

Reporting Yokohama's Major  
International Projects

# YOKOHAMA INTERNATIONAL DIGEST

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[Kathmandu engineers in training at site tour in Yokohama]

## Kathmandu, Nepal engineers receive technical training in Yokohama

Nepal suffered a severe earthquake in April 2015 which inflicted widespread structural damage. Under a Memorandum of Understanding signed with the Kathmandu Metropolitan City to support reconstruction efforts following the disaster, Yokohama provides training for structural engineering personnel in the fellow CITYNET member city.



From March 19 to 23, Yokohama invited five engineers from Kathmandu for training, consisting of lectures, site tours, and workshops regarding inspection systems and quality control for both public works and private construction projects.



Sites visited during the training period include Kitanaka BRICK as well as the construction sites of private apartments, public housing projects, and the new city government building. A workshop was also held to allow discussion among engineers from both cities.



## Assistance program for citizen activities that promote cross-cultural understanding or hospitality: applications open

To help realize a society that values creativity through diversity, and in anticipation of the 2019 Rugby World Cup™ and the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Yokohama International Affairs Bureau launched a support program in fiscal 2017 to provide grants to NPOs or citizen's organizations that encourage hospitality and multicultural understanding, or that promote the activities of foreign residents. Through this program, the city will continue to develop communities with respect to the commitment to multiculturalism embodied in the "Yokohama Vision" statement as well as to the legacy of the two global athletic events.

Instructions on how to apply and other details can be found at the International Affairs Bureau homepage:

<http://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/kokusa/multiculture/tabunkahojokin.html>  
(Japanese only)

## U.S.-Japan "friendship blossom" dogwood trees in full bloom at Honmoku Sancho Park

While a warm spring approaches to bring sakura viewing to an end, beautiful dogwood blossoms, another herald of the season, are in full bloom at picturesque Honmoku Park overlooking the sea.

These dogwoods were presented to Yokohama to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the city's gift of sakura cherry blossom trees to the United States. Mr. John Roos, the Ambassador of the United States of America to Japan at the time, visited Yokohama to donate the trees and attend the planting ceremony.



The trees have splendidly grown from 1-2 meter saplings and once again produced lovely flowers that elegantly symbolize the renewed bonds of friendship between the two nations.