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## **GLOBAL COLLABORATION ANNOUNCED TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE CAGE-FREE EGG PRODUCTION IN ASIA**

As demand for cage-free eggs grows, Indonesia-based Training Center to provide Asian farmers with training and tools to ensure long-term sustainability and competitive business advantage

**Singapore** - Multinational consulting firm [Global Food Partners](#) (GFP) and [Aeres University of Applied Sciences](#) (Aeres) have announced a partnership to establish an Indonesia-based training center and model cage-free egg farm focused on management and production for Asian farmers.

Global Food Partners, a Singapore-based supply chain consulting firm, and Aeres, a leading agricultural university based in the Netherlands, recently entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to bring together egg producers and other industry stakeholders to improve the long-term sustainability and competitiveness of the egg industry in Asia. The Center will provide practical training in best practices in cage-free management and production, and serve as a model farm for cage-free producers, and a research and development center.

“Producers in Asia are witnessing quickly-expanding market opportunities in cage-free egg production and benefit from localized, hands-on training to support their transition to cage-free systems,” said Elissa Lane, GFP’s Chief Executive Officer. “The current global crisis has also resulted in greater industry focus on improved biosecurity and health management practices on-farm, which can have a drastic impact on public health. We're thrilled to partner with AERES and other industry experts to equip farmers with these necessary skills and ensure their long-term success in cage-free egg production in the region.”

“The agricultural sector is not only one of the oldest known to humankind, but has also always been a very dynamic and innovative sector. The worldwide cage-free transition is an example of the dynamics seen in the livestock sector,” said Jasper Heerkens, researcher and lecturer in poultry at Aeres. “At Aeres we want to contribute to a healthy livestock sector which produces and distributes food in a sustainable way, with opportunities and respect for people, animals and nature, and improve the quality of life. To achieve this, skilled, flexible and enterprising professionals with a balance between economical, ecological and social interests are needed.”

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Global Food Partners is a multinational consulting firm that works with food businesses to develop, implement and maintain high animal welfare responsible sourcing goals, with a focus on cage-free eggs in Asia, as well as egg producers and suppliers to provide technical expertise and support in the transition to best practice cage-free production. <https://globalfoodpartners.com/>

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