

Deputy Minister Yavor Gechev: We are searching for a new approach in our commercial cooperation with China

“We want to place our partnership with China on a new footing. Our goal is to start attracting full-scale business projects, not only partial investments. We believe that the traditions between the two states will help us in this venture”. This statement was made by Deputy Minister Yavor Gechev at a meeting with a delegation from the Ministry of Agriculture of the People’s Republic of China. Head of the delegation was Mr. Yang Shaopin – chief economist in the Agriculture Ministry and member of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party.

Mr. Yang Shaopin expressed his satisfaction with the fact that after the official signing of a treaty of cooperation in agriculture between the two countries in 2004, the circulation of goods between Bulgaria and China was developing at good rates. “We will make the contacts between Bulgarian and Chinese agricultural companies even more frequent. This can be achieved by organizing joint seminars, during which the companies will exchange opinions and useful information. The participations in well-established fairs and expositions dedicated to agriculture can also further our aims”, said Yang Shaopin.

In his words, China supported all enterprises, which wanted to invest in the country and which were ready to offer the best conditions for the Bulgarian representatives. On his behalf, Deputy Minister Gechev said unequivocally that Bulgaria was going to facilitate in every possible way each single Chinese company which was willing to develop farming business in our country.

Another subject in the talks was the development of research activities in the Agriculture sector. The Bulgarian specialized deputy minister stated that our country had a very good gene pool, which was the result of many years research work. He added that a large part of the seeds could be adapted for cultivation in the climate and soil conditions of China. According to Yang Shaopin, this was an excellent opportunity for the Chinese consumers to be introduced to traditional Bulgarian crops.

At the end of the talk, Mr. Shaopin extended an official invitation to Bulgaria to visit the biggest Chinese agricultural fair, which will be held in November in Wuhan.