

An Oxford Graduate Student Visits FOF



On Friday, July 19, 2024, Ms. Sinthu Devkumar, a veterinarian currently studying for a Master's degree at the University of Oxford, visited the FAVA One Health Fukuoka Office (FOF) for an interview with Mr. Kazuhiko Imamura, Vice President of FOF.

Her study looks at the relationship between disaster prevention, response and relief from a One Health perspective. This ambitious project aims to evaluate Japan's disaster approach against different health issues for humans, animals and the wider environment, by developing an index. In doing so, the project hopes to assess and, if necessary, propose improvements to government policies at national and local levels.



During the interview, she and Mr. Imamura actively discussed a broad range of topics from past and recent disaster relief activities in the affected regions in Japan and their challenges to the perception gap between One Health experts, administrators and the general public.