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【The First Lady of Mozambique's visit to a public elementary school】

First Lady of Mozambique visits Hongoudai Elementary School

The First Lady of the Republic of Mozambique visited Hongoudai Elementary School in Sakae Ward on March 14th.

This was not the first exchange between the school and Mozambique. The students had studied the country as part of the "One School – One Country" program during the 5th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V) held in 2013, and it was therefore a natural connection.



The First Lady took a keen interest in the students' learning methods and school meal system. She observed the fifth and sixth year students practicing for their graduation ceremony, attended their class to learn about agriculture from a local farmer, and joined the children to have the school lunch together.



Benin's National Water Company Managing Director visits Yokohama

A delegation from Benin, including its National Water Company Managing Director, David Babalola, paid a visit to the Nishiya Purification Plant in Yokohama to observe its water supply control systems and inspect the water treatment facilities.

Later that day, the Waterworks Bureau explained the workings of its water supply "block system" and surveillance operations.

The Bureau fielded many eager questions from the delegation about their systems and purification methods. "We would certainly like to implement Yokohama's technology into Benin's water supply network," said Director Babalola.



The City of Yokohama signed a Joint Declaration of Cooperative Exchange with the City of Cotonou in November 2013. Youth exchange programs and technical cooperation projects continue to strengthen these ties.

JDG members introduced to Yokohama's aging citizen well- being initiatives

The Angewandte Kunst Museum in Frankfurt, Germany, a city with close ties to Yokohama, is presenting a gallery of ukiyo-e woodblock prints and photography from throughout the Meiji era in its special exhibit "Yokohama 1868-1912: When Pictures Learned to Shine."



An exclusive tour for members of the *Japanisch-Deutsche Gesellschaft* ("Japan-Germany Society") was arranged on April 1st to coincide with the exhibition, and as a part of that program, the Director of the Frankfurt Representative Office held a presentation to convey Yokohama's appeal and the city's initiatives for the well-being of its aging population.



Several participants expressed admiration for the "Yokohama Walking Point" and "Integrated Community Care System" initiatives in particular.