

Exhibition 'The Beauty of Italian Rice Agriculture' in Hanoi: from Risotto to Banh Chung

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On March 4, the opening ceremony of the photo exhibition 'The Beauty of Italian Rice Agriculture' was held by the Italian Embassy in Vietnam at the Italian Cultural Center (3 Le Phung Hieu, Trang Tien Ward, Hoan Kiem District), Hanoi City). The exhibition took place within the framework of the working visit to Vietnam of Italian Minister of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry Francesco Lollobrigida.



Opening ceremony of the photo exhibition 'The beauty of Italian wet rice agriculture' organized by the Italian Embassy in Vietnam at the Italian Cultural Center, Hanoi.

Through the works on display, the exhibition 'The Beauty of Italian Rice Agriculture' reflects the history of rice cultivation in the boot-shaped country in agricultural production regions such as Lombardy, Piedmont, Veneto and Sardinia.



Mr. Marco Della Seta - Italian Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Vietnam

"The Beauty of Italian Rice Agriculture" tells the history of rice farming in Italy through photos. Italy is Europe's leading rice producer, from its beginnings more than 500 years ago to today's precision farming techniques that track new rice lines for the future. Every year, in Italy, people can admire the "sea of checkers", which are landscapes of rice fields winding through Italy's major rice-growing areas, highlighting the connection between rice cultivation and conservation, environmental protection.



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Speaking at the ceremony, Italian Ambassador to Vietnam, Mr. Marco Della Seta, shared that Italy has been the leading rice producing country in Europe since more than 500 years ago with an area of 220.000 hectares and an average output of 1 million. million tons of rice every year. Similar to Vietnam, the rice industry plays a central role in Italian history, society, economy and cuisine.

'The rice industries of Vietnam and Italy have many similarities. Both countries have irrigation projects, large canals... or similarities in farming and wet rice production...

However, it is not because there are many similarities that the rice industries of the two countries are competitive. painting. The rice varieties grown in Italy are very different from those in Vietnam. Italian rice varieties are grains of rice that contain a lot of starch and are cooked into a mushy form into Risotto. "We cannot cook Risotto with Vietnamese fragrant rice and vice versa, we cannot cook Banh Chung with Italian rice," Ambassador Marco Della Seta analyzed.



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Rice cultivation has always been of great importance to Italy. More than 500 years of rice cultivation have marked a unique historical, cultural and architectural heritage in the Italian and European agricultural landscape.

The exhibition also celebrates the similarities between Italy and Vietnam in the cultivation of this very important grain. Indeed, rice cultivation has always been of great importance to both of our countries, which boast important culinary traditions in which rice is the main ingredient of various traditional dishes, from Risotto to Banh Chung.

The exhibition will be open to visitors free of charge until Thursday, March 5.

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