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Jakarta. President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo's state visit to Sydney over the weekend proved successful in strengthening cooperation between Indonesia and Australia, with progress in trade and military relations.

In his joint media statement with Jokowi, Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull highlighted the strategic depth and strength of the Indonesia-Australia partnership.

"We are both vibrant democracies that stand for mutual respect and diversity," Turnbull said, adding that both countries share a commitment to democracy, freedom, the rule of law and a rules-based international order to provide stability for the region.

According to Turnbull, the Lombok Treaty signed in 2006 is the "bedrock of our [Indonesia and Australia's] strategic and security relationship."

"[Indonesia and Australia's] robust relationship can be established when both countries have mutual respect for each other's territorial integrity, non-interference in the domestic affairs of each other and the ability to develop a mutually beneficial partnership," Jokowi said in his statement. On Sunday (26/02), full military ties between the two countries were restored after the Indonesian military suspended cooperation in January due to "insulting" teaching material found at an Australian military base. Australian

Army chief Lt. Gen. Angus Campbell apologized to Indonesia earlier this month.

Additionally, the two leaders agreed that negotiations of the Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IA-CEPA) will be finalized in 2017.

The two countries also signed an agreement on trade barriers, which will see Indonesia lower tariffs on Australian sugar imports, while Australia will eliminate tariffs on pesticides and herbicides from Indonesian suppliers. Australia will also eliminate the tariffs currently in place on long-term permits for cattle exports.

Indonesia imports 887,888 tons of raw sugar worth US\$396 million from Australia annually. The visit also saw Indonesian Foreign Affairs Minister Retno Marsudi and her Australian counterpart, Julie Bishop, sign a joint declaration on maritime cooperation.

During his visit, Jokowi expressed his intention to open more Indonesian-language centers in Australia. Indonesia currently only has language centers in Perth, Melbourne and Canberra.

In his statement, Turnbull announced that a new Australian consulate general will be opened in Surabaya, East Java, this year. Turnbull is scheduled to attend the Leaders' Summit of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) in Indonesia next month.

## Finance Ministry, Anti-Monopoly Agency Share Data to Fight Cartels

Jakarta. Indonesia's Finance Ministry and anti-monopoly agency will be sharing data on taxpayers and businesses in an effort to fight cartels and improve tax collection, a senior official said. Finance Minister Sri Mulyani Indrawati and the head of the Business Competition Supervisory Commission (KPPU) Syarkawi Rauf signed a memorandum of understanding on behalf of both institutions on Thursday (02/03), which cemented data and information exchanges between the tax office, customs and the KPPU that started a week ago.

The MoU allows both institutions to share data and information, conduct joint investigations, provide training for employees and exchange experts for the next five years. "This cooperation will optimize KPPU's work [...] We at the KPPU have met so many cases linked to the tax office and the



Syarkawi referred to the meat import cartel cases last year in which KPPU fined 32 cattle importer and beef feedlot companies for instigating unfair competition. These companies had collectively agreed to hold back stocks despite massive imports, deliberately pushing meat prices up. According to data from the Finance Ministry, there were 56 frozen beef importers in Indonesia last year who brought 155,070.2 tonnes of frozen beef into the country, up 247 percent compared to 44,673.9 tonnes in 2015.

Meanwhile, fresh beef imports increased more than 10 times to 10,340 tonnes last year from 954 tonnes in 2015 and offal imports increased to 9.5 tonnes from none in 2015. "The Indonesian population did not increase but beef imports did," Sri Mulyani said after signing the agreement. "If supply grew threefold, the price should have dropped."

Sri Mulyani suspects that companies involved in cartels are also evading tax. The new agreement with the KPPU allows the Finance Ministry — which includes the tax office and the directorate general of taxes — to cross reference taxpayers' data, importers' data, traffic of goods in the country's ports and cases handled by the KPPU. All these efforts, Sri Mulyani said, are part of President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo's promise to lower prices of staple food in Indonesia.

