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Featured Topics

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In the first half of 2007, Yokohama Port handled 1.73 million containers (unit: TEU), which represents an increase of 12.9% over the same period the year before. The number of containers dealt by Yokohama Port had been rising for five consecutive years until 2006, and hit the new record in 2005. The numbers handled in the first half of 2007 far outpace the same period in the previous year, and the outlook is for a third consecutive record for handling containers. (For more detailed data: <http://www.city.yokohama.jp/me/port/press/2007/0906.pdf>)

In terms of shipping routes, business is moving at a brisk pace across the North American routes and there has also been an increase in the routes to Southeast Asia and Korea. The main partners for exports are China and the United States, which account for 40% of exports. The same two countries also account for nearly 60% of imports. The main cargo includes automobile parts, chemical products, industrial machinery and automobiles, which together comprise about 50% of exports, while the top five imports including processed food-stuffs, clothing and furniture comprise 30% of total imports.

❖ Minami Honmoku Pier on good form with growth at 24%

By individual piers, business is going particularly well at Minami Honmoku Pier, which handled 550,000 containers (TEU) in the first half of 2007, recording an increase of 24% over the same period in the previous year. In



order to accommodate the increase in container cargo volume for foreign trade and the growing size of ships, construction of deep-water high standard berths has been underway at Minami Honmoku Pier since 1990. In April 2001, the first phase (the MC-1 and MC-2 berths) began operation. Featuring the nation's largest container terminals, mega gantry cranes which can accommodate large-scale container ships and, at 16 m, Japan's deepest wharf, these sophisticated facilities are geared to develop the port into an internationally competitive hub, and has increased the volume it processes every year. In order to accommodate the ever-growing size of container ships and rising cargo volumes, construction on a new container terminal (MC-3) with one of the deepest wharves in the world (20 m) got underway in 2007.

❖ Cruise ship's calling: No.1 for four consecutive years

A large number of cruise ships are calling at the Port of Yokohama, and it has been the No.1 cruise port in Japan for four consecutive years since 2003.

A lot of tourists visit the port to see those luxury cruise ships in Yokohama, while the City of Yokohama is making an effort to promote cruising by offering opportunity of ship visiting tours and short term cruises to the citizens.

In March 2009, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the opening of Yokohama Port, one of the world's largest luxury cruise ships, the Queen Mary 2, is expected to call at the port.

<References> Cruise Profile of the Port Yokohama <http://www.city.yokohama.jp/me/port/cruise/en/index.html>

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2. The original film scripts to be finalized

Stories of Three Harbors: Japan, China and Korea Jointly produce an omnibus film for the 150th anniversary of the opening of Yokohama Port

Intended for 2009's 150th anniversary of the opening of the port at Yokohama, the Japan – China – Korea joint commemorative film project is taken by the City of Yokohama, and film education institutes in Japan as well as in China and Korea. 3 short films that tell the story of three ports (Qingdao in China, Incheon in Korea and Yokohama in Japan) will be produced to be spliced together into an omnibus film.

The original film scripts for each country have now been finalized. The preparations for filming are underway for the premiere in June 2009.

The production of the film affords an opportunity to develop and promote the image of Yokohama as a city of visual culture and, at the same time, the joint production is expected to tie in with nurturing talent, exchange and mutual understanding among internationally-minded young people.

❖ About the finalized film scripts

Japan	Author	Hiroshi Kozaki
	Title	Wharf
	Synopsis	The protagonist is an old man that everyone calls Mr. Farewell who spends his time at the wharf. The people who come to see him are infused with hopes and dreams and ask him to write a Chinese character for them. The drama unfolds around the old man and people who



come to see him.

China Author Can Zhao
Title Xiao Zhi on the Shore
Synopsis Xiao Zhi is the son of a fisherman who lives in a town by the sea. One day a female teacher from Japan visits his school. Practice for a regional competition starts at the school. The story revolves around the boy, his fisherman father and his school friends.

Korea Author Gi-Heon Kim
Title The Accidental Traveler
Synopsis A young man from Japan and a Chinese woman meet at the ocean liner terminal in Incheon. The film tells the story of the unexpected event that sends them exploring Incheon together even though they cannot understand each other's language.

<Website> <http://www.movie150.com/>

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Western-style Buildings in Yamate - Christmas with a foreign touch

The western buildings still standing in the Yamate District of Yokohama are the vestiges of a past when the district was a residential area for westerners. Still today it is a popular spot for visitors who come here to savor the foreign atmosphere.

When the port of Yokohama opened, a foreign settlement was built at Yamashita-cho but as the number of foreigners increased, the shogunate auctioned off the Yamate District as a residential area for foreigners in 1867. Over the next ten years, the plans for the new town were completed and roads, stonewalls, and gutters for drainage were constructed. Foreigners, who had been temporarily living in Japanese houses, had their houses rebuilt, creating a town of western mansions.

It was not long before the foreign district at Yamate developed into a proper residential district as gas, electricity and water were installed, and churches and schools were built. However, the area sustained major damage in the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923 and almost all the western mansions were destroyed. Buildings remaining today were constructed at the end of the Taisho period (1912 – 1926) and in the Early Showa period (1926-1930's). There are about 70 western buildings still standing in Yokohama.

