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Beginning Saturday, February 16, the number of cultural exchange events and education-related initiatives held in Yokohama by residents and local university students will start to rise. Further, in line with the theme of TICAD IV, “Towards a Vibrant Africa,” symposiums and other events will be held to explore the role of Yokohama and Japan in African development, and the challenges and potential of developing business related to Africa. (Please see “Events and Info” on page 2 – 4 for more details.)

– About Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) –

An international conference which the Japanese Government jointly hosts with the United Nations, the World Bank, and other organizations under the theme of African development, held every five years since 1993. This is the 4th conference and the first time it will be held in a city other than Tokyo. With the basic message of “Towards a Vibrant Africa,” this year’s conference will develop initiatives for international society to adopt for the development of Africa.





Commemorative Symposium for TICAD IV

Lecture by Sadako Ogata, President of Japan International Cooperation Agency and former United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; and a panel discussion exploring the role and potential of Yokohama and Japan in African development will be held.

<Date / Site> Saturday, 29 March 14:00-16:30 / Pacifico Yokohama Conference center 1F Main Hall

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<Website> <http://www.city.yokohama.jp/me/keiei/kaikou/jigyuu/press/080122.html> (Japanese)

Events Planned by University Students in Yokohama – Africa is coming to the City –

Events featuring local university students will be held to convey a sense of Africa.

Event	Date	Site	Overview
African Time	Sat, 16 Feb. 13:00-16:30	Yokohama National University University Hall 4F	Talk sessions including overseas students from Africa. Other events include Café Africa, where visitors can drink African coffee and enjoy a light meal.
Experience Africa -Come, See, Touch-	Sun, 16 Mar. 10:00-16:30	Gender Equality Center Yokohama	Visitors can experience the games, clothing, music, food, and other aspects of various African countries.
African Festival In Kanazawa 2008	Sun, 30 Mar. 13:30-16:30	Hakkei Elementary School	Visitors can learn about African Culture through a participatory drama on the theme of “African Family and Friends,” talk shows, African music, and other events.
The potential of the UN considered from the perspective of Rwanda	Sun, 20 Apr. 13:30-17:00	Keio University Hiyoshi Campus	A Forum held by Japan Model United Nations Society, a students union. Revival of the United Nations Security Council at the time of the Rwanda conflict, a lecture by Yasushi Akashi (former UN Undersecretary-General), etc.

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African Month

The City of Yokohama has designated the month of May as “African Month.” During this time, The City will focus intensively on Africa-related projects such as symposiums in line with the theme of TICAD IV, “Towards a Vibrant Africa,” and cultural exchange events.

Event	Date	Site	Overview
Commemorative concert for TICAD IV	Fri, 16, Sat, 17 May	Kannai Hall	Percussion concert by musicians from Senegal, and Yokohama.



African Festa 2008	Sat, 17, Sun, 18 May	Akarenga Park	Visitors can enjoy African music & dance show, African dishes, workshop and other events.
Cinema Africa (African Film Festival)	Thu, 22-Sun, 25 May	Yokohama Media and Communications Center Main Hall	Screening African films which has not released in Japan.
African Fair 2008	Wed, 28 May -Sun, 1 Jun.	Pacifico Yokohama Exhibition Hall	Exhibits of the products of various African countries, as well as presentations relating to African culture and tourism.
Africa Symposium	Thu, 29 May	Pacifico Yokohama Conference Center (tentative)	Eminent intellectuals and businessmen from around the world debate the future of expanding business into Africa based on the theme of TICAD IV, "Towards a Vibrant Africa."
"Africa Train" service	Mid Apr. -Sat, 31 May	Yokohama Municipal-Subway	The interior of the subway will be given an African look.

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2nd African Festival Yokohama

With embassy areas filled with information from African countries, an African photo exhibition, a comedy show featuring African comedians, an African traditional music and dance set, an African food court, and more, there is something of Africa for all ages to enjoy to the full.

<Date / Site> Friday, 4 – Sunday, 6 April 11:00-19:00 (-17:00 on 6) / Red Brick Warehouse No.1 Building 2F, 3F

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<Website> <http://www.africanfestyokohama.com/english/index.html> (English)

"One School, One Country" Project

With the cooperation of 35 African countries with embassies in Japan, elementary students of 55 municipal primary schools learn about African countries.

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"One Station, One Country" Project

All municipal subway stations will introduce aspects of African countries. With the cooperation of the embassies of each country, national flags, panels, and tourism posters will be exhibited.

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The City of Yokohama is conducting international aid by donating its pharmaceutical stockpile to areas of need. Starting in 2005, medicines that are still within the validity date are being donated to NGOs after the City's stockpile is replaced each year. In 2005 and 2006, these medicines were sent to Gedaref Province in east Sudan to be used by Rocinantes, a medical NGO working in the area.

Sudan at that time had just reached the end of its civil war and there was still turbulence in the country. However, much of international aid was directed to Darfur in west Sudan, leaving the east parts of the country short of medical assistance. Yokohama's donation of pharmaceutical stockpile was made under such circumstances, aiming to support Sudan's reconstruction. In June 2006, the City of Yokohama was presented a letter of appreciation from the Minister of Public Health of Gedarf Province.

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About Yokohama

Yokohama lies on the peninsula around Tokyo Bay, approximately 30 kilometers (18 miles) southwest of the capital of Japan. Home to over 3.62 million people, Yokohama is Japan's second largest city. The GDP of Yokohama is about 12 trillion 6.8 billion yen (roughly 112.2 billion US dollars) with main industries being electronic machinery, transportation machinery and service industry. Since its opening in 1859, the port of Yokohama has supported the development of Japan's economy as Japan's base for distribution of goods and production, and boasts the highest number of foreign ships entering Japan's ports.

The city sincerely welcomes foreign enterprises, international conferences and a wide variety of international events. Today, the city has 8 Sister-Friendship Cities (San Diego, Lyon, Mumbai, Manila, Odessa, Vancouver, Shanghai, Constantza) and 6 Sister-Friendship Trade Cooperation Ports (Oakland, Vancouver, Shanghai, Melbourne, Dalian, Hamburg).

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