When Mr. Abe, Prime Minister visited to Brazil in August 2014, it was decided to commence a public-private dialogue to deepen bilateral relations in the agriculture and food sector. Based on this decision, the 1st Japan-Brazil Dialogue on Agriculture and Food was held in San Paulo on December 8, 2014. The representatives of the relevant Ministries in both countries, 26 Japanese companies operating in Brazil which were related to the agriculture and food sector, JICA, JBIC, JETRO, and the Embassy of Japan in Brazil attended the Dialogue and discussed i) development of the agriculture and food industry in Brazil, ii) facilitation of bilateral trade, and iii) improvement of distribution.

Mr. Harihara, Vice-Minister and Mr. Geller, Minister of Agriculture signed a memorandum that describes the agreement, such as holding the Dialogue annually in principle as a venue for continuous dialogues between the both governments and the private sector toward establishing food value chains in Brazil.

2. Participants

Japan: Mr. Harihara, Vice-Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japanese Ambassador to Brazil, JICA(Japan International Cooperation Agency), JBIC(Japan Bank for International Cooperation), JETRO( Japan External Trade Organization), representatives from Japanese companies operating in Brazil which are related to the agriculture and food sector*


Brazil: Mr. Geller, Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Junqueira, Vice-Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Rodrigues, Ex-Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Turra, Ex-Minister of Agriculture, other government officials and representatives from private companies
The importance of Brazil’s grain transportation infrastructure improvement was confirmed at the summit meeting when Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, visited Brazil on August 2014. As a follow-up of that, improvement of infrastructure was discussed by Public-Private sector of both countries, on October 7, 2015 in Saint Louis city, Brazil.

2 Contents

◆ Subjects
  • Business activities of agriculture-food related private companies in northern Cerrado area
  • Approaches to improve grain transportation infrastructure
  • Conditions, prospects, and problems on agricultural development in northern Cerrado area
◆ A site visit to grain transportation infrastructure at Itaqui Port, Saint Luis
◆ Result of this seminar will be reported at the 2nd Japan-Brazil Dialogue on Agriculture and Food that will be held at Brazil within this fiscal year

3 Participants

Japan : Mr. Kajishima, Deputy Director-General, Department of International Affairs, Minister’s Secretariat, MAFF, Japanese Ambassador to Brazil, JICA (Japan, International Cooperation Agency), JBIC (Japan Bank for International Cooperation), Japanese Companies related to the agriculture and food sector in Brazil*
  * Ajinomoto Brazil, Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ Brazil, FRUTA FRUTA INC., ITOCHU Brazil, Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Brazil, MHI Sul Americana (MSA), Nippon Koei, Nippon Koei LAC, NH Foods Brazil, Sojitz Brazil, Yanmar South America
Brazil : Ministry of Agriculture and Food Supplies, Ministry of Transport, The National Waterway Transportation Agency, Maranhão State, CAMPO Ltd, EMAP, TEGRAM, VLI
(9) Brazil  Japan-Brazil Agriculture and Food Dialogue(The 2nd meeting)

1 Overview

(1) Date: Monday, February 29 and Tuesday, March 1, 2016
Venue: City of Palmas, State of Tocantins※, Brazil
※MATOPIBA (Maranhão, Tocantins, Piauí and Bahia) is a region with a high potential of the agricultural development.

(2) Main Subjects
① Bilateral cooperation on the agricultural development in MATOPIBA and the improvement of transportation infrastructure in Brazil.
   [Signed on to the “Memorandum of Cooperation in the Field of Agriculture and Food”.]
② Improvement of investment environment for Japanese enterprises.

(3) Japanese Cuisine Reception
① WAGYU, a ban on imports of which was just lifted, was also served.
② Advertisements of Japanese companies were displayed.

(4) Site Visit (Farmland, processing plants, distribution facilities, etc.)

2 Participants

Japan: 24 representatives ※ from Japanese agriculture/food-related companies operating in Brazil, Japanese Ambassador to Brazil, MAFF (Mr. Matsushima, Vice-Minister for International Affairs, etc.), MITI, JICA and other governmental organisations
※ Banco de Tokyo-Mitsubishi, Agrex, Ajinomoto Brazil, Banco Mizuho Brazil, CAMPO Consultoria Agronegocios Ltda., Fruta Fruta INC., Inabata Brazil Imp. e Exp.Ltda, Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Brazil, KANEMATU, KIKKOMAN, Marubeni Brazil, Mitsubishi Corporation Brazil, MITSUI & CO., Mitsu Alimentos, NEC, NH Foods Brazil, NIKKEI, Nippon Koei Lac Brasil, Nova Agri, Toyota Tsusho Brazil, SOJITZ BRASIL., Sumitomo Corporation Brazil, YANMAR, Chuo Kaihatsu Corporation

Brazil: Minister Abreu of MAPA, government officials of Federal Ministries, governors, mayors and state councilors in the states of MATOPIBA, etc.