

## Yokohama chosen for TICAD VII location!

Yokohama has been chosen as the official site of the 7th Tokyo International Conference for African Development (TICAD VII) according to an announcement by the Japanese government.

Mayor Hayashi had this to say: "We have cultivated fruitful technological cooperation initiatives and local exchange events alike through the past two conferences held in Yokohama. As the "closest city to Africa," we will work hard to realize a successful conference and to further strengthen our bonds with its countries."

X Yokohama hosted the 4th Tokyo International Conference for African Development in 2008, and the 5th in 2013. TICAD V, which welcomed over 4,500 attendees, including 39 heads of state and government among the 51 represented African countries, was the largest international conference organized by the Japanese government.



Elementary students learn about Malawian food as part of the "One School – One Country" program during 2013's TICAD V in Yokohama.

## IUC graduates present results of research at graduation ceremony

On June 6th and 7th, approximately 45 graduating students at the Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies (IUC) gave final presentations in Japanese on a variety of topics including economics, politics, literature, and architecture.



The IUC, based at the Yokohama International Center, provides an intensive ten-month program in advanced Japanese to foreign postgraduate students who require proficiency in Japanese to pursue careers in business, government, or academia. Among the Center's many notable alumni is Robert Campbell, Director-General of the National Institute of Japanese Literature (NIJL) in Tokyo.

Originally established in Tokyo in 1963, the IUC moved to the Minato Mirai 21 area Pacifico Yokohama complex in 1991 and has trained over 2,000 students over 53 years. Reporting Yokohama's Major International Projects

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## Tel Aviv University Vice President visits Yokohama

Vice President Raanan Rein of Tel Aviv University in Israel visited Yokohama and met International Affairs Bureau Director General Sekiyama on June 7.



Vice President Rein joined Director General Sekiyama in Yokohama, with whom Tel Aviv has signed a proclamation of exchange and cooperation. The two shared a discussion on the possibilities of new opportunities for exchange and collaboration.

