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With a “baa, baa” here and an “oink, oink” there, here a “cluck”, there a “quack”, Fiji National University’s farm animals from the College of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry are a star attraction at the Hibiscus Festival this year.

“Actually, our main message is about integrated fish farming and modern farming practices,” College student Salaseini Liku, said.

GOATS, sheep, piglets, chicken and ducks are all part of the display, however, along with models and sales of produce.

Ms Liku said it all made a good platform for giving information to people about modern methods of farming and the integrated fish farming system.

“We have a lot of students’ visiting us and we can also give them information on the opportunities available in this sector,” Ms Liku said.

The 20 year old Diploma in Applied Fisheries Technology said the college was selling products such vegetable seedlings, eggs and piglets.

Sheep were the major attraction for four year old Juhyun and three year old Minhyuki.

This was the first time they had ever seen a real sheep, just like the ones in their story books. Yesterday the two were delightfully busy feeding the sheep.

Their father, Chang Jun said the CAFF booth display was very creative. As well as being a career exhibition for students, most importantly it was a convenient one stop shop for anyone interested in getting advice on any agriculture related matter.

Mr Jun said the price of items sold at the CAFF booth was reasonable and the family was planning on buying chicken and ducks.

Priyanka Raj, 18 visited the booth with her friends and said apart of the fun side of Hibiscus of eating candy floss and going on the rides, there were the information booths such as CAFF display.

“I was able to understand the practices in farming and about integrated fishing,” she said.