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【Official TICAD 7 logo unveiled at TICAD Ministerial Meeting in Tokyo】

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Following a joint press conference on October 7 during the two-day Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) Ministerial Meeting in Tokyo, Japan's Minister for Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr. Taro Kono, and the Mayor of Yokohama, Ms. Fumiko Hayashi, in the presence of event co-organizers and dignitaries from African countries, presented the official logo of TICAD 7.

African Development Seminar features experienced speakers, discussions on region's challenges

A seminar on was held in Minato Mirai 21 to enable discussion between university students, former members of the JICA volunteer program, and others on topics such as grassroots initiatives and ongoing challenges across the continent on September 27.



Mr. Yoshida Eiichi, Associate Professor at Yokohama City University (YCU), acted as moderator for the seminar, which welcomed two guest speakers: Mr. Kiya Masahiko, Deputy Assistant Minister & Deputy Director-General of the African Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan; and Mr. Ueno Shuhei, Senior Deputy Director of the Africa

Department Planning and TICAD Process Division of JICA.

The seminar then heard presentations from YCU students on African development, followed by talks by former Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers and others with experience working in Africa.

Journalists from France, 10 African countries cover TICAD-related activities in Yokohama

Members of the press from 10 African countries and France covering the TICAD Ministerial Meeting on October 6 and 7 visited Yokohama to report on its related initiatives on October 4.



The journalists were first briefed on Yokohama's activities in anticipation of TICAD 7 before heading to a local elementary school in the "One Country One School" program. They observed the students in their classes, doing the cleaning chores, and having lunch. Some expressed their amazement at the students going about the cleaning and tasks for getting lunch ready of their own initiative, and remarked that they would tell people back home about it.

Afterwards, the group traveled to the Kanazawa Recycling Center to report on Yokohama's waste management and recycling practices.

International Festa 2018 events feature "TICAD 7 in Yokohama"

The Yokohama International Festa 2018, held in Minato Mirai's Grand Mall Park on October 6 through 8, featured various events, promotional booths, and other activities introducing African culture in coordination with Yokohama hosting TICAD 7 next August. Embassies of eight African countries also took part in the event and presented booths for festival-goers to learn about their cultures.



A record 63 thousand people attended the event. The event's main stage showcased performances of African dance and music, and crowds gathered around each country's booths where visitors could browse and buy authentic crafts and regional specialty goods as well as find travel information.

Many also took part in a special collaborative event, where participants collected stamps themed on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by visiting different booths, which was a great opportunity to converse with embassy staff and deepen their understanding of Africa.

