

Foreword


I am very pleased to introduce the proceedings of the “2020 Canada –Taiwan Bilateral Conference on Nutrition, Health Benefit and Innovative Processing of Whole Grains and Pulses”. The conference, held on September 22, 2020 in Taichung, Taiwan, was co-organized by Taiwan’s Council of Agriculture and my office, the Canadian Trade Office in Taipei, and was the result of cooperation between Canadian and Taiwanese researchers and scientists under the “Canada-Taiwan Agriculture Memorandum of Understanding” (MOU). Signed in 1994, the MOU has played an important role in promoting agricultural trade, investment, innovation and technical cooperation between Canada and Taiwan.

Despite many challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 200 Taiwanese researchers and grain industry representatives attended the one-day conference. Three Canadian speakers presented at the event, as well as 16 scientists from Taiwan. The conference provided a forum for attendees to share their research and innovative new ideas about the use of whole grains and pulses, and helped foster continued interaction among researchers in Taiwan and Canada.

While the success of the conference was due to the collective efforts of a large number of individuals, I wanted to extend a special thanks to Dr. Yuhsin Chen, Section Chief, Taichung District Agriculture Research and Extension Station, Council of Agriculture and Dr. Mosez Iziomon, Deputy Director at the Science and Technology Branch, Agriculture and Agri-food Canada. Their commitment to promoting science and technology cooperation between scientists in Canada and Taiwan directly contributed to the success of the conference and to this publication during the Year of Canadian-Taiwanese Innovators!

I hope that these proceedings make a useful contribution to research relating to innovative and healthy uses of whole grains and pulses and that they help further strengthen Canada-Taiwan science and technology cooperation in the area of agriculture and functional food.

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