

## President attends opening of AGRO 2010 exhibition

**President Viktor Yanukovich took part in the opening of the international agricultural exhibition and fair AGRO 2010 in Kyiv.**



In his speech at the event President Yanukovich said that there are some serious problems in Ukrainian agriculture that require solutions. Today, he said, we must honestly admit the existence of serious problems that are addressed by government programs either partially, or not at all.

Among the priorities President Yanukovich named elimination of shady land privatization, stopping administrative interference into agriculture and removing any restrictions on agricultural exports.

According to him, it is necessary to establish a transparent land market, complete elaboration of national land registry and provide effective circulation of agricultural lands.

It is also necessary, said President Yanukovich, to protect domestic producers from imports of low-quality agricultural products, support farmers with cheap loans and agricultural machinery leasing programs, etc. He also pointed to urgent need for improvement of subsidizing agricultural sector according to WTO regulations.

According to the President, it is necessary to improve the role of the Agrarian Fund of Ukraine. "The Agrarian Fund should be given all the funds that now are allocated to support farmers. The Fund should also have its offices in all the regions," he said.

Speaking of today's exhibition, President Yanukovich said it is a vivid example of diligence of the Ukrainian people and its constant striving for perfection.

He also presented certificates for combine harvesters that were bought in the framework of partial state payment program.

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