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[2018 Burkina Faso National Day Commemorative Ceremony]

German Christmas Market 2018 held in Tsuzuki Ward

The 7th “German Christmas Market in Tsuzuki Ward” was held in the area around Center Kita Station on December 8 - 9. Tsuzuki Ward has held this event annually since 2012 to promote cross-cultural understanding and the ward's connection to Germany.



H.E. Dr. Hans Carl von Werthern, the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Japan, delivered an address in Japanese at the opening ceremony. Christmas songs and dances were performed on the stage, and guests could visit stands to buy German food and various Christmas goods. This year's market also exhibited colorful, brilliant LED panels introducing local Japanese and German manufacturers and other companies in both languages to inform visitors.



With its many young families and German residents, the event was a great opportunity to deepen the relationship between Tsuzuki Ward's Japanese and German citizens.

“Burkina Faso National Day Commemorative Program 2018” held in Yokohama

Organized by the Burkina Faso Embassy in Japan and cosponsored by the City of Yokohama, “Burkina Faso National Day Commemorative Program 2018 in Yokohama” ran from December 4 to January 6. Held annually since 2014, this was the fifth year in a row that Burkina National Day has been observed in Yokohama.



The venue at JICA Yokohama International Center displayed an exhibition of art and photography of Burkina Faso and featured Burkinabé cuisine at its co-located café menu.



The National Day Commemorative Ceremony, held on December 16, was attended by over 100 guests. Following an opening address by H.E. Mr. Pascal Batjobo, Ambassador of Burkina Faso to Japan, speeches were heard from Mr. Masahiko Kiya, Ambassador for TICAD from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Katsunori Watanabe, Deputy Mayor of Yokohama; Mr. Ken Matsumoto, Yokohama City Council President; Mr. Hiroshi Kato, Senior

Vice President of JICA; and Mr. Hirofumi Sato, President of the Japan-Africa Friendship Yokohama City Council Members' League.

Afterwards, the movie “Investing in Burkina Faso” was screened, and a fashion show of traditional Burkinabé dress and performances of music and dance entertained the guests.



Yokohama's international collaboration featured in special lecture series by Yokohama City University, JICA

Yokohama City University (YCU) and JICA Yokohama are presenting a series of 15 lectures on international cooperation projects. As part of this course, the Director of the Development Cooperation Division of the International Affairs Bureau led a class on the City of Yokohama's related initiatives.

Since 2002, YCU and JICA Yokohama have collaborated to deliver special courses, with lectures provided primarily by experienced JICA personnel, to show how cooperative projects are developed in Japan and how such work ties into promoting sustainable development across the world. Through the lens of Yokohama's initiatives, the lecture gave students a deeper understanding of both the city itself and international cooperation.