

Farmers' Academy

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Taiwan has long faced young force exodus. For one, the aging population in the rural areas has caused worries of agricultural human fault. To promote the development of a sustainable agriculture, government pays special attention to the recruitment of new farmers, and establishes farmers' lifetime learning system. Therefore, the Council of Agriculture (COA) leverages policy to bring in new agricultural operators. "Small landlords, Large tenants" is the policy which encourages farmers who are unable or uninterested in farming business to lease their land to agricultural operators who are willing to continue and expand the operation. COA also actively develops the agricultural successors through an organized training programs to cultivate core knowledge and other related subjects in order to escalate the business to the next level.

Farmers' academy consists of research, education, and experimental stations. The farmers' academy has a complete training system to cultivate high-quality agricultural talent and improve agricultural competitiveness. To meet different needs, the general public, new farmers, and experienced farmers from different levels of training courses are designed, and farming internships are also conducted. The farmers' academy provides a lifetime learning channel for interested individuals and farmers. The training courses focus on the development of core agricultural knowledge while business practices and internships provides on-the-job practical training. The academy also provides agricultural business consulting service to help farmers solve problems related to their operations, strengthen management skills, and upgrade agricultural human capital.

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