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### **Ministry of Agriculture and Taiwan ICDF Organize Lamb and Mutton Culinary Craft Workshop in Orange Walk**

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In an effort to develop the domestic market of the sheep and goat industry in Belize, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise, in collaboration with the Taiwan ICDF Breeding Sheep and Goat Production and Guidance System Enhancement Project (Sheep Project Phase II), today held a “Lamb and Mutton Culinary Craft Workshop” in Yo Creek Village, Orange Walk District.

The workshop aims to train seed instructors and sheep farmers in culinary skills of lamb and mutton preparation and cooking to increase the consumption of lamb and mutton products in Belize. The training includes sessions in carcass preparation, meat cutting, ingredient preparation, and the cooking process of stew lamb, lamb chop suey, and barbecue lamb. These were all facilitated by Mr. Frank Padron, Extension Officer in the ministry.

Fifty participants include the ministry’s extension officers (Livestock), butchers, restaurateurs and sheep and goat farmers. The extension officers are also expected to help train sheep and goat farmers in their respective districts by transferring knowledge and technical skills.

The Government of Belize and the Republic of China (Taiwan) are committed to supporting Belizean farmers and strengthening the sheep and goat industry. Through the Sheep and Goat Project, the theoretical and practical training and educational outreach will further help to advance Belizeans’ welfare.

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