



[Deputy Mayor Watanabe at the 8th CityNet Congress]

Reporting Yokohama's Major International Projects

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Yokohama attends 8th CityNet Congress

From November 5 through 8, the Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements (CityNet) convened its quadrennial CITYNET Congress for its member cities in Colombo, Sri Lanka. During the executive committee meeting on November 5, the City of Yokohama was granted approval to continue acting as President Emeritus and executive member in recognition of its contributions through CityNet.



Before the panel discussions on November 6, Yokohama Deputy Mayor Watanabe gave an opening speech emphasizing the importance of cooperation going beyond the national and regional levels in order to build sustainable cities. In addition, it was decided that Yokohama will remain the Lead City for CityNet's Disaster Cluster during the meetings on November 7.



Minister for Public Works and Transport of Cambodia tours Yokohama facilities

The Minister for Public Works and Transport of Cambodia, visiting Japan at the invitation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, toured the facilities at Yokohama's Hokubu Sewerage Center and Sludge Treatment Plant on November 15.



Representatives introduced Yokohama's eco-friendly projects, such as its effective use of gas and other byproducts generated by the sludge treatment process, its advanced wastewater treatment facility (that has also lead to improvements in water quality in Tokyo Bay), and more.

The Minister, who has long been involved with urban development in Cambodia, showed great interest in Yokohama's work.

Yokohama Frankfurt Representative Office celebrates 20th anniversary

This year, the Yokohama Frankfurt Representative Office celebrated its 20th anniversary. On November 15, some 30 representatives from organizations involved in Germany-Japan relations that have graciously supported the Office in its mission were invited to Frankfurt, and friendly discussions were held.



The Office was honored to welcome not only Frankfurt's Deputy Mayor, Dr. Ursula Fechter, but also guests from as far as Berlin and Düsseldorf. The office will continue working in its role as a bridge between Yokohama and the City of Frankfurt, the nation of Germany, and greater Europe.

