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Promoting Agro-Forestry in the Mountains of Southwest China
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Agro-forestry in Sichuan and Xishuangbanna

In the village of Ganpu in Sichuan, an eight-hectare agro-forestry site has been created and is being managed. The village is cooperating with the local agribusiness in making plans to produce and market harvests from the demonstration site, and progress is gradually being made. Efforts are being made to ensure agro-forestry practices will continue.



The Ganpu agro-forestry site (left), pig farming (right)

In Changtianba village in Xishuangbanna, intercropping is being practiced in 26.7 hectares of tea gardens. A total of 1,700 lemon tree seedlings and 1,000 *Baccaurea* and chestnut seedlings have been planted among the existing tea trees. This intercropping was developed based on community surveys and training. In addition, the project has supported seven households carrying out pig farming and has also provided farming tools such as sprayers to the village. A co-management agreement has been signed between Changtianba village and the Xishuangbanna National Nature Reserve. Although the intercropping and pig farming have just begun, they are expected to bring economic benefits to the village in the near future.



Intercropping in a tea garden in Changtianba

Agro-forestry models

Based on the demonstration site in Ganpu, a benefit analysis has been conducted and an agro-forestry survey report titled “New Approaches for Agricultural Development and Poverty Alleviation through Local Advantages and Optimized Models” has been completed by the Sichuan Provincial People's Livelihood Research Association. This report has been submitted to the Sichuan Provincial Government as one of the major policy recommendations of the Association. Meanwhile, Ganpu's agro-forestry model has been introduced to villages surrounding the Sichuan Xiaozhaizigou National Nature Reserve.

Daikin China visits Xishuangbanna

In September 2018, Daikin China organized a visit by 11 members to the Xishuangbanna site. They learned about the project from Xishuangbanna Nature Reserve staff, spoke with villagers, and experienced the processes of tea picking and tea making.



Panel explaining the Changtianba site (left), Daikin China members at the site in September 2018(right)

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