Cross-referencing efforts will not be limited to meat cartel suspects as the government is also keen to keep prices of chicken, rice and sugar low as well, Sri Mulyani said. Trade Minister Enggartiasto Lukita, who also attended the ceremony, said all importers now have to pay all of their taxes before the company can ship in their commodities from abroad, otherwise, they will be banned. Enggar reported that frozen beef prices have stabilized to a maximum of Rp 80,000 (\$6) per kilogram from more than Rp 100,000 per kilogram previously.

## DG PKH Appreciation Performance PT Kaltim Prima Coal

Jakarta- 27 February 2017, betaEnews.com - Director General of Animal Husbandry and Animal Health (DG PKH) of the Ministry of Agriculture (Ministry of Agriculture) Drh I Ketut Diarmita, MP appreciated the performance of PT Kaltim Prima Coal (KPC) on land use ex (ex) mine in East Kalimantan (Kaltim) Integrated into the location Cattle (FAST).

"Currently, the government continues to encourage the acceleration of beef cattle production as practiced in East Kalimantan, one of them with the role of the private sector," said I Ketut Diarmita in a statement through Subsection Cooperation and Public Relations Directorate-General (DG) Yuliana PKH S.Pt Susanti, M.Sc. "Enterprises Bali cattle breeding is also a concern because it is a wealth ruminants or ruminant animal genetic resources that became icons of cattle Indonesia," he added when reviewing the Bali cattle ranch managed by PT. KPC in East Kutai Regency, East Kalimantan Province, Thursday (23/02/2017).

He considered, Kaltim is still a shortage of cattle, so it must be supplied from other regions such as South Sulawesi. To that end, the Director General of PKH suggested that cattle development program in ex-mining land as was done by PT KPC can be utilized to increase the cattle population in East Kalimantan, so that the needs of the beef in Kaltim no longer rely on other regions. "It is time for East Kalimantan province is speeding up production of 2 million head of cattle, either by the government, private and breeders of the people," he said.

For that, I Ketut Diarmita, the future need to think about how to realize this province to be self-sufficient and to export, either in the form of meat and processed meat. "Government can hold the company - the local company or investors from other regions. One of them by utilizing funds Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) from the mining company whose value is quite large," he explained.



I Ketut Diarmita said the central government would like to see the population of livestock, particularly cattle can develop quickly. "I've traveled around to various regions in Indonesia, want the cattle population in this country can grow quickly," he said.

Hence, the present government has launched a Special Effort Required Cattle breeders Bunting (Upsus Siwab) that is oriented towards achieving self-sufficiency in animal protein. "The government is committed to achieve pregnancy 3 million head of cattle in 2017, so that one day Indonesia can export meat to foreign countries because Indonesia has all the potential to be a meat exporting countries. Itumencapai To achieve that, I hope all parties, both the central government, local, private and ranchers move all participate in making it successful," he said.

On that occasion, he pointed out how to perform rectal palpation (check gestation) were correct. Where, he said, the position did not prevent to act and demonstrate expertise pregnancy checking cows. "Examination Gestation via rectal palpation is an examination method that is simple, but requires skill and intensive training so as to diagnose pregnancy, as well as determine gestation, knowing the position of the fetus and predicted birth. Thus, it can be predicted conditions cow pregnancy, as well as to prevent the condition or disorder of reproductive disorders in cattle born in the time of delivery," said I Ketut Diarmita.

While Dadang Sudarya, Head of Livestock Service of East Kalimantan Province who accompanied the Director General PKH, confirmed that the East Kalimantan provincial

government was ready to implement Upsus Siwab, as well as setting up development of cattle in the land of former mining and oil palm plantations. "It is a program of East Kalimantan Governor to make use of the former land of the former mining and oil integration with the cows," said Dadang.

While Immanuel Manege, GM Health Safety Environment and Security PT. KPC, said that the breeding program at the former mine land Yasng done been through the process of research and testing. "Research on the content of the beef in the former land of the mine began in 2004, and the result was safe for consumption. Moreover, economically also nice, from there we developed and now have just seen the results," said Emmanuel.

