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### Experts meet in Taiwan to study rural economy revitalization

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A total of 42 experts from 18 countries have gathered in Taiwan to participate in a mission focused on the revitalization of rural economies from September 14 to 18, 2015.

The five-day mission was jointly organized by Taiwan's Council of Agriculture, the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) and the Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions.

Joined by experts from Japan, Iran, Pakistan, Thailand, the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, Laos, Fiji, India, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, and Nepal, the mission visited different facilities and rural villages in Taiwan.

Taiwan is willing to share its experiences in revitalizing rural economies with other countries, said Council of Agriculture (COA) chief Chen Bao-ji.

Speaking to the mission rural revitalization, Chen said Taiwan has run a program to bring new vitality to rural economies since 2010 that hopes to attract 4,000 rural villages to the program within 10 years.

He said 2,000 rural villages are already participating in the project, which is aimed at encouraging Taiwan's youth to engage in agriculture through a series of incentives.

They include a six-tier development program for the specialization of agricultural production, ranging from the production of agricultural products to the development of agritourism, Chen said.

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