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To
The Editor,

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Sir,

I request that the following matter may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

**AFRICAN TEAM EXPLORES COLLABORATION WITH TN
AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY**

An eight member African team visited Tamil Nadu Agricultural University to explore areas of collaboration on agriculture and research. At a high profile meeting held in TNAU, Coimbatore, delegates from Mali, Seychelles, Uganda, Ethiopia and Botswana explored their areas of interest. The Ambassador of Mali Mr. Niankoro Yeah Samake in his opening speech indicated that irrigation, farm mechanization, quality seeds, market linkage, post harvest, ICT tools and farmers co-operatives are some technological areas of collaboration, where in TNAU can be roped in. The High commissioner of Seychelles expressed interest on sharing TNAU help on food related imports for Seychelle and to make attain self sufficient in food production. Many delegates expressed interest in sending students from their countries and requested TNAU to open up more admissions on Agricultural education and research.

The Vice chancellor Dr. K. Ramasamy, replied that TNAU has collaborations with more than 150 institutions across the World and that TNAU is ready to collaborate with Africa on transfer of technologies. He emphasized that nutritional security through multi cropping system aided by integrated farming system can help nutritional security in Africa, for which undergraduate Agricultural education is pivotal along with transfer of

technologies. He added that industrial associations like CII can help agriculture by bridging producers and end users.

Video show on TNAU; demonstration of the patented insect trap by Prof. Mohan; visit of TNAU facilities, discussions with Deans of Colleges, PG Dean and Directorates of technical departments were also held on the occasion.

The visit was arranged by CII, Coimbatore.

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