



【Mayor Hayashi meeting Chairman Cao of Hue People's Committee】

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UFPFF student director receives International Affairs Bureau Director General's Award

The United for Peace Film Festival (UFPFF) 2017 took place at JICA Yokohama on September 18, and the director who won the "City of Yokohama International Affairs Bureau Director General's Award," Keio University student Wataru Takahashi, met with the Director General at the Bureau.



Mr. Takahashi's short film "Hidden side of Gold" documents the gold mining operations happening on the island of Lombok, Indonesia. Takahashi reveals the reality of the threat to local health caused by the release of mercury released into the environment through the mining process, and the hope of a young girl who dreams of peace.

The Bureau wishes Mr. Takahashi further success in his role as a member of the Send out - Aid - Learn (S.A.L.) student organization, which seeks to raise awareness of global problems, and will continue to support other such young people who recognize international issues and examine how they can contribute to solutions.

High-ranking delegation from Central America tours Hokubu Sewerage Center

As part of a JICA program, a delegation of high-ranking government officials from Central America visited Yokohama and toured the Hokubu Sewerage Center on September 28.



The Environmental Planning Bureau gave an overview of the city's history of urban development and the center, one of Japan's leading wastewater and sludge treatment facilities. Members of the delegation expressed a keen interest in amount of energy generated through the treatment process, strict regulations, and monitoring systems in place.



Mayor Hayashi delivers keynote at APEC Women and the Economy Forum

On September 29, the APEC Women and the Economy Forum was held in Hue City, Vietnam, and Mayor Hayashi was invited to attend.



The Mayor delivered the keynote speech for the High Level Policy Dialogue on Women and the Economy. She outlined Yokohama's efforts to become the best in Japan at creating welcoming and rewarding workplaces for women, and emphasized the importance of women's empowerment.



Mayor Hayashi also gave the opening speech at the "APEC Best Award" ceremony to recognize women entrepreneurs and joined a discussion with the Vietnam Women's Union.



Thua Thien Hue Province and Da Nang City are implementing technical cooperation programs to solve urban issues, and the Mayor met with the Chairman of the People's Committee of both regions.

