

A vibrant collage of various global scenes, including children, markets, landscapes, and cultural elements, framed by a colorful diamond pattern. The collage features a mix of images: children in school uniforms, a busy street with a white van and red cars, a woman holding a child, a market stall with colorful balloons, a blue building with a tiled roof, a large field of pink flowers, a white sailboat, a city skyline, a group of children in colorful clothing, a woman in a white headscarf, a bowl of dark food, and a large pile of fruit. The entire collage is overlaid with a pattern of colorful diamonds in shades of yellow, orange, red, and green.

Significance of Yokohama's exchange and cooperation with Africa

Yokohama strives to be "a city that grows together with the world" through actions grounded in the principles of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In addition to actively sharing its experience and technical expertise in solving urban challenges, Yokohama collaborates with the dynamically growing cities of Africa to support high-quality urban development, community exchange, human resource training, and business development.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



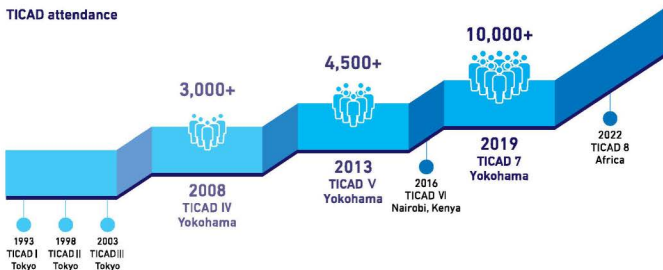
What are the SDGs?

Adopted at a UN summit in September 2015, the SDGs are a set of 17 global goals and 169 targets for sustainable development that the international community has pledged to achieve over the 15 years from 2016 to 2030.

Yokohama and TICAD

Launched by Japan in 1993, the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) is an international forum for dialogue on African development among heads of state and other leaders. In 2008, 2013, and 2019, Yokohama hosted the 4th, 5th, and 7th sessions, bringing visitors from around the world to the city, including delegates from African countries and international organizations.

TICAD attendance



Fostering Harmonious Coexistence Between Diverse Cultures

Yokohama and Africa have strengthened their engagement through the past three Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) gatherings in Yokohama. In addition to the countless community-driven activities that have taken place, the City has also provided local youth—the leaders of tomorrow—with opportunities to learn about African countries and encounter diverse cultures and values through programs such as “One School, One Country” events at city schools, the municipal subway’s Africa Travel Stamp Rally, and the African Festival at Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse. Going forward, Yokohama will continue to host programs for cultivating a deeper understanding of Africa.

Programs held in conjunction with TICAD 7 Yokohama
approx.230,000 participants



African Travel Stamp Rally

approx. **23,900**
participants



One School, One Country

80 city schools engaged with
34 African countries



African Festival, other activities

Collaboration
with large-scale events



Japan-Africa Friendship Yokohama City Council Members' League

This association was launched in 2015 by a group of Yokohama City Council members to further strengthen Yokohama's friendship with African countries (President: SATO Hirofumi). The League proactively engages in diverse activities, including visiting Africa, holding discussions with African ambassadors, and promoting exchange between youth.





Supporting sustainable urban growth

As a city that grew dramatically after its port opened in 1859, Yokohama possesses technologies and expertise that can be shared with the rapidly developing cities of Africa. Working with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the Government of Japan, international organizations, and local businesses, Yokohama contributes to the growth of Africa in many fields, including water supply, waste management, port operations, wildlife conservation, health/hygiene, and urban development. To date, Yokohama has hosted study tours and training for more than 1,000 people from Africa.



Water supply

As Japan's first city to install a modern waterworks system, Yokohama has assisted African countries in water supply development for the more than 40 years since city workers were sent to Kenya in 1976. In addition to hosting several trainees from Africa, Yokohama has dispatched 81 workers to 13 African countries. Since FY2014, city workers have been continuously assigned to Malawi to support water service improvements.



Waste management



Yokohama achieved a roughly 43% reduction in waste over 10 years starting in FY2001. Leveraging that experience, the city provides waste management training to national and municipal workers from Africa via the African Clean Cities Platform (ACCP), which was co-founded with the Japanese Ministry of the Environment, JICA, African countries, and other related parties.

Port operations

The Port of Yokohama is one of Japan's top ports in terms of trade value and number of ship calls. Every year the city hosts trainees from across Africa to introduce them to its efforts and experiences in port management and operation, including port development, streamlining of distribution, and maintenance.





Driving economic growth

As part of its efforts to achieve long-term economic growth, Yokohama runs a variety of programs to help local companies develop business opportunities with partners in Africa.

Exchange Initiatives for Businesswomen

Starting with TICAD V in 2013, every year Yokohama invites African women in business and government to the city as JICA trainees for opportunities to network and share insights with Yokohama-based women entrepreneurs. As of FY2019, 95 women from 21 African countries have participated in this program.



Supporting use of the ABE Initiative*

Seeking to promote networking among people with strong potential to help blaze the path for Africa's future advancement, Yokohama actively supports local companies' hiring of interns from among the African exchange students participating in the ABE Initiative.



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***ABE Initiative (African Business Education Initiative for Youth):** Run by the Government of Japan and JICA, this program brings outstanding young Africans to Japan to study at universities and gain experience through internships. It began hosting participants in 2014.

Hosting business seminars



Supporting Yokohama companies' activities in Africa



Yokohama: Japan's 2nd largest city



Population
as of March 2020

3,748,386



Land Area

435.43 km²



**Gross Product
in Yokohama**
FY2016

120 billion dollars



Budget
FY2019

33 billion dollars

- **23 min.** from Haneda Airport (Keikyu line)
- **25 min.** from Tokyo (JR line)
- **110 min.** from Kyoto (Shinkansen)

A great place to do business, sightsee, and live!

A very popular destination for both international and domestic travelers, Yokohama consistently ranks high on the list of Japanese cities where people want to live.

In addition to boasting an outstanding business environment, Yokohama also offers all the features of a livable city. You'll find beautiful scenery, abundant nature, convenience, quality education, dependable healthcare services, plus all sorts of fantastic places to relax such as restaurants, cafés, shopping centers, sightseeing spots, and more!



The Most Desirable Place to Live in the Kanto Area
2020 survey by Recruit Sumai Company Ltd.

A choice city to set up shop

Yokohama's superb business landscape offers advantages such as:

- Excellent access and transportation
- Many universities and R&D centers of global businesses
- Affordable leases



Column: Yokohama by the numbers



989,665 tons
Garbage Collection



23.6 %
Recycling rate



99.9 %
Public Sewerage Coverage



26
Universities