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[Elementary students quizzed at the Yokohama International Center]

YOKE invites local elementary students to visit Yokohama International Center, learn about international institutions

Over 1,700 students from 19 local elementary schools visited the Yokohama International Center during an event presented by YOKE across a total of 8 days during September and October. They talked to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Liaison Office in Japan, which works to end world hunger, the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), which promotes protection, restoration, and sustainable use of tropical trees, and other organizations in the Center.



A series of informational panels produced by the International Affairs Bureau was on display at the Center during the program to introduce how the city contributes to promoting peace by providing support to global organizations, cooperating with other cities around the world, and taking part in international collaboration.



FAO and Sakata Seed Corp. speak to high school students about Africa, food supply issues

On October 23, 320 first-year students of Chuo University Yokohama Senior High School in Tsuzuki Ward attended a "Tsuzuki international classroom" on Africa through the lens of issues related to food.



With the 7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development approaching next year, Tsuzuki Ward is promoting the creation of opportunities for citizens to learn more about and grow closer to Africa.

At the event, representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Liaison Office in Japan, located in Yokohama, and Sakata Seed Corporation, headquartered in Tsuzuki Ward, took to the podium. The speakers explained how many countries in Africa are relying on imports of foreign grains, even while many vegetables grown in Africa are exported to Europe.

By attending the classroom, it is hoped that the students gained a deeper understanding of both the food supply issues facing Africa as well as how companies in Japan are contributing to their solutions, and that far-away Africa was brought a little closer to their hearts and minds.

Charity concert in Totsuka Ward raises awareness of food insecurity

The 17th Charity Concert 2018 "Food for All" was held in Totsuka Ward on October 23 to share the plight of food insecurity facing many people across the world and expand public support for the issue. Proceeds from the concert were donated to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Liaison Office in Japan, located in Yokohama.

For this concert, musicians Ms. Rie Nishimoto on piano and Ms. Yoshiko Kanda on percussion were joined by special guest Mr. Dozan Fujiwara on the "shakuhachi," a bamboo flute.



The concert event included displays introducing the work of the FAO and a box for donations, and helped raise awareness of the world's food issues.

