

The third round of negotiation on a free trade agreement (FTA) between Taiwan and Guatemala were held from June 6 to 10 in Los Angeles. Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Mr. Chen Ruey-long headed up Taiwan's delegation. Chen's Guatemala counterpart, Mr. Enrique Lacs, was the chief negotiator for Guatemala.

Officials from agencies dealing with economic and foreign affairs, finance, transportation and communication and agriculture from both countries participated in the talks. About 40 representatives were divided into five sessions to discuss market access, service and investments, dispute settlement, cooperation and legal review of regulations.

The two sides were expected to focus on topics including the reduction of import duty on agricultural and industrial products, national treatment, rules of origin and safeguard measures.