

Reporting Yokohama's Major International Projects

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Yokohama, private enterprises conduct field surveys, etc. to promote household waste separation in Da Nang

In cooperation with the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), the City of Yokohama is developing a model project through the JICA Partnership Program to promote separation of household waste to reduce the overall volume of solid waste.



Left) Final disposal site

Right) Plant converting plastic waste into pellets

During the week of July 24, personnel from Yokohama's Resources and Recycling Bureau and the International Affairs Bureau conducted several meetings and related site surveys in Da Nang City to formulate an action plan and establish recycling routes for the model project.

Eight private enterprises from Yokohama in the field of solid waste collection and treatment joined in the surveys. They were given the opportunity to promote their recycling technologies to both the City of Da Nang as well as to local businesses.

Yokohama deploys 4th training group to support Nepal earthquake reconstruction

In April 2015, an earthquake caused significant damage to buildings, including public and historical structures, in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Yokohama signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2016 with Kathmandu, a fellow CITYNET member city, to support its reconstruction after the earthquake, and has provided training for structural engineering personnel.

From July 24 to 28 of this year, the city deployed a group of engineers and others from its Housing and Architecture Bureau for a fourth time to Kathmandu, where they assessed structural inspection systems and procedures, surveyed construction sites, and provided technical training for municipal personnel. Nearly 40 people attended the training, which was open not only to Kathmandu, but also to other municipalities in Nepal by request of the World Bank.

The workshop addressed issues and solutions in constructing buildings resilient to disasters, based on results of previous lectures on essential topics, such as quality management for structures, and on advice shared at construction sites of houses built using reinforced concrete.

Africa government, business representatives tour City of Yokohama

A delegation of observers from the "Japan-Africa Business Forum / Industrial Tour" presented by the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) took a tour of the Hokubu No. 2 Wastewater Treatment Plant and Kanazawa Incineration Plant on July 27.



JETRO commissioned Yokohama to hold this tour to promote Japan's initiative to export high-quality infrastructure systems. The delegation, comprised of representatives from both public and private sectors from various African nations, was provided an overview of both plants and the related technologies as well as the diverse connections Yokohama shares with Africa.