In addition, DG PKH also inspected chicken farms in Bengalon, which is now coming to life again. These chicken farms had previously been the first winner of the national level, but because of the prohibition to enter the chicken from outside the province last year, this farm had experienced vacancies.

Irawansyah, Secretary of the East Kutai Regency, said that in principle the government of East Kutai welcomes and appreciates the attention towards the development potential of the region. "In general, East Kutai regency will continue to provide support to communities and stakeholders in the development of potential in all sectors, especially agriculture in the broad sense, ie plantations, crops, fishery, forestry, and livestock. This is all, of course, in order to improve the welfare of society as well as food security," he said. RMT

## Price of Staples from The Ministry of Trade on Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017

Jakarta

Type	Price/kg (IDR)	Price/kg (AUD)
Beef	114.090	11.4090
Chicken Meat	29.070	2.9070
Chicken Egg	20.090	2.0090

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Type	Price/kg (IDR)	Price/kg (AUD)
Beef	115.300	11.5300
Chicken Meat	30.380	3.0380
Chicken Egg	22.030	2.2030

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Australia

## Indonesia Increases Weight Limit for Imported Australian Cattle



The Indonesian Government has signed off on changes to the maximum average weight of feeder cattle imported from Australia. The weight limit has been increased from 350 kilograms to 450 kilograms, in a move that will be of huge benefit to northern Australia's cattle industry. Chief executive of Consolidated Pastoral Company, Troy Setter, said it would definitely allow pastoralists to send a wider selection of stock to Indonesia.

"It'll allow stations in Australia to put more weight on their cattle and reduce a lot of double-handling, which has been adding cost to northern Australia's cattle sector," he told ABC Rural. "Prior to the 350 kilo rule coming in, in 2010, there wasn't as much handling of the trading cattle in northern Australia and by reducing the handling, it'll increase weight gains, reduce costs and improve animal welfare outcomes." Chief executive of the NT Livestock Exporters Association, Stuart Kemp, said the change on weight restrictions was good news for everyone in the supply chain.

"Having the specifications so tight before (a weight limit of 350 kilograms), meant Indonesia were after young, premium animals," he said. "If you look through the sale results across Australia, feeder cattle in that range are always the premium product, so if you missed that cut off, you then had to find another market and there was a big drop-off. "This now opens things up, so producers, exporters and importers all have that flexibility when sourcing cattle."

Mr Kemp said the changes would take a lot off pressure of northern cattle producers. "If pastoralists have weaners that are growing up and putting on condition, you don't want to be running them into the yards and catching them before they get too heavy," he said. "This [change] means less handling, and more confidence that you can bring the cattle in when the cattle are ready, and when it's best for them."

## NT Human and Cattle Disease Outbreak, Lepto Ruled Out as Possible Culprit

By Jon Condon, 02 March 2017

A disease outbreak in the Northern Territory has apparently sickened up to eight pastoral company staff and led to an animal disease investigation.

Read more:

<http://www.beefcentral.com/news/lepto-ruled-out-as-possible-culprit-in-nt-human-cattle-disease-outbreak/>



Vietnam

## Canadian Beef Exporters Eye VN Market



March, 01/2017 HÀ NỘI — More and more Canadian beef exporters are seeking a bigger share of the market in Việt Nam, Canada's Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Lawrence MacAulay told attendants of an event held in Hà Nội on Monday to introduce his country's beef products.

"Canada is a major world exporter of beef. When we talk about Canadian beef, we talk about safety, quality and sustainability," he said. Last year, Canada exported over US\$2 billion in beef. Asia had become one of its priority markets, with Việt Nam ranked as a market with high potential, he said.

Attending the event, Heinz Reimer, Vice Chairman of Canada Beef, which is responsible for domestic and international beef and veal market development, said that Canadian exporters are penetrating the Vietnamese market in recent years. Vietnamese imports of Canadian beef last year reached about 320 tonnes, much higher than the estimated 20 tonnes of two or three years ago.

