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Chinese phytosanitary experts visit pineapple export plants in Panama

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Chinese phytosanitary experts visited pineapple export plants in the western province of Chiriqui, on the border of Panama with Costa Rica, to visit production areas of this tropical fruit and meet with the agro-exporters of this item, an official source reported today.

The farms visited were Dolce Pineapple, in Veladero de Gualaca; Primero Cuarenta Group Inc. in the community of Chorcha; and Tropical Fruit,

located in El Higo de Cochea, district of David, capital of Chiriqui, said the Ministry of Agricultural Development (MIDA).

Darío Gordón, head of Plant Health of the MIDA, explained that the group of experts phytosanitary ware of Customs, of China reviewed the respective documentation and realized an "inspection in origin" in the crops and in the packers of pineapple.

Gordon, who accompanied the delegation, stressed that the pineapple is a Panamanian agricultural product "that is projected with good export possibilities" to China.

The delegation was received by the authorities of the Mida on Monday, October 29 last in the Panamanian capital, and then they moved to pineapple areas of the province of Western Panama.

The tour culminated on Thursday with a technical meeting at the regional offices of

MIDA in Chiriquí, to evaluate the work of plant health and safety performed by the plant health personnel of the Mida in pineapple plantations for export.

The visit takes place within the framework of relations between Panama and China, which established commercial ties, specifically in agricultural matters, the entity said.

Panama recognized the policy of "one China" and entered into diplomatic ties with Beijing in June 2017, to the detriment of Taiwan.