

Reporting Yokohama's Major International Projects

## YOKOHAMA INTERNATIONAL DIGEST

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## Industrial wastewater management officials from Da Nang, Vietnam visit Japan; learn from Yokohama's experience

From November 12 to 17, four officials from Da Nang City, Vietnam, visited Yokohama as part of the Feasibility Survey for Da Nang Industrial Wastewater Management Project. Conceived by Murata Keisokuki Services Co., Ltd., an SME located in Yokohama, this project was selected to receive assistance from JICA through JICA's initiative to support Japanese SME business development that contribute to solving problems in emerging economies.

Murata Keisokuki Services Co., Ltd. is conducting a feasibility survey to assess applying its technology to improve the environment in industrial parks and other places in Da Nang.



The delegation from Da Nang visited the Yokohama Environmental Planning Bureau's Environmental Pollution Monitoring Center, where they heard explanations of systems that monitor atmosphere and water quality as well as its emergency response practices. They also gained insights on the city's environmental management methods during a trip to a wastewater treatment plant.

## Yokohama attends CityNet Executive Committee Meeting

On November 21, the Executive Committee Meeting for CityNet, the Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements, was held in Da Nang, Vietnam, and the City of Yokohama attended as President Emeritus and Executive Committee Member.

The meeting engaged the gathered representatives through discussions on solutions to urban issues through city-to-city cooperation and how to best utilize grants provided by external entities, such as loans from the World Bank.



The international seminar 'Investing in Sustainable Urbanization' was held on the following day, and delegations from Taipei, Da Nang, and other cities each introduced their work in infrastructure development. Representatives from Yokohama presented the city's work collaborating with Da Nang in fields such as energy saving and waste management, and advocated the importance of foreign investment in effective urban planning.

## Yokohama shares collaborative solid waste separation and recycling efforts, with officials of Da Nang, Vietnam

Through a framework of city-to-city collaboration, the City of Yokohama is promoting the JICA Partnership Program (JPP) "Solid Waste Management Project for Promoting Segregation and Recycling in Da Nang City."



At the invitation of Yokohama, a delegation of 10 Da Nang, Vietnam officials visited the city from November 26 to 30 to learn from Yokohama's experience and know-how cultivated through collaborative efforts with citizens and local businesses. The delegates heard explanations of how citizens and companies separate solid waste, the 3R (Reduce-Reuse-Recycle) Plan conducted by citizens and business entities, policies to include environmental education at schools, and how proprietary technologies enable recycling of resources.

Through the framework of the JPP, Yokohama will continue to coordinate with local companies as part of its Y-PORT (Yokohama Partnership of Resources and Technologies) Project to promote further technical cooperation and contribute to solutions to wasterelated urban issues in Da Nang.