Reimer said Canada has favourable conditions to raise hardy cow herds, specifically vast land areas, rich grasslands and fields, fresh air, clean and safe water, all of which help prevent diseases. He also added that Canadian cows are fed mostly with grains so their meat has a unique flavour. The Canadian organisation and businesses will work with the food services segment and retailers in Việt Nam to promote products, as well as study customer tastes, he said.



## China

## Dairy Industry Must Focus on The Basics to Win Trust



A girl chooses dairy products at a supermarket in Qingdao, East China's Shandong province, August 9, 2016. [Photo/VCG]

2017-03-04 –The year 2020 is critical to the 13th Five-Year Plan (2016-20), as the country's leadership has pledged to build a well-off society in an all-round way by then. Almost every industry has its individual (as well as collective) five-year plan with specific objectives and ways to implement it. And unlike many others, the dairy industry has a qualitative-oriented, rather than quantity-oriented, five-year plan.

"China will have a world-class, advanced dairy industry by 2020", says the national dairy industry development plan jointly released by relevant ministries recently. The plan has detailed blueprints for the next three years of development, covering the entire industrial chain, from cattle farms to quality inspection. It promises that, by 2020 every drop of milk produced in China will be as safe as milk produced in any foreign country. The plan would have evoked a spirited response from the public had it been released during the melamine scandal in 2008. Back then melamine, an industrial compound added to milk to increase its protein content, left more than 50,000 infants ill and claimed the lives of six.

Today, however, the dairy industry's rejuvenation plan has hardly drawn consumers' attention. And without consumers' support and trust "a world-class advanced dairy industry" cannot be developed. Even though the dairy industry has made remarkable progress in terms of production, food safety watchdogs have strengthened quality inspection, and a stricter food safety law has come into force after the melamine scandal, domestic dairy products are yet to regain Chinese consumers' trust.

The way the melamine and other food safety scandals have been handled - arresting the officials responsible for the scandals but releasing them after they had served a few years in prison - hasn't fully convinced the people that the authorities have "zero tolerance" for those involved in food safety scandals. The relationship between the adulterators and supervision officials today is more like that between mice and cats.

The authorities, for example, hoped the melamine scandal will prompt the dairy industry to make a new beginning. Instead, the 2008 scandal opened a Pandora's box. To ensure that the food industry is not hit by another scandal, therefore, the supervision officials have to be on constant alert and take preemptive actions.

Another worrisome factor is that dairy industry associations claim sensational media reporting has given them a bad name. Even at the peak of the milk scandal, the associations stressed that isolated cases do not represent the whole sector. This kind of self-centered public relations tactics have exactly the opposite effect on the public.

What the dairy industry development plan should have elaborated on, but regrettably has not, is the competition from less-expensive but good-quality foreign dairy products that have flooded China's market. The other blow for the domestic dairy farms is the import of milk from overseas by more and more Chinese companies.

So no matter what the government's policy agendas and promises are, industries must be not only prudent, but also practical and realistic in making plans. Not all industries in a big economy such as China's can achieve advanced levels of production at the same time. Each industry should draw its plan according to its real situation, instead of trying to jump on the modernization bandwagon because of its enthusiasm and idealism.

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## Dairy Sector Scales New Heights, Minister Says

The dairy sector has reached new heights with the development of large-scale farms and use of machinery after the 2008 milk scandal, Agriculture Minister Han Changfu said on Sunday. The minister told reporters before the opening of the annual National People's Congress that large-scale dairy farms now account for 50 percent of the milk supply in the dairy sector, and use of machinery is commonplace.

Sales and production of the top 20 milk enterprises now takes up half of the whole sector, he said. "All those changes are indicators that China's dairy sector is heading for rejuvenation," he said. The dairy sector was hit hard after a 2008 scandal in which a number of farmers and manufacturers were found to have added melamine, a toxic chemical, to unprocessed milk.

Han said the authority will continue to step up the regulation on milk sources and the raising of dairy herds, and encourage the development of large-scale enterprises and name brands in the sector. "I believe that someday foreign tourists will purchase Chinese milk powder when they visit China," he said.

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