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【Classroom environment at Schule am Ried in Frankfurt】

Overseas Volunteers from JICA make courtesy call to Deputy Mayor Watanabe

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), which collaborates with developing countries to bolster their emerging economies and aid reconstruction efforts, has deployed roughly 1,000 volunteers to regions worldwide since 1965.

Recently, eleven new volunteers from Yokohama made a courtesy call to Deputy Mayor Watanabe, who offered words of encouragement for the volunteer group's efforts to aid in the nation building of the developing areas.

Around fifty citizens of Yokohama volunteer each year, and afterwards many continue to work overseas. Ms. Riho Kawaguchi was among those present when the Deputy Mayor greeted volunteers in 2013. She has since returned to work as a successful entrepreneur in Benin, where Yokohama maintains a Joint Declaration of Cooperative Exchange.

A special article about Ms. Kawaguchi can be found here: <http://africanquest.com/archives/9374>



African Festival Yokohama Opened

"African Festival Yokohama 2017", the annual event that might as well be a sign that spring has come in Yokohama, was held from March 24th to 26th in Building No. 1 of the Red Brick Warehouse. This year's celebration marks the tenth festival since 2006.



The event offered the opportunity to become much more familiar with the wonder of Africa through a wide-ranging menu of live performances of African music, embassies introducing each country, and more.

Also showcased were informational panels set up by the City of Yokohama to promote its efforts to host the upcoming 7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VII).



Yokohama High School Students Head to Frankfurt to Study Abroad

Two high school students from Yokohama, Mr. Go Kuroki and Mr. Michinaga Fujiwara, traveled to Germany for a two-week study abroad at Schule am Ried in Frankfurt through the "Support Program for Youth Aspiring to the World," a City of Yokohama system to support exchange students.

On March 23rd, the Frankfurt International Office hosted a welcome party for the two students, Yokohama's Frankfurt Office staff and Yokohama Citizen Network, the two host families, and others. They also gave a tour of the old government building "the Emperor's Hall," decorated by 52 portraits of the rulers of the Holy Roman Empire.

Afterwards, they visited the Representative Office where the two organizations shared a discussion regarding Yokohama's international approach and initiatives.



Visiting the "Emperor's Hall" in Frankfurt.