

Malaysia and Kazakhstan strengthen trade relations in agriculture, food security

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Malaysia and Kazakhstan have committed to strengthening cooperation in agriculture and food security, including bilateral trade and research and development (R&D).

Kazakhstan's Trade and Integration Minister Arman Shakkaliyev met with Malaysia's Agriculture and Food Security Minister Mohamad Sabu, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (KPKM) and discussed potential cooperation in the agri-food sector and agricultural technology. This included opportunities for joint R&D between the Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (Mardi) and research institutions in Kazakhstan. Both parties also saw significant potential in the agricultural production sector through joint investments to address global food security issues.

Malaysia and Kazakhstan also expressed their commitment to strengthening strategic cooperation in agriculture, food security, and modern agricultural technology. The visit is expected to explore the opening of market access for Malaysian agricultural products to Kazakhstan, such as composite products based on dairy or eggs as well as durian fruit.

According to KPKM, in 2024, the bilateral trade value in the agriculture sector between Malaysia and Kazakhstan reached RM201.42 million. Of this amount, Malaysia's exports were recorded at RM200.98 million, comprising mainly coffee, cocoa, tea, spices, and manufactured food products. Meanwhile, imports from Kazakhstan to Malaysia included a variety of food products.