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of the Sixth Procurement Mission from Republic of China visiting the United States to purchase agricultural products and industrial products. Last week the Procurement Mission visited Nebraska but the wheat contingents of the Mission did enjoy, did join the Mission in Minneapolis which was after the Mission had been in Nebraska. So we didn't come to Nebraska when the Mission visited Lincoln. We came from Kansas City this morning and yesterday we made a purchase of wheat in Kansas City. We were about to leave Kansas to go to Idaho to continue our wheat procurement and we are so much pleased to have this chance of finding some time to come down here to see some of the Senators who made their visit to Taipei last year. We are so pleased that we have this opportunity of seeing you again.

MR. MIAO: Address continues.

MR. LU: (Interpreter) The procurement mission from Taiwan is in the United States to buy corn, soybeans, barley and wheat. This mission is going to buy a total of 228,000 metric tons of wheat which is about 30% of our total requirement for a year. Although the quantity that we purchase on this mission is a small portion of what we require for a year, we see a very bright prospect of increasing our total wheat consumption in our island country. The reason for that is that we now have a population of 18 million people. We have a very limited amount of land area of only 14,000 square miles where only one-quarter of our land is good for cultivation. So we are a huge population and small amount of land for growing enough food. We need a lot of food to be imported from foreign countries and the United States in general and Nebraska in particular is the place where it can grow abundant supply of wheat and good quality of wheat which we need so much. In addition to that Taiwan Farm Bureau Association through many years of cooperation with US Wheat Associates in which Nebraska Wheat Division is a member to US Wheat Associates so through the cross cooperative relationship between these two organizations we have developed the good wheat market in Taiwan so Taiwan will continue to import a substantial quantity of wheat from the United States. I'm really happy that I have this opportunity of coming to Nebraska to see the old friends who took their precious time last year to visit us in Taiwan and discuss about further strengthening the trade relationship between the Republic of China and the State of Nebraska, in particular, and the trade between these two countries in general. Because of this foundation that we have established in the past year, I firmly believe that the