

Exchange opinion with SHEP (Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment & Promotion)
Research Team (April 19th, 2024)

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On April 19, 2024, Ambassador Nishimaki had productive discussions at the Ambassador's official residence with four Japanese researchers who were in Namibia to conduct research on "An empirical research on the impact of the SHEP approach on small-scale farmers". The SHEP Approach was developed through the technical cooperation project by JICA which started in 2006 and succeeded in increasing farmers' income. SHEP is an approach which realizes "Market-Oriented Agriculture" and converts farmers mind from "grow and sell" to "grow to sell". In Namibia, the SHEP approach is being applied to livestock. The study will be a two-year collaboration between Japanese and Namibian researchers and they are aiming to establish an impact assessment and methodology for SHEP in livestock production that can be applied outside of Namibia.



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