



[Messages from Kasama Elementary to Suru-lere Elementary]

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Incheon delegation visits Yokohama

A delegation of 13 public officials from Incheon Metropolitan City, which shares a partner city relationship with Yokohama, visited the city on June 19-20.



The delegates toured the Yokohama City Central Wholesale Market and adjoining Marine Products Building and attended a briefing regarding its crucial renovations. Visits to the Yokohama Employment Support Center and other facilities rounded out the tour, and the delegates exhibited considerable interest in the city's various initiatives.



Ms. Hansook Lim, currently deployed from Seoul to Yokohama's International Affairs Bureau, provided guidance during the on-site tours.

Benin Elementary School sends gift to Yokohama Elementary School

A gift to the students of Kasama Elementary School in Sakae Ward arrived on June 20 from the children of Suru-lere Elementary School in Cotonou in the Republic of Benin.



In May, the students at Kasama had previously sent messages to Suru-lere's students, who seemed very pleased to receive them, and sent back letters and hand-drawn pictures to return the kindness.



The Secretary of the Embassy of Japan in Benin, Mr. Uchida, brought the letter and pictures from Suru-lere, and the students of Kasama performed the national anthem of Benin for him. Mr. Uchida gave an easy-to-understand presentation to the students about what jobs an embassy does, and answered many eager questions about what Benin is like.

TV program to showcase Yokohama's livability

More than 87,000 people from over 150 countries and regions worldwide call Yokohama home. The TV Kanagawa channel, "tvk," aired a segment during the broadcast of "NEWS930α" at 21:30 on Tuesday, July 4, showing what the city does to make Yokohama a great place to live for non-native residents.



The segment examined the city's efforts to incorporate multiculturalism through the International Affairs Bureau's initiatives, and viewers were introduced to the Yokohama Association for International Communications and Exchanges (YOKE)'s Japanese language classes as well as heard interviews from students. The program also reviewed systems to assist resident non-speakers of Japanese, such as tablet devices that enable real-time interpretation via streaming video.