
The Guidance of Aborigines’ Agricultural Industry in Hualien and Ilan

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Abstract

Hualien and Ilan aboriginal tribes have many valuable and special crops and unique traditional culture. And there is no industrial pollution. Coupled with world-class natural landscape, they have rich flora and fauna. So they own good conditions of development for not only tourism but for the organic leisure industry. Promoting the development of Aborigines’ agricultural industry is an important mission of Hualien District Agricultural Research and Extension Station. From primary production, secondary processing to tertiary industry such as the leisure industry, HDARES helps to build the aboriginal crop industry, such as birds’ nest ferns, aboriginal vegetables and angelica, development of processing technology such as bread fruit powdering and postharvest techniques of yellow rotang palm shoots and usawa cane shoots, and promote aboriginal cuisines and tribal leisure and tourism. In recent years, HDARES planned to integrate of organic farming, health-care herbs and leisure agriculture related industries in the aboriginal tribes to help to promote organic tribes. In addition, the Forestry

Bureau and Soil and Water Conservation Bureau promote community forestry and rural revival projects respectively to assist in building community consensus of future developments, preserving the special culture and natural ecology, and promote local industrial development and sustainable management. Council of Indigenous Peoples has given aboriginal tourism and living, production and ecology industrial development policy to actively promote aboriginal economic development. To create the digital opportunity for rural areas, Ministry of Education runs the rural digital opportunity centers to assist in promoting agriculture, forestry, fishery and animal husbandry in the tribes.

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