



【German School kindergarteners quizzed on garbage separation】

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Yokohama native Ôtake plays for Frankfurt pro volleyball team

Headquartered in Frankfurt, the United Volleys men's pro volleyball team, part of the "Volleyball Bundesliga" German volleyball league, is currently fielding Yokohama native and Japan representative Mr. Issei Ôtake.



The Frankfurt Yokohama Representative Office staff went to cheer him on at the team's home game on the last Sunday of January. Mr. Ôtake shared that he was thrilled to get to play for Frankfurt, a Partnership City with his hometown in Japan. Moreover, he has not only fully assimilated into the team, but also happily adapted to living in Germany as well.



Interview with YCU exchange student at Goethe University Frankfurt

In May 2016, the International College of Arts and Sciences of Yokohama City University (YCU) entered into an agreement with the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration of the prestigious German institution Goethe University Frankfurt, and as part of that agreement, YCU student Ms. Mimu Kaneko began a yearlong study abroad

exchange program in autumn of last year. She shared her experiences so far:

Q. What led you to study abroad in Germany?

A. I had wanted to pursue my economics major by studying in English at an institution abroad. The chance to not only study in Germany, one of the world's economic giants, but at Goethe University in Frankfurt, the financial and economic center [of Europe], was very appealing.

Q. What courses have you chosen to study at Goethe University?

A. I've chosen a wide variety of classes in fields related to business and economics, such as macroeconomics, game theory, entrepreneurship, and classes on the latest A.I. (artificial intelligence) and drone technology. Of course, I am also taking a class on the German language.



Q. What have you learned and what has impressed you at school or in your life in Germany?

A. In my dealings with the University administration and the dorm superintendents, I've found that approaching in person is very valuable, since a lot can get lost in translation in email. I've also learned the importance of actively asserting yourself, especially when you're alone in a foreign country.

Q. What do you want to do in the future?

A. Living in Germany has made me aware of how "thankful I am when others help me." I've come to feel even more strongly that I'd like to become someone who can bring help to others.



German School kindergarteners tour Tsuzuki Waste Collection Office, Incineration Plant

Kindergarteners from the German School of Tokyo Yokohama visited the Tsuzuki Incineration Plant and the Tsuzuki Waste Collection Office of the Resources and Waste Recycling Bureau on Tuesday, February 6.

The students enjoyed taking a quiz on correct garbage separation practices and seeing a waste collection vehicle up close. This tour was part of the school and Ward's expanding exchange program on the theme of "environmental issues."

The Tsuzuki office is working to provide easy-to-understand resources to German-speaking residents living in Tsuzuki Ward on how to correctly put out garbage through pamphlets and other means.

