



【The Nippon Connection Japanese Film Festival site in Frankfurt】

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Frankfurt hosts Japanese film festival, welcomes director from Yokohama

The Japanese Film Festival Nippon Connection, one of the largest international festival for Japanese cinema, held its 17th annual event over six days in May.

This year, the festival invited Taruto Fuyama, professor at the Tokyo University of the Arts' Yokohama campus Graduate School of Film and New Media, and graduate of the same, Director Rina Tanaka, as guests. The two guests attended the film premieres, and Professor Fuyama conducted an animated film workshop. Frankfurt, Yokohama's partner city, sent its Vice Mayor to welcome the guests with a reception at the "Emperors' Hall," the city's town hall since medieval times, in a generous gesture to reaffirm the goodwill between both cities.



The City of Yokohama Frankfurt Representative Office supported the film festival through a wool felt mascot-making workshop and other efforts, and introduced Yokohama to the festival's visitors.

Committee for Promoting the Invitation of TICAD VII to Yokohama appeals for support to Chief Cabinet Secretary and Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs

Members of the "Committee for Promoting the Invitation of 7th Tokyo International Conference for African Development to Yokohama" appealed to Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga and Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Shunsuke Takei for support on May 30.



Committee President and Yokohama Mayor Fumiko Hayashi made strong proposals by citing Yokohama's experience in hosting previous TICAD events and the accomplishments of the city's ongoing collaboration with the continent to earn the moniker, "the closest city to Africa."



Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Yokohama host Regional Promotion Seminar

On June 5, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and City of Yokohama jointly hosted the 1st Regional Promotion Seminar in fiscal year 2017 with Gunma Prefecture, the Ise-Shima Area of Mie Prefecture, and the Tsubame-Sanjo Area of Niigata Prefecture at Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo.

Local governments promoted their industries, policies, and tourist attractions to show the appeal of their respective regions to the invited guests, including diplomatic corps accredited to Tokyo and other foreign interests. The seminar is also one way that the Ministry supports various international initiatives of the local municipalities.



Yokohama introduced many of its abundant charms, such as a MICE city hosting two previous TICAD events, one of Japan's largest Zoo, "Zoorasia," as well as the particular ice cream unique to the city, to the roughly 160 gathered invitees.