

# MEETING REPORT – ROMA 21ST JUNE 2019

## Tuyen Quang Delegation visiting Regione Lazio ARSIAL Agency

Rome, 22nd June 2019

On Friday 21st June 2019, an official delegation from Vietnam Province of Tuyen Quang, led by **Mr. Phạm Minh Huấn, Deputy Secretary of the Provincial Party Committee, Chairman of the Provincial People's Committee**, in the frame of the Institutional relation between Italy and Vietnam, visited the Regional (Lazio Region) agency for the Agriculture (ARSIAL) in their headquarters, Via Lanciani 38, Rome, Italy.

### ARSIAL – REGIONE LAZIO

ARSIAL is the official agency of REGIONE LAZIO to promote the development and innovation of the agricultural and agro-industrial system of Lazio in harmony with the programming lines defined by the Regional Government. In close collaboration with the Regional Agriculture Department (Assessorato Agricoltura), it contributes with specific support actions to the achievement of the government objectives. In representation of the **ARSIAL Agency, General Director Mr. Stefano SBAFFI**.

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General Director ARSIAL gives welcome to the Delegation accompanied by Vietnam Embassy Staff. Mr. Stefano SBAFFI brings salutation from President Antonio ROSATI to the Delegation. He gives a brief information about ARSIAL core activities and scope.

The Agency acts as a link between the production system (private companies) and the research world, operating in particular in the adaptation and transfer of process and product innovations, aimed at improving the competitiveness of companies, product quality, protection and the enhancement of agro-ecosystems

Within such range of activities, General Director confirms interest to exchange opportunities development with Tuyen Quang Province.

Delegation Leader Mr. Phạm Minh Huấn, Deputy Secretary of the Provincial Party Committee, Chairman of the Provincial People's Committee, thanks ARSIAL and Regione Lazio for invitation expressing the will to find common opportunities exchange. He gives a brief introduction to Tuyen Quang Province in terms of land area, population, natural features, infrastructures, tourism vocation and in particular Agriculture production.

Orange, Tea and Wood (forestry), the main economic sectors. Because of wide presence of inner lakes and rivers, aquaculture is also one main economic sector of interest for local development.

Mr. Phạm Minh Huấn, list some specific areas of interest for building a constructive relation with Regione Lazio through ARSIAL:

- Science and research for agriculture seeds, to improve production and quality
- Fruits and Vegetable technology exchange and product conservation and production improvement
- Fresh water aquaculture technology and quality processes
- Forestry preservation. Biodiversity and genetic heritage preservation

General Director ARSIAL gives speech to Giorgio Antonio PRESICCE responsible for Innovation and Quality Enhancement of Agro-Food supply chain. Mr. PRESICCE informs the delegation that ARSIAL provides technical assistance on the production, processing and marketing of products, supporting the spread of organic crops with low environmental impact, the development of brands and quality certification, as well as the protection and enhancement of the genetic resources present on the regional territory. ARSIAL owns demo-farms for process trial and testing. This collaboration can therefore find common interest in developing a protocol of activities meeting Tuyen Quang Province needs. Mr. PRESICCE confirms that a Memorandum of Understanding has also been signed with an Agriculture University in HUE City (Vietnam) with regard to the study of improving the Buffalo industry.

General Director ARSIAL gives speech to Mrs. Miria CATTÀ Responsible for Protection of Resources & Supervision Quality of productions. Mrs. CATTÀ explains that ARSIAL performs supervisory functions over regulated quality productions (DOP-IGP-BIO). The Agency manages the integrated agro-meteorological service of the Lazio Region, carries out promotion, control and supervision functions on the regional agri-tourism system and, through the Wildlife Observatory, supports the Region in research, experimentation and environmental protection activities dedicated to the fish sector, both in inland waters and in marine waters.

Mrs. CATTÀ confirms Delegation that agriculture in Lazio Region is a major booster of its economy. Lazio Region is one of the main Italian producers of fruits/vegetables, grapes, olives (exporting Kiwis, Wine, Olive-Oil) meeting EEC strict standards of quality for public health. Production disciplinary skills can be shared with Vietnam Province of Tuyen Quang to improve their quality processes and export capacity development.

Mr. Đỗ Trung Kiên, Director of the Provincial Investment Promotion Center and Mr. Triệu Quang Huy, Deputy Director of Planning and Investment Department, give some additional information about the potential of Tuyen Quang Province as a destination for international investments in the Agriculture, Industry and Tourism. The aim of the Province is to establish steady business exchange to develop technology to improve agri-food production (Buffalo project is welcomed in this area) and also adapt modern concept of Agri-Tourism to add economic value to country territories. Particular importance is also given to the water resources management.

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