



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO UNIT

PROTECTED AGRICULTURE LECTURE

REPORT

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.



It was estimated that sixty (60) persons attended the Lecture session from various institutions. Agencies represented

include: FAO, TTGOA, 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.



Discussion included:

- Training opportunities
- Potential for collaboration with CAAS
- Aerial sweet potato
- Low-input structures

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