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[Attendees at the "Yokohama Festival" in sister city Mumbai, India]

"Yokohama Festival" held in sister city Mumbai, India

After becoming sister cities in 1965, the City of Yokohama and Mumbai, India, marked the 50th anniversary of friendly relations in 2015 as Yokohama established its Mumbai Representative Office. On December 7, it presented the first "Yokohama Festival" to promote the city's advantages, opportunities, and beauty.



Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse 16:42 SATURDAY Shopping

Chief Representative Mr. Miyasaka and staff member Mr. Rawat received support from the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai, JETRO, JNTO, the Consulate General of Japan in Mumbai, and other related organizations. During the opening ceremony, the Mumbai Mayor Mr. Mahadeshwar took the podium, and Mr. Ryoji Noda, the Consul-General of Japan in Mumbai, also attended.



The seminar examined economics, sightseeing, and education topics, and stakeholders from Japanese and Indian economic organizations, tourism industries, and academia took part in

discussions, a workshop on product development incorporating sightseeing spots in the city, and other activities.



International Affairs Bureau staff join volunteers, students at 40th "Hand in Hand" UNICEF fundraising activity

On December 15, Yokohama International Affairs Bureau staff were joined by local elementary and junior high school students as well as volunteering citizens to ask for donations through a UNICEF fundraising activity, "Hand in Hand," a program to raise support and awareness for the current plight of children around the world.



Contributions from this activity go to UNICEF projects providing nutrition, water sanitation and hygiene, education, and stability to support the healthy development of children in over 150 countries across the globe.

Through support for these and other programs, Yokohama will continue to work to help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations and ensure that "no one will be left behind."

Experience of provisional staff from Taipei City at the CITYNET Yokohama Project Office

Provisionally assigned to the CITYNET Yokohama Project Office by the Taipei City Government, Ms. Chien-Wen Peng (Cynthia) worked with the office over a period of six months since July.



From coordinating with member cities for the Disaster Cluster Meetings held in the Philippines in August to helping arrange site visits and training in September and December, Ms. Peng served as a valuable member of the office's team.

"It was a wonderful experience to get to be involved with international projects related to disaster risk reduction and help with accepting trainees from abroad," said Ms. Peng, reflecting on her time at the office. "I hope to apply that experience to my work back in Taipei City."