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[San Diego high school jazz band performance in City Hall]

San Diego high school jazz band plays Yokohama City Hall to celebrate 60 years of friendship

City Hall resounded with jazz on April 13th as members of the Mission Bay Preservationists, a well-known premier traditional youth jazz band from Mission Bay High School, performed to commemorate the upcoming 60th anniversary of San Diego and Yokohama's sister city relations.



San Diego was the first sister city relationship established by Yokohama in October 1957. It is California's second biggest city with over 1.38 million citizens of many diverse cultures, and it holds the highest marks in the nation in high school academic achievement.



African Clean Cities Platform Preparatory Meeting In Maputo

At the 6th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI) attended by Mayor Hayashi in August 2016, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) held a "Waste Management Seminar" as a side event. Seizing the opportunity to approach Africa's waste problems, the "African Clean Cities Platform" was established.

The Ministry of the Environment of Japan and JICA conducted a Preparatory Meeting from April 25th to 27th in Maputo, Mozambique.

Representing the City of Yokohama's desire to cooperate and contribute, Director General Onaka of the Resources and Waste Recycling Bureau gave a speech at the Preparatory Meeting. He announced the city's offer to provide training to introduce Yokohama's waste management experiences and techniques to any country or city participating in the Platform.



Director General Onaka speaks to representatives at the Platform.

Japan-Germany Youth Forum Convened

The 2nd Japan-Germany Youth Forum was held at the Yokohama International Cooperation Center on April 15th, with 26 participants comprising German exchange students and Japanese university students.



Themes of discussion at the forum ranged from broad culture and education topics to specific issues familiar to college students such as relationships and gender roles. The straightforward nature of the exchange allowed both sides to gain deeper insight into each other's cultures and values.



It is hoped that this kind of exchange that allows youth to transcend national borders will form connections that bring the world closer together.