



【Traditional music performance at African Festival Yokohama 2018】

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African Festival Yokohama 2018 welcomes visitors to experience African cultures

The annual African Festival Yokohama 2018 was held from April 6 to 8 at Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse (Aka Renga) No.1.

The event closely connected Africa and its people with Yokohama, with a wealth of fun activities to teach, share, and celebrate African cultures. Visitors could learn about African nations, experience traditional dance, learn the basics of the mbira and djembe, enjoy musical performances, sample authentic cuisine, browse a market of specialty goods, and more.



Africa Business Seminar introduces economic development, business opportunities

As part of a series featuring selected regions and countries from around the world, a seminar was held on April 6 at the Yokohama Chamber of Commerce and Industry to introduce the current status of Africa's wide-ranging development as well as business opportunities across the continent.



Deputy Director General Kosuge of the International Affairs Bureau presented the programs Yokohama is conducting with various African countries. A representative from the Africa Department of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) then described the current state of Africa's economies and explained the development strategies being put into practice in Northern Corridor in eastern Africa, the Nacala Corridor in the southeast, and the West Africa Growth Ring.

Particular attention was paid to business development activity in Africa, where both the working population and consumer demand are expected to steadily increase.

Further seminars on various topics related to Africa are scheduled in anticipation of the upcoming 7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development.

Sakura Queen of sister port city Hamburg visits Yokohama

The second Sakura Queen of Hamburg, Germany, Miss Anna Almagor, paid a visit to Yokohama on April 12 and met with Deputy Mayor Watanabe. Having previously studied abroad in Japan, Miss Almagor remarked, in fluent Japanese, "I visited Yokohama during my time studying in Japan. I feel quite at home here, since as a port city it has so many things in common with my hometown."



Hamburg and Yokohama have shared a Sister Ports Agreement since 1992, and celebrated 25 years of good relations in 2017.

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