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[Russia Ambassador to Japan meets with Mayor of Yokohama]

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H.E. Mr. Mikhail Galuzin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to Japan, visited Yokohama to meet with Mayor Hayashi on July 9. Newly assigned to the post as of March this year, the Ambassador has worked at the Embassy for many years. He remarked that on his first trip to Japan nearly 30 years ago, he had traveled not by airplane, but by ship, and had in fact arrived in Yokohama.



During their meeting, Ambassador Galuzin and Mayor Hayashi discussed exchange between Russia and Yokohama across a wide range of areas, such as culture, the arts, and women's empowerment.



Presenting Yokohama's urban initiatives at the World Cities Summit in Singapore

Yokohama Deputy Mayor Arakida traveled to Singapore to participate in the World Cities Summit, where she represented the city in the "Mayors Forum" on July 8, which welcomed heads of state from around the world, and gave presentations on the city's initiatives at two co-located events.



At the event held by the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, of which Yokohama is a member, the Deputy Mayor introduced the advanced technological solutions the city is employing to adapt to climate change, such as a virtual power plant project developed through a public-private partnership. She also presented the city's "Sustainable Residential Zone Model Project" to promote revitalization and encourage development in Yokohama's suburbs, where the aging population continues to grow, at an event held by the International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP).



Meanwhile, Singapore's International Water Week event took place at the same time, and the Deputy Mayor stopped by to observe Yokohama's booth, presented by the city's Waterworks Bureau, Environmental Planning Bureau, and by private firms from Yokohama. Additionally, she met with representatives from Singapore's government and toured facilities to learn about their advanced urban planning.

Forum convened for middle and high school students to discuss global food issues

The Yokohama Resources and Waste Recycling Bureau, together with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations Liaison Office in Japan and other NGOs and NPOs working to address food issues, presented a forum for middle and high school students on July 21. The forum, convened in anticipation of World Food Day in October, gave students the opportunity to consider issues related to food on an individual basis through activities such as lectures and group discussions.



TICAD 7 official dates announced

On July 27, the Japanese government announced that August 28 through 30 will be the official dates for the 7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD7), to be held in 2019 in Yokohama.

Official press release here in Japanese: (Yokohama International Affairs Bureau homepage)

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