**VISIT OF KOREAN OFFICIALS TO SKLTSHU**

A team of Korean Officials from Korea Agriculture Technology Promotion Agency (Koat) And Korea Agriculture Machinery Industry, Cooperative Of Ministry Of Agriculture, South Korea, visited SKLTSHU, Mulugu on 16.4.2024.

A meeting was convened with Korean Officials in presence of University Officers and Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, SKLTSHU, Dr. B. Neeraja Prabhakar at SKLTSHU Administrative Office, Mulugu regarding commercialization of Korean Technologies and for Collaboration between SKLTSHU and Korean Agriculture Technology Promotion Agency (KOAT).

The Team consists of

1. Mr.Madhu (Mike Yaragorla) Wevio, Indian Branch Manager
2. Mr. Yoon Chaelin, Korea Agriculture Technology Promotion Agency (KOAT)
3. Mr.John Ko,PMP, KOAT
4. Mr. Juntae Jung, Head & Coordinator, GBC,Bengaluru
5. Mr. Joohwan Shin, 5 Stars Tech Co.Ltd Korea
6. Mr.Nak Young Baek, CEO,Kosifarms CO, Korea
7. Mr.Byeong Ju Lee, Senior Associate, HanEarl Science Ltd (HES), Korea
8. Mr.Choi Hyunho, KAMICO
* KOAT and KAMICO INDIA is doing the Korean technology validation, pilot testing and commercialization in India through FPOs and Agri Cluster Farming Societies
* KAMICO INDIA working on many agriculture initiatives of Seed, Fertilizer, Eco friendly nutrients and Pesticides, Farm Machinery, Smart Farming Technology & Practice and Host Harvest Solutions for value addition.
* With Indian Partner companies and organizations support, KOAT, South Korea and KAMICO INDIA like to establish Hyderabad as hub for bringing the best Korean technologies, products, companies, associations and organizations for the growth of Indian Farmers Welfare and Industry Growth through localizing the Korean Technology for India Requirements and Exporting to Global Markets.
* WEVIO is one of the world leader in delivering end-to-end global consulting services and a Global Strategic Consulting Company at Bengaluru that is dedicated to empowering small to medium sized companies for their global marketing needs and to achieve global success.
* They are mainly focusing on R&D and Industry Commercialization, to develop Technology bank of Korea in India and also to strengthen the research in Post Harvest Solutions from Korea to India by developing projects.
* They are conducting validation trials of different Korean products (Fertilizers and Seeds) in different agro climatic conditions in India and to develop Private seed breeding Industry.

**The main Agenda of the Meeting with SKLTSHU is**

* They want to focus on Vegetable and fruit crops and to adopt Korean technologies in horticultural crops
* To Improve the performance of research and technology by introduction of KOAT, South Korea and KAMICO INDIA to SKLTSHU
* Understanding SKLTSHU activities for strengthening R& D
* Feasibility to collaborate and work with KOAT through KAMICO INDIA in areas like seed, fertilizers and farm machinery.
* To provide support for ongoing research activities and projects between SKLTSHU and Korean Technologies
* Major focus is to develop FPO with Govt. of Telangana
* Well advanced technologies for small scale primary food processing centres, the machineries are very compact and useful for small and marginal farmers with Cluster based approach.

After thorough discussions and interactions, It is proposed to have MOU between **SKLTSHU and “Wevio Company”,** Indian Branch before accepting Korean products for validating in horticultural crops at University.