



【Party Secretary Li at Yokohama's hydrogen technology booth at the 6th China (Shanghai) International Technology Fair】

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Students discuss value of time and money at 3rd Japanese-German Youth Forum in Yokohama

"I have a friend who skips class to work a part-time job. When you compare the cost of a college class and part-time wages, does it make sense to miss class for work? Which is more important, time or money?"

That was the topic that kicked off the "3rd Japanese-German Youth Forum in Yokohama" on April 14. This annual event, arranged by the Japanisch-Deutsche Gesellschaft Yokohama (Japan-Germany Society of Yokohama), gives youth from Japan and Germany a platform for frank discussions of specific issues.



This year saw participation from not just Germany, but from exchange students of other countries as well. The candid exchange enabled a deeper awareness of each other's diverse cultural values through the opinions they expressed on the topics like Japanese society, time, and money.



25th Y-PORT Workshop explores Suva, Fiji's potential

On April 18, the Yokohama International Affairs Bureau Y-PORT Division presented the 25th Y-PORT Workshop on the theme of the Republic of Fiji and its capital city Suva's role as a South Pacific island hub and considerable potential.



The Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center, Japan (OECC) shared the results of surveys conducted in February with an eye on the prospects of matching local needs with Yokohama's infrastructure technologies. Attendees also learned about the upcoming Asian Development Bank's "ADB Future Cities Workshop" set to take place in Suva this May.



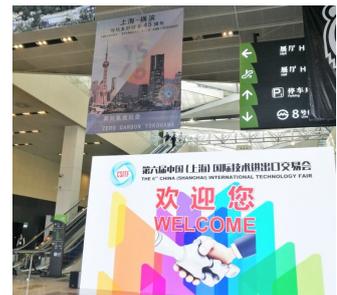
Promoting "FutureCity" Yokohama's ongoing hydrogen initiatives, technology in Shanghai, China

A Yokohama officials presented exhibits alongside private firms from the city to showcase its policies to incorporate hydrogen energy and related technologies at the "6th China

(Shanghai) International Technology Fair" held in late April.



Among the event's 55,000 guests, Yokohama's booth received special visits from Mayor Ying of Shanghai, with whom Yokohama marks its 45th year of Friendship City relations this year, as well as Communist Party Secretary Li. Each firm actively engaged in business discussions amid the event's enthusiastic atmosphere.



Last autumn saw Shanghai launch initiatives to develop fuel-cell vehicles while interest in hydrogen energy and related technology continues to grow in China. With the market's rapid expansion, Yokohama's promotion of its advanced initiatives and technologies from local companies found an eager audience.