

**JULY, 2016**

**Presentations for the Obihiro-JICA Paraguay Volunteer Team Partnership Program**

Presentations were held on June 17 in Kashiwa Plaza for the JICA Paraguay Partnership Program. This program has been conducted since July 2011 with the Nikkei CETAPAR Foundation in Alto Paraná Department, Paraguay. As the project to provide technical support for the improvement of dairy skills in the eastern edge upland farming area was to finish at end of June presentations on the results and impact of the program were given.

Noboru Inoue (vice-president of research of OUAVM) and Hiroaki Endo (representative of the JICA Hokkaido International Center, Obihiro) addressed the audience. They were followed by Tadashi Nakamura (project leader and an associate professor at the Department of Food Science, OUAVM), who presented a report on the activities of the program and hygiene management. Other reports on activities and results were given by Masahito Kawai (associate professor of the Field Science Center for Northern Biosphere, Hokkaido University), Chiho Kawashima (associate professor of the Field Center of Animal Science and Agriculture, OUAVM), and Motozuimi Matsui (professor of the Department of Applied Veterinary Medicine, OUAVM).

Former OUAVM president Hideyuki Nagasawa, who currently serves as a consultant for OUAVM and an advisor on regional cooperation to JICA (Obihiro) also attended this event. Professor Nagasawa was involved in the launch of the program and shared a story about how it started.

The Enhancement of the Agricultural Training Center and Support for Human Resource Development for the Promotion of Dairy Farming in the Eastern Region of Paraguay program started in July 2016. It is an advanced program of the Obihiro-JICA Paraguay Volunteer Team Partnership Program.



Associate Professor Nakamura reports on the activities



Hiroaki Endo, the representative of JICA Obihiro