*The conference of high-end aquaculture technology cooperation between Taiwan and Vietnam*

Global Research and Industry Alliance of National Taiwan Ocean University (NTOU GLORIA) is hosting a conference to introduce the high-end aquaculture technology of Taiwan to the Vietnamese aquaculture-related industries.

Vietnam's aquaculture market is one of the world's largest aquaculture consumption countries. According to the latest research and market forecasts, the average consumption per capita of aquatic products in the country is about 35.4 kg, and the consumption rate is still growing by 5.37%, from 710,000 tons in 2015 to 940 tons in 2020.

With the improvement of freshwater aquaculture technology, the production model of aquatic seedlings in Vietnam has changed from intensive farming to energy saving and increased productivity. The agricultural irrigation system has been integrated with the aquatic seedling production process to optimize the model, further expanding its commercial potential. In addition, the Vietnamese government also promotes the use of fish cages in order to increase the production of aquatic products.

Due to its long and rich coastline, Vietnam is one of the most suitable places for aquaculture. Through the development of infrastructure, the increase in people’s consumption of aquatic products, the increase in consumer income and consumers’ willingness of consumption, Vietnam is promoting the aquaculture industry. The aquatic products export market has a place and brings great benefits to the Asia-Pacific aquaculture industry.

We are targeting three major items: high-priced fries, and shellfish seedlings, and shrimp seedlings. In the early stages, we would like to cooperate with high-quality seedling manufacturers before developing further collaborative opportunities. We would like to bound the entire aquaculture industry from upstream to downstream, including bio-security monitoring, water quality testing, and food preservation technology. This will add value to aquatic products by establishing the whole industry chain.

The hosts of this conference are Vietnam Economic and Cultural office in Taipei and NTOU GLORIA. NTOU GLORIA invites the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural
Development of Vietnam to attend this conference where the representatives of Taiwanese aquaculture firms will give presentations sharing their experiences. The Vietnam government will introduce subsidies and policies for high-end aquatic technology. There will be a matching service for local aquaculture association manufacturers and Taiwanese aquaculture firms.

There are two field research projects: field research in Research Institute For Aquaculture No.1, RIA1 and visiting the shellfish designed farming area in Tỉnh Quảng Ninh. The cooperation project is targeted at creating a platform for cooperation with the Vietnamese Science and Technology Group and the Ministry of Agriculture between Taiwan and Vietnam.