



[Waste collection truck demonstration for German School students]

Reporting Yokohama's Major International Projects

YOKOHAMA INTERNATIONAL DIGEST

June 28, 2018

Published by Yokohama International Affairs Bureau, General Division
 Editor's Desk: 045-671-4710
 ki-somu@city.yokohama.jp

International exchange between German School of Tokyo Yokohama and Tsuzuki Ward

The German School of Tokyo Yokohama in Tsuzuki Ward held its 2018 Summer Festival on June 2. The Tsuzuki Waste Collection Office of the Resources and Recycling Bureau as well as the Tsuzuki Ward Administration Office displayed a waste collection truck and presented activities on garbage separation to raise awareness and support for the city's 3R Dream Plan.



The offices prepared posters and other resources in German for German-speaking residents, and adapted a ring-toss game teaching waste separation. Also, the staff took it upon themselves to learn some German vocabulary to help them explain smoothly, like "Trennung" (separation) and "Papier" (paper).

While the children enjoyed the games, a parent who has lived in Yokohama for more than 20 years commented that, "Since Yokohama has started promoting new categories in waste separation, it's become a more environmentally friendly city." Just as Germany actively works to address environmental issues, the festival

presented the students' tour of a recycling center and local clean-up activities, showcased a fashion show with recycled clothes, and featured various other events.

Ambassador to Botswana visits Tsuzuki Ward Office

H.E. Mr. Kozo Takeda, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of Botswana, the nation in south Africa with whom Tsuzuki Ward shares good relations, visited the Tsuzuki Ward Office for informal discussions with the Director General on June 1.



Since the 4th TICAD in Yokohama in 2008, the embassy has enabled citizen exchange programs between Tsuzuki Ward and Botswana, such as exhibitions featuring paintings by primary school children from both regions, an embassy-sponsored Botswana booth at a Tsuzuki Ward Resident's Festival, and classes to improve international understanding.

On this visit, the Ambassador and Director General discussed various topics, including the upcoming TICAD 7 and 2020 Tokyo Olympic / Paralympic Games, and the anticipated performances of Botswana athletes in

the Judo and Athletics sports. A team from Botswana will also compete in the Women's Softball World Championship in Chiba this summer, and the two confirmed their desire to expand exchange in the field of sports.

Yokohama projects introduced at World Bank workshop on urban planning for aging cities

Over five days from May 21 to 25, representatives from developing countries in Central and South America, Central and Eastern Europe, and Asia attended a workshop presented by the World Bank Tokyo Development Learning Center for senior officials regarding urban planning for aging cities, and Yokohama shared its projects and approaches to this challenge.



©Tokyo Development Learning Center

The Executive Director for Reusing Residential Land from the Yokohama Housing and Architecture Bureau, Mr. Otani, gave a presentation on the topic of sustainable suburban residential development with regard to an aging society and introduced the city's Tōkaichiba-cho and Tama Plaza district projects as practical examples of its implementation. A lively panel discussion on the topic followed.