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## India and China to host IDF World Dairy Summits in 2022 and 2023

India and China will host the forthcoming IDF World Dairy Summits in 2022 and 2023.

Both countries were granted the opportunity to host the annual IDF flagship event by the General Assembly which met on the eve of the World Dairy Summit 2018 in Daejeon, Korea, on 14 October.

India, the world's largest producer of milk, and China, the world's fourth-largest producer of cow's milk by country, according to the IDF World Dairy Situation 2018 report, will serve as an excellent showcase of their market leadership.

Mr Dilip Rath, Chairman of the National Dairy Development Board of India and Secretary of IDF India National Committee, said: "The efforts put in by all the stake holders – the small and marginal farmers and techno-professionals – have contributed in transforming a milk deficit country into a world leader in milk production. Hosting the World Dairy Summit 2022 in New Delhi, India, will be a proud moment and a befitting tribute to dairy farmers."

Mr. Kungang Song, Chair of the IDF China National Committee, said: "China has developed into an important international dairy market, serving as a major engine of growth in the global dairy sector. We have a lot of experience to share at the World Dairy Summit 2023."

IDF Director General Caroline Emond said: "Considering the importance of the Asian markets for the growth of the dairy sector, India and China were natural choices. The World Dairy Summit provides a global forum to dairy leaders and experts to exchange knowledge and ideas on how the sector can contribute to nourish the world with safe and sustainable dairy."

The World Dairy Summit 2019 will be held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 23-26 September; in Cape Town, South Africa, in 2020; and in Puerto Varas, Chile, in 2021.

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