



【Romanian students experience club activities at Minato Sogo High School】

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International exchange programs at Yokohama schools: Bairin Elementary School (Isogo Ward)

A sixth-grade homeroom teacher at Bairin Elementary School, Ms. Mutou, is leading a class on Yokohama's sister city San Diego. Ms. Mutou observed elementary school classes in San Diego while visiting the city during an overseas training program in 2018. She was surprised at the American children's presentation-giving abilities, and wished for Japanese children to similarly gain the skills to express themselves.

Bairin Elementary students are now actively involved in studying San Diego and in sharing school life and Japanese culture with the international community.



Mr. Edward Park, Principal of a San Diego elementary school as well as Director of the San Diego-Yokohama Sister City Society, visited Bairin Elementary and shared in discussions on ongoing exchange and cooperation opportunities.

Additionally, the Yokohama San Diego Friendship Committee visited Ms. Mutou's class in November last year to present a lesson on the two cities' sister city exchange, and answered many eager questions from the children about the California city.

International exchange programs at Yokohama schools: Minato Sogo High School (Naka Ward)

Minato Sogo High School is a local comprehensive secondary school that aims to provide students with an education that will empower them as global citizens of the 21st century. The school offers coursework and various international exchange programs to broaden students' horizons and strengthen their understanding of other cultures.



Along with sister school partnerships established with Britannia Secondary School in Vancouver, Canada, and Shanghai I&C Foreign Language School in Shanghai, China, Minato Sogo also enlists "buddy system" volunteers to assist visiting exchange students.



In July 2018, high school students from Constanța, Romania, a sister city of Yokohama, who were studying Japanese and traveled to Japan as part of a study tour, visited Minato Sogo.

Drawing on their international exchange skills, Minato Sogo students

took the visitors around their school to try all sorts of club activities for a thoroughly enjoyable experience.



Representative of Stony Brook University in New York visits Yokohama campuses, Mayor

On February 13 to 15, the Vice President/Vice Provost for Global Affairs at the Stony Brook University in New York, Dr. Jun Liu, visited Yokohama. During the visit, arranged through an overture made by the Office of the City of Yokohama Representative to the Americas, Dr. Liu met with Mayor Hayashi and with several local universities at their campuses, and took part in discussions on the possibility of establishing exchange between their institutions and on potentially providing support for study abroad or start-up entrepreneur programs.



Stony Brook University belongs to the prestigious Association of American Universities alongside Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and is a leading U.S. school that has produced 4 Nobel Prize recipients and features strong schools of medicine and engineering. It is now actively exploring comprehensive, strategic partnerships with universities in Yokohama.