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【Ambassador of Ireland to Japan meets with Mayor of Yokohama】

Yokohama supports development of manual for designing safer structures in Kathmandu

Yokohama supports capacity building for civil engineers and architects in Kathmandu, Nepal, as part of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) the cities signed in 2016.



Based on the results of the collaborative projects realized through the MoU, Kathmandu is now developing a manual on safe building practices aimed at house-owning citizens. In response, Yokohama dispatched experts from the Housing and Architecture Bureau to Kathmandu on January 17 to 18 to provide advice and guidance regarding the manual's creation.



The proposed manual will consist of three subjects considered essential information for house-owners: "safety management on construction sites," "quality control of building materials," and "avoiding illegal construction." Yokohama will continue to provide input on suggested manual contents going forward.

Ambassador of Ireland to Japan visits Yokohama

The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ireland to Japan, H.E. Mr. Paul Kavanagh, visited Yokohama on January 31 to observe the facilities at the International Stadium Yokohama and to meet with Mayor Hayashi.

The stadium will host several matches for the upcoming Rugby World Cup 2019 kicking off in September, including Ireland's opening game against Scotland. Additionally, Yokohama has been selected as an official camp for Ireland's team for training and preparations ahead of the event.

Ambassador Kavanagh and Mayor Hayashi used this opportunity to discuss ongoing cooperation and exchange between their two regions.



"TICAD Town Meeting" held at Yokohama International Forum 2019

The two-day Yokohama International Forum, held on February 2 and 3 at the JICA Yokohama International Center, featured nearly 50 seminars,



presentations, and workshops.

Representatives of the City of Yokohama attended the "TICAD* Town Meeting" on February 2, and Mr. Nagura, the Executive Director for TICAD at the International Affairs Bureau, gave a presentation on Yokohama's initiatives related to the upcoming TICAD 7 (Seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development) in August.



Organized by the Japan Citizen's Network for TICAD, this seminar invited participants to ask about anything regarding TICAD. In addition, the Ambassador of Cameroon to Japan, H.E. Dr. Pierre Ndzengue, and the Ambassador for TICAD from the Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Masahiko Kiya, also spoke at the event.



Questions from participants ranged from volunteer opportunities at TICAD events to Africa's anticipated business prospects, and revealed a high level of interest in Africa among citizens.