



[Delegation from Yokohama inspects facilities in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire]

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Yokohama, Abidjan approach urban issues through technical cooperation, promote exchange during visit to Côte d'Ivoire

A delegation from Yokohama, including Deputy Mayor Mr. Katsunori Watanabe and Chairperson of the Japan-Africa Friendship Yokohama City Council Members' League Mr. Hirofumi Sato, visited the Abidjan Autonomous District in the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire from April 23 to 26.



The city of Yokohama and the Abidjan Autonomous District signed a Joint Proclamation of Cooperation and Exchange in September 2017 to cooperate in finding solutions to urban issues, encouraging youth exchange, and supporting women's empowerment.



During this visit, Abidjan and Yokohama presented a knowledge sharing seminar for overcoming urban issues, where experts introduced

Yokohama's experience and projects in relevant fields. The delegation also met with Governor Robert Beugré Mambé before visiting a businesswoman's factory and an elementary school to promote ongoing collaboration in the spirit of the Joint Proclamation.



Yokohama registers as Host Town for Israel, Tunisia ahead of Tokyo 2020 Olympics

In Israel, Yokohama has shared a Proclamation of Exchange and Cooperation with Tel Aviv-Yafo to pursue mutual growth through collaboration and exchange since 2012. Meanwhile in Tunisia, opportunities to deepen relations through exchanges were found when Yokohama hosted the 4th and 5th Tokyo International Conferences for African Development in 2008 and 2013.

These accumulated experiences became the foundation for Yokohama to register on April 27 as a Host Town for Israel and Tunisia during the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Through cultural exchanges and other activities with the Olympic athletes, it is hoped that relationships between Yokohama and the two countries will further develop.

Record-breaking 4,700 participants walk in the "WFP Walk the World" charity event

On May 13, the "WFP Walk the World" charity event was presented by the Japan Association for the World Food Programme (WFP), with additional support from the City of Yokohama. Participants numbered over 4,700 at this year's event, which took walkers on a tour of sights unique to Yokohama, including the Minato Mirai district, Yokohama Marine Tower, and the streets of Bashamichi.

The event welcomed special guest and former Olympic mogul skier representing Japan, Ms. Aiko Uemura, and despite the worry of rain, the event turned out to be very festive.



Participants could take also part in a quiz rally set up throughout the courses to learn more about hunger while enjoying the walk.

According to the Japan Association for the WFP, a portion of the proceeds from the event, around 4.4 million yen, will go to programs providing school lunches for more than 140 thousand children in need.