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**Trainees of the JICA training program on Rural Development by Preparation through Value Chain receive practical training at OUAVM**

Trainees of the JICA training program on Rural Development through Preparation of Value Chain received practical training for measuring sheep diet digestibility at the OUAVM sheep pen on July 4 (Tue.).

This training program is commissioned to OUAVM by the Hokkaido International Center (Obihiro), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Lectures and practical training on livestock/upland farming, use of by-products of such farming and sixth sector industrialization are provided to foster individuals who can design and promote rural development in their countries and regions by creating value chains that connect producers (rural areas) and consumers (cities).

On the morning of July 4, Takehiro Nishida, an associate professor of the Department of Life Science and Agriculture, OUAVM, gave a lecture on the characteristics of cows and sheep and feed varieties, and then in the afternoon trainees attached poop bags to sheep to learn how to measure sheep diet digestibility under the instruction of Associate Professor Nishida at the OUAVM sheep pen.

This program was attended by a total of 11 trainees from eight countries, including Sri Lanka, Bolivia and Afghanistan, and continued for approximately two months until August 25 (Fri.) under the instruction of Professor Masafumi Tetsuka at the Department of Life Science and Agriculture, who was the program leader.



Practical training in which trainees attach poop bags to sheep