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DUTCH EXPERIENCE IN ARMENIA

Within the frames of the “Animal Health Management (AHM) in Armenia and Georgia: Phase II” project, funded by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), CARD Foundation hosted Dr. Tjeerd Jorna, former president of the “World Veterinary Association”, and Mr. Jan Varteen, secretary of the “European Veterinary Association”.



The visit had a goal to support the establishment of a veterinary association in Armenia to provide technical assistance to the veterinarians, as well as create a platform for identification of common needs and problems and finding solutions to them. The experts had a number of productive meetings with private veterinarians, farmers, Farm Service Center managers. They also met the dean of the Veterinary department of the Armenian National Agrarian University to get familiarized with the current educational system and ensure the involvement of the young generation in the future plans.

Within the frames of the visit the experts had a meeting with the RA Minister of Agriculture Mr. Ignati Arakelyan. “Veterinary field is one of the important sectors of agriculture that needs constant control and monitoring. We highly value your experience in this sphere and hope that we will benefit much from it. As for us, we are ready to support you in all your initiatives for Armenia”, - Mr. Arakelyan noted.



SHARING THE VISION OF A HAPPY COUNTRY



On May 24 Mr. Eliyahu Yerushalmi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the State of Israel to the Republic of Armenia paid a cognitive visit to CARD Foundation. The meeting started with a general introduction of CARD, its activities, main achievements and possibilities of future cooperation with Israel. In his turn, Mr. Ambassador presented the development history of Israel, bilateral relations with Armenia, similarities the two nations have. Mr. Ambassador noted: "Israeli government is interested in enhancing cooperation with Armenia. Last week a big event happened - direct flights from Armenia to Israel. The moment you have a flow of Israelis coming here, this will bring business. Today we bring 100,000

Israelis to Georgia per year, for a small country like Israel this is a big number. Armenia is still a unexplored country in many ways. Israelis would like to see where the Armenians come from, because we have a lot of history in common. There are a lot of Armenians in Israel, too". According to statistics Israel is considered to be one of the 10 happiest countries in the world and over 80% of Israeli population are happy. Mr. Ambassador was proud to share the secret of Israel's success and vision of a "Happy Country". "The Israeli will is very strong. Each and every one of us feels that we live for the people who lost their lives during Holocaust. This is what moves us forward. I think that this is something you have inside as well".

