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Scotland Business and University Exchange Seminar held in Yokohama

The Scotland Business and University Exchange Seminar, one of Yokohama's Policy Bureau initiatives as an "ocean city," was held at the Yokohama City Port Opening Memorial Hall on June 27. Representatives from Japanese universities, research institutions, and private enterprises, 27 organizations in all, attended the event.



Presentations were given by Scottish Development International, a development arm of the Scottish government, as well as 9 other marine-related businesses and universities based in Scotland. Following the presentations, the floor opened for networking, and attendees discussed the feasibility of exchange in the realms of business and research.

Follow-up Mission on the "Africa-Japan Business Women Exchange Seminar" in Côte d'Ivoire

The Africa-Japan Business Women Exchange Seminar, launched in JFY 2013, is an annual training seminar organized through the Japan

International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the City of Yokohama that connects the city's women entrepreneurs with business women and administrative officials from African countries for discussion and networking.



Past participants from those groups, as well as personnel from Yokohama, gathered in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), for follow-up workshops and seminars to evaluate the impact of the four years of the seminar and the training sessions held in Yokohama on the current state of their businesses and discuss new issues on July 4-6.



Representatives introduced Yokohama's policies and initiatives on women's empowerment in the workplace and its support for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) during the related seminars, and relayed a message of solidarity from the city.

Elementary School named after Yokohama native opens in California

This summer saw the opening of Saburo Muraoka Elementary School in Chula Vista, California, nears its neighbor of San Diego. It is named after a native of Yokohama who had lived in the region and made significant contributions not only to the relations between San Diego and Yokohama, but also to those between the U.S. and Japan.



Snow Viewing Lantern presented to San Diego by Yokohama

Despite undergoing hardship during World War II, Mr. Muraoka worked to promote friendship between his original and adopted countries and hometowns. In fact, it was Yokohama's 1957 gift of the Snow Viewing Lantern to San Diego, by his suggestion, that became the impetus to form sister city relations between them.

To celebrate the school's opening and recall its upcoming 60th anniversary of sister city-hood with San Diego, Yokohama sent a message of gratitude and congratulations.