



Chinese Machines Arrive at UnB and Brazil-China Center for Family Agriculture is Inaugurated

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Following the [Chinese President Xi Jinping's state visit to Brazil](#), on November 26th and 27th, 2024, the “Brazil-China Forum: Milestones for a New Phase of Cooperation for Shared Development” was successfully held in the University of Brasilia (UnB). The event was organized by the University of Brasilia (UnB) and the Taihe Institute of China, co-organized by IAPC and MST, and sponsored by the Banco do Brasil Foundation (FBB).

On November 27th, the Chinese Minister of Education, Huai Jinpeng, was at UnB to witness the signing of the CAU-UnB Memorandum of Cooperation and launch the Brazil-China Science and Technology Residence for Family Farming Mechanization in Brasilia.



Under the framework of the cooperation between the two universities, [27 machines and 59 pieces of agricultural big data management equipment](#) from China will arrive at the Água Limpa Farm of UnB. Both universities have deployed a Brazil-China Family Farming Big Data System with the support of SINOMACH Digital.

The Residence will enhance student exchange between both countries, with Chinese graduate students participating in practice programs in Água Limpa Farm and different settlements.

Chinese students will also travel to Apodi to participate in the CH-BR Demonstration Unit of Agricultural Machinery for Family Agriculture.



From left to right, the vice-rector of UnB, Márcio Muniz; the rector of UnB Rozana Naves; Chinese Education Minister Huai Jinpeng; and the Chinese ambassador to Brazil, Zhu Qinqiao.
Photo: Mauro Ramos.

“We hope that, under the guidance of the two heads of state, Lula and Xi Jinping, education in China and Brazil will become pioneering, model, and



leading in the development of both countries and create a new chapter ‘across mountains and seas’,” said the minister, using a Chinese metaphor to describe distant places.

During the meeting, the Chinese Minister of Education praised the MST for its contribution to the development of partnerships between Brazil and China in family agriculture.

“What you have done is a great contribution to this partnership,” said Huai Jinpeng. To which [João Pedro Stedile](#), from the national leadership of the movement, responded: “I am one among hundreds. We learned from Mao that if it is not done collectively, it will not succeed.”



The Chinese Minister of Education greets national leader of MST, João Pedro Stedile, at the University of Brasilia. Photo: Mauro Ramos.

The Brazil–China Center for Family Agriculture has been established by UnB to concretize the work of the Residence. This center will serve to optimize and adapt the machines to Brazilian territory, “particularly to the settlements where they will be used later, and will favor social mobility and food



production in Family Agriculture,” says the newly appointed rector of UnB, Rozana Naves.

“The data will provide new research opportunities for professors and students at the university,” she adds.



Rozana Naves, Rector of UnB, launches the Residence together with Du Taisheng, vice-rector of CAU.

The vice-rector of the Agricultural University of China, Du Taisheng, believes that the cooperation has great potential and is not limited to the technical area of mechanics. “We also need to promote the participation of more disciplines and faculties through talent training and exchanges, especially in sociology and humanities.”

The training of talent and scientific and technological innovation aims to solve the scientific and technological problems of smallholder production, explains Du.

Reducing poverty addresses the problem of hunger and helps in the pursuit of common prosperity, states the vice-rector.