

## Project Description

Name	Training Course on Cotton Planting Technology Cooperation for English Speaking Countries in 2015		
Organizer	National Agricultural Technology Extension and Service Centre		
Time	27 May 2015 – 10 June 2015	Language	English
Invited Countries	Participants should be the concerned officials or technicians from English Speaking countries' government departments, research and extension institutes in the cotton sector.		
Number of Participants	28		
Requirements for the Participants	Age	Under 50 for director general's level; under 45 for division director's level.	
	Health	In good health with health certificate issued by the local public hospitals; without diseases with which entry to China is disallowed by China's laws and regulations; without severe chronic diseases such as serious high blood pressure, cardiovascular/cerebrovascular diseases and diabetes; without metal diseases or epidemic diseases that are likely to cause serious threat to public health; not in the process of recovering after a major operation or in the process of acute diseases; not seriously disabled or pregnant	
	Language	English	
	others	Family members or friends shall not follow	
Host City	Beijing	Local Temperature	10°C-32°C
Cities to visit	Jinan Linqing Xiajin	Local Temperature	Shandong: 10°C-32°C

<p>About the Organizer</p>	<p>National Agro-Tech Extension &amp; Service Center (NATESC) is a governmental organization affiliated to the Ministry of Agriculture. It is composed of 22 divisions with more than 140 staffs. The major responsibilities of NATESC are: to introduce, field-test, demonstrate and extend the important technologies (such as crop cultivation, soil improvement, scientific fertilization, water-saving agriculture, pest management and safe-use of pesticides technologies) and improved varieties in nationwide; to execute plant quarantine management of national agriculture, regional testing and approval of national crop varieties, seed market supervision; to organize monitoring and prediction of crop pest occurrence dynamic and farmland soil moisture content; to carry out quality supervision and testing of seeds, soil and fertilizers in nationwide; to guide establishment of national crop production technology extension system and occupation skill appraisal; to implement related key programs, information release and occupation standard establishment (revise) of crop production; to organize international exchanges and cooperation programs for crop production; and to guide operation of the affiliated associations.</p> <p>NATESC is very experienced in implementing foreign aid training programs. From 2002 to 2014, we have successfully completed 53 seminars or training courses. Totally 1128 participants who came from over 60 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America attended the programs. Training subjects contained agricultural technology extension system management, seed production and management, balanced fertilization, pest control, water-saving agriculture, crop cultivation technology, hybrid rice, tropical crop, agricultural biotechnology application etc.</p>
<p>Training Course Content</p>	<p>Sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, and organized by National Agro-Tech. Extension and Service Center, the Training Course on Cotton Planting Technology Cooperation for African English Speaking Countries in 2015 is going to be held from May 27 to June 10, 2015. This training course is composed of lectures and field visits. In Beijing, the participants will listen to lectures such like Chinese Agriculture Development and Agro-Tech Extension, Agricultural Extension System Building and Management, cotton market, pest and disease control etc. The participants will travel to Shandong Cotton Research Center to study the lectures on cotton planting and breeding, as well to visit some labs, trial and demonstration bases and cotton processing companies; to exchange views with some technicians and local farmers. On the basis of lectures and field visits, the participants will visit some historical and culture places, such as the Great Wall, so that they could understand the long and glorious history of China and the relationship between China and the benefit countries will be promoted.</p> <p>The training course will make all the participants to understand the current conditions and achievements on cotton cultivation, breeding, pest and disease control, market development etc in China. And it will focus on introducing the China Mode to promote the cotton industry development. In the meanwhile, it will help to establish the communication and exchange platform between China and African countries, promote Chinese agricultural products to export to African market.</p>