This year the seven western mansions in the Yamate District that are the property of the City, the Museum of Tennis and Yamate House No. 68 will be decorated with a Christmas theme from various countries. Christmas events will also be organized at each of the buildings. Visitors can enjoy the historic buildings and the atmosphere of Christmas.

<Date> Saturday, 1 December – Tuesday, 25 December

<Site> Bluff No.111 (built in 1926) - Italy
British House (built in 1937) - U.K
Bluff No. 234 (built in around 1927) - Bulgaria



Ehrisman Residence (built in 1926, restored in 1990)	- Ireland
Berick Hall (built in 1930)	- France
Diplomat's House (built in 1910)	- Russia
Bluff No.18 (built in 1924, restored in 1993)	- Hungary
Yokohama Yamate Museum of Tennis	- U.S
Bluff No. 68	- Netherland

<References> <http://www.hama-midorinokyokai.or.jp/seiyoukan/index.html#> (Japanese)



What's On Events & Info

Enjoy the lineup of culture, arts and sporting events.

❖ **"GOTH" EXIBISION** - The best opportunity to learn about and experience "GOTH art"

"Goth art" portrays death and the night, the fantastical, and the bizarre. Today it manifests itself in music, fashion, film and other cultural scenarios inviting a sense of international empathy among the younger generations. This exhibition introduces Goths and Goth art in modern art through 200 pieces ranging from three-dimensional pieces, to paintings, film and photography by six groups of artists who are active all over the world.

<Date> Saturday, 22 December – Wednesday, 26 March

<Site> Yokohama Museum of Art

<Inquires> Yokohama Museum of Art TEL: 045-221-0370

http://www.yaf.or.jp/yama/pdf/071029_release.pdf (Japanese)

❖ **Pocket Films Festival** - Movies shot with mobile phones explore the potential for creativity in the medium

This is Japan's first film festival for movies shot with that hi-tech device that everyone carries on their person, the mobile phone. A symposium will be held to explore the theme of "The Potential of the Mobile Phone" during the festival.

<Date> Friday, 7 December – Sunday, 9 December

<Site> Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music Yokohama Shinko Campus

<Inquires> 150th Anniversary of the Port Opening & Creative City Headquarters TEL: 045-671-4241

<http://www.pocketfilms.jp/en/>

❖ **FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2007 presented by Toyota** - The top club teams in the world clash in Japan

Only one club team can win the playoffs to claim the title. This year, seven teams are fighting for the title including the winning J-League team representing the host country. Kickoff is on Friday, 7 December with Yokohama hosting three matches, the semifinals on Thursday, 13 December and the quarter finals and final on Sunday, 16 December.

<Date> Semifinal Thursday, 13 December 19:30-

Fianl and Third-place match Sunday, 16 December 16:30- (Third-Place match) / 19:30- (Final)

<Site> International Stadium of Yokohama (Nissan Stadium)

<Inquires> Japan Football Association TEL: 03-3830-2004 <http://www.fifa.com/clubworldcup/index.html>



❖ **Shomyoji Illuminations** - Crossing the ages to resurrect a mystical world

Shomyoji was constructed in the 13th century and has been designated a historical landmark. The humpbacked bridge and main hall of the temple will be lit against a backdrop of the hills of Kanazawa, inviting visitors to enjoy the beauty of a mystical world.

<Date> Friday, 28 December – Thursday, 3 January 17:00 – 21:00*
*17:00 – Next morning on Tuesday, 31 December

<Site> Shomyoji temple

<Inquires> Kanazawa Ward Office Regional Development Division TEL: 045-788-7804
http://www.city.yokohama.jp/me/kanazawa/12kurashi/8_7_3.html (Japanese)

❖ **The 61st Student Music Concours of Japan in Yokohama**

- The high point for classical music students in Japan, the Student Music Concours of Japan

Previously rotated between Tokyo, Osaka and Fukuoka, starting this year, the national convention of the Student Music Concours of Japan has now found a permanent venue in Yokohama. Selected music students will make the pilgrimage to Yokohama to engage with classical music.

<Date> Thursday, 29 November – Tuesday, 4 December

<Site> Minatomirai Small Hall

<Inquires> Civic Engagement Promotion Bureau TEL : 045-671-3703
<http://www.city.yokohama.jp/me/shimin/geijyutsu/press/pdf/116omngaku.doc> (Japanese)

❖ **Yokohama Brilliant Way**

Yokohama Brilliant Way is a project, which has started since last year, to integrate major holiday season lights-up events in Yokohama for 2009's 150th anniversary of the opening of the Yokohama Port. Visitors can enjoy brilliantly illuminated scenery of Yokohama.

<Date> Saturday, 1 December – Sunday, 24 February

<Site> Minatomirai Small Hall

<Inquires> Civic Engagement Promotion Bureau TEL : 045-671-3703

This is Yokohama

World-famous Yokohama lies on a peninsula in Tokyo Bay, approximately 30 kilometers (18 miles) from the capital of Japan. Home to over 3.62 million people, Yokohama is Japan's largest city. The city has built its economic base largely through business with foreign countries since the early days of modern Japan. Today, Yokohama is Japan's second largest trading port in terms of volume. The city enthusiastically welcomes foreign enterprises, international gatherings and a wide variety of internationally oriented events.

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