

Reporting Yokohama's Major  
International Projects

# YOKOHAMA INTERNATIONAL DIGEST

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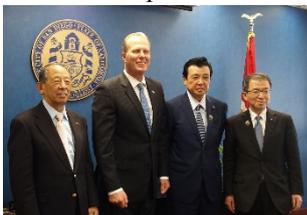


【Groundbreaking ceremony at the Japanese Friendship Garden】

## 60-Year anniversary of sister city relations characterized by diverse exchange resolutions

San Diego and Yokohama celebrated their 60th anniversary of sister city affiliation this year. A delegation including Yokohama City Council President Kajimura, Deputy Mayor Watanabe, and Yokohama City University President Kubota assembled to attend events in San Diego this April.

President Kajimura and the Deputy Mayor met with the President of the San Diego-Yokohama Sister City Society to discuss their long history and how to encourage exchange. Afterwards, they presented cherry blossom trees to the City of San Diego to symbolize the mutual desire for ongoing goodwill and attended the groundbreaking ceremony at the Japanese Friendship Garden.



The Deputy Mayor and President Kubota delivered the presentation, "Life Innovation and Business Opportunities in Yokohama" at a trade seminar, and the delegation signed a memorandum of understanding with a local biotech organization to enable continued collaboration and knowledge exchange. Mayor Falconer also met to discuss a wide variety of topics including trade, education, and the environment.

## New JICA personnel attend training about Yokohama's international activities

A training session was held in Yokohama City Hall for 39 new members of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to learn about the municipal government's international collaborative projects.

JICA and the city hold this training every year as part of a comprehensive agreement of cooperation.



The International Affairs Bureau's Deputy Director General Akaoka gave a lecture that provided a wide overview of the city's international policy measures. After that followed an explanation of the Yokohama Partnership of Resources and Technologies (Y-PORT) and its functions by Executive Director Hashimoto of the Bureau's Development Cooperation Department. There were an abundance of questions from the junior personnel in attendance regarding the significance and merits of the city's collaborations as well as questions regarding the areas in focus and providing an international education for the younger generation.

## Vice-Mayor of Constanta and Municipal Association of Romania (AMR) members visit Yokohama

The Romanian City of Constanta and the City of Yokohama have just reached their 40th anniversary as sister cities, and Constanta's Vice Mayor, along with representatives from the Municipal Association of Romania visited Yokohama on the occasion.



The group met with Mayor Hayashi and held a discussion regarding Yokohama and Constanta's ongoing exchange and collaboration.



Following their meeting, the party boarded a boat and surveyed the port, and afterwards took in the lush flora on display at the "Garden Necklace YOKOHAMA 2017," part of the National Urban Greenery Fair event, at the Yokohama Park.