (Taiwan) in March 2020. The objectives of the project include assisting Belizean farmers in improving the quality of sheep and goats, promoting the domestic consumption of sheep and goat products and exporting these products regionally, as well as strengthening the sheep and goat traceability system to improve value chain efficiencies in Belize.

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