

MEETING WITH DIRECTOR INCHARGE AND DIRECTOR FINANCE NATIONAL TEA RESEARCH INSTITUTE DATED MARCH 30, 2021 REGARDING ISSUES IN RESEARCH RELATED ACTIVITIES IN TEA AND HIGH VALUE CROPS

TDAP Abbottabad visited National Tea Research Institute on March 30, 2021 as an outreach activity, where AD TDAP briefed about role, functions and mandate of TDAP.

National Tea & High Value Crops Research Institute (NTHRI) is research institute of Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC), Ministry of National Food Security & Research (MNFS&R), Islamabad based in District Mansehra (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa). National Tea & High Value Crops Research Institute (NTHRI) is working for the promotion of horticultural crops in addition to tea.

Various issues faced by growers and producers of tea were discussed. Main issue is that no other country including Kenya is willing to share seed and other technology for tea, except for seeds given by China and tea processing plant by Turkey.

This institute is also working on high value crops like olives and kiwi and are extracting oil from olives as well. They have also prepared kiwi and other fruit jams. They are providing free plants and seed to growers as well.

Currently PARC is exporting green tea to Japan and they have also received letter from Japan in which country has shown interest in joint venture with PARC for production of tea, copy has been sent to Secretary TDAP but has not been responded.



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