On Wednesday 14th September, 2011, the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) hosted a Protected Agriculture Lecture, in collaboration with the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) at the Bureau of Standards, Macoya, Trinidad and Tobago.

An estimated that sixty (60) stakeholders attended the lecture from more than sixteen Institutions; private and public sector. These included: FAO, TTTGOA, MFPLMA, IICA, CARDI, Institute of Environmental and Sustainable Development in Agriculture, CAAS, PCS Nitrogen Trinidad Ltd, UWI, NAMDEVCO, Tracmac Engineering Ltd, SFC, TTABA, Caribbean Chemicals, Caribbean Regional Agricultural Policy Network, and the CDB.

Presentations included: (I) *Development of Protected Horticultural Technology in China* by Professor Weijie Jiang, CAAS, which focused on the scope of Protected Agriculture in China. Suggestions were also made for the development of greenhouses in the Caribbean. (II) *Design and Environment Control of Greenhouses* by Professor Yang Qichang, CAAS. Highlights include: the development of greenhouse technologies in China, as well as greenhouse structures and environmental control systems for tropical regions like the Caribbean.

Discussions focused on:
- Training opportunities
- Potential for collaboration with CAAS
- Aerial sweet potato production
- Low-input structures suited for low resource producers.

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