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【Botswana Ambassador greets students at Chigasaki Elementary】

## Ambassador of Botswana visits Chigasaki elementary school

H.E. Mr. Nkoloji NKOLOI, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Botswana to Japan, visited the Chigasaki elementary school on July 6 to interact with the students.

Since Yokohama hosted the 4th TICAD event in 2008, the Botswana Embassy has enabled citizen exchange programs between Tsuzuki Ward and Botswana, especially exhibitions featuring paintings by elementary school children from both regions. The fifth such exhibition takes place this year.



During the visit, the Ambassador gave a speech to the students, and Embassy staff provided an introduction to Botswana. The initially reserved students soon warmed to the Ambassador and enjoyed hearing about animals such as lions and elephants as well as Botswana's large yields of diamonds.

The exhibition will open in November at Ben Thema Primary School, followed by the Tsuzuki Ward Office in December, Chigasaki Elementary School in February 2019, and finally at JICA Yokohama in March.

## Visits to Da Nang, Hanoi in Vietnam ahead of 8th Da Nang Development Forum

In anticipation of the 8th Da Nang Development Forum, jointly presented by Da Nang City and the City of Yokohama, representatives from the International Affairs Bureau traveled to Vietnam for meetings in Da Nang and Hanoi from June 24-30.



The representatives took part in the 6th Global Environment Facility (GEF) Assembly and the "Global Platform for Sustainable Cities" side event, and discussed how sustainable solutions could be applied in Da Nang City. In Hanoi, they visited international organizations to request their participation at the Forum and share project information.



The GEF is an international partnership of 183 countries and international institutions, civil organizations, and the private sector that supports development of solutions to climate change, shrinking biodiversity, soil degradation, and other global environmental issues.

## City officials, firms attend waste- water management seminar by Philippines Department of Tourism

On June 25, the Department of Tourism of the Philippines held a seminar on improving wastewater management with regional administrative officials and hotel operators on Palawan Island to address the issue of resort areas contaminating sea water by discharging insufficiently treated wastewater.



Representatives from the City of Yokohama, who introduced the successful precedent of the decentralized wastewater treatment system being implemented in Metro Cebu, and from several Yokohama-based private firms, who presented sludge dewatering technologies, also participated in the seminar at the Department's invitation.

Some 70 representatives made up of Palawan Island administrative officials, hotel operators, and other related organizations attended the seminar, and showed a strong interest regarding the technologies shown.