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Salvadoran Minister of Agriculture Concludes Visit to Belize

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The Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise hosted a delegation from El Salvador from September 25 to 26. The delegation was headed by Óscar Guardado, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of El Salvador.

The purpose of the two-day visit was to explore opportunities for technical cooperation in agriculture and trade between El Salvador and Belize. This cooperation includes knowledge sharing, technology transfer, and joint projects aimed at improving food security and enterprise development in both countries.

The delegation engaged in meetings with Hon. Jose Abelardo Mai, Minister of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise, and officials from the ministry. These discussions covered topics such as agricultural best practices, research collaboration, and trade relations.

The visit also included a tour of agricultural production areas in the Cayo and Orange Walk districts — known for their diverse agricultural activities, including crop cultivation in grains, vegetables and fruit, and livestock farming. The tour included visits to Valley of Peace, TKO Farms, Bel-Car Facility, AyinHa Farms, Golden Products Limited, and Green Hills Farm.

El Salvador is interested in sharing insights in research and crop production of various crops and in importing grains such as white corn and red kidney beans, while Belize has interest in exporting vegetables and fruits such as carrots, onions, pineapples, and citrus.

The visit coincides with El Salvador's presidency pro tempore of SICA organizations such as the Central American Agricultural Council and the mandate of that country's government in seeking closer social and economic relations with neighbouring Central American countries.

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