

## **Project Director of Belgian Kaschin-Beck Disease Control Foundation visit the Center for Endemic Disease Control**

On November 7, Dr. F. Mathieu, Project Director of Belgian Kaschin-Beck Disease Control Foundation, Professor Camille Chasseur and Dr. He Lixin from the Institute for Endemic Disease Control of CDC in Tibet, visited the Center for Endemic Disease Control at HMU.

In the meeting, the leaders of the operation department gave a brief introduction to the center, its functions and the current condition of the endemic diseases in China. Professor Sun Dianjun, Vice Director of the center, on behalf of HMU and the center, extended a warm welcome to Dr. F. Mathieu and the other visitors. Meanwhile, he briefly introduced the history of HMU and the etiological research on endemic diseases, as well as their prevention, control and application.

During the visit at the Institute of Kaschin-Beck Disease Control, Professor Yang Jianbai, a famous expert in Kaschin-Beck Disease and epidemiologist, talked about the research findings for the prevention and control of Kaschin-Beck Disease and the ideas on current research.

Dr. F. Mathieu has been devoted to the research of Kaschin-Beck Disease in Tibet Autonomous Region for the past 14 years. She has had academic exchanges with Professor Yang Jianbai on more than one occasion, and spoken highly of the research, prevention and control conducted by the Institute for Kaschin-Beck Disease Control. She said, "The academic exchange with the Institute of the Kaschin-Beck Disease Control each time gives me new information and valuable thoughts."

Before their departure from the center, the visitors visited the Institute for Iodine Deficiency Disorder Control, the Institute for Endemic Fluorosis Disease Control and the editorial department of Chinese Journal of Endemiology.

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