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【Mayor Hayashi and female ambassadors to Japan meet for discussions】

Special lecture urges civil action toward 'a world without nuclear weapons'

A special lecture on international peace was held at the JICA International Center in February.



Chairperson of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation and Secretary General of the Mayors for Peace, Mr. Yasuyoshi Komizo, was invited to present a lecture titled, "The role of civil society toward 'a world without nuclear weapons.'"



Following the lecture, audience members shared that they had learned "where we are and where we are headed in terms of nuclear weapons." Another revealed that they "were moved by [Mr. Komizo's] powerful and persuasive message," at the event, which drew the attendance of over 100 citizens and left a deep impression.

Mayor Hayashi discusses empowerment, exchange with 14 female ambassadors to Japan

Mayor Hayashi welcomed female ambassadors to Japan from 14 nations for talks in Yokohama on March 2. Topics discussed included the promotion of women's empowerment, sharing ways to connect with young people, and encouraging exchange opportunities between Yokohama and the represented nations, and consensus was reached on expanding future collaboration on these and other issues.



Afterwards, the ambassadors were introduced to the Minato-Mirai 21 District and shown the progress of the Minami Honmoku Pier development before being escorted to the traditional Japanese-style garden "Sankeien," one of the symbols of Yokohama.



Support program recipients share high school study abroad experiences in public panel

Local high school students who studied abroad through for the "Support Program for Students Aspiring to the World" presented their exchange



experiences at a panel presentation on March 22.

After a presentation by an International Exchange Coordinator from Yokohama City University on how studying abroad leads to both personal growth and future career opportunities, five students who had studied in Shanghai, China; Christchurch, New Zealand; California, USA; Charleroi, Belgium; and Freiburg, Germany introduced what they had learned and experienced during their time overseas.



Finally, special letters of appreciation were conferred to representatives of generous local organizations that had contributed donations to the program. Afterwards, attendees had an opportunity to talk with the students directly, and many showed great interest in hearing more about their experiences.