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**[Local workers at new Cebu plastic recycling plant opening ceremony]**

## **New plastic recycling plant opens in Cebu; Governor encourages further collaboration**

Members of the City of Yokohama International Affairs Bureau and the Resources and Waste Recycling Bureau paid a courtesy call on the Governor of Cebu Province as well as the Mayor of Cebu City, and attended the inaugural ceremony of the Guun Corporation's waste plastic recycling plant on May 11 to 13.

During the courtesy meeting with the Governor and the representatives of the Metro Cebu Development and Coordinating Board, the Governor expressed his strong desire for Yokohama's continued cooperation with sustainable infrastructure improvements across Metro Cebu, which comprises 13 cities and municipalities.



The inaugural ceremony of the plastic waste recycling plant was also attended by the Governor, the Mayor of Consolacion, the Cebu City Councilor, and other elite guests. The new facility provisionally uses two operating lines to process waste plastics into a maximum of approximately 70 tons of alternative fuel per day. Its results are eagerly anticipated.

## **Yokohama International Affairs Bureau personnel attend APEC urbanization workshop in Hanoi**

Yokohama International Affairs Bureau personnel attended the "Workshop on Developing the Methodology for Measuring and Realizing the Sustainability of Cities in the APEC Region," held on May 13 in Hanoi, Vietnam.



The workshop, attended by various Asian national and local government representatives, presented case studies of Vietnam's Da Nang City, Singapore, and others for consideration. It also let attendees discuss the use of the Guidebook for Development of Sustainable Cities developed by Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry and how its methodology could address urbanization issues in their regions.

Staff from Yokohama introduced the city's G30 project, 3R Dream Plan, and its international technical cooperation through public/private partnerships project (Y-PORT). Attendees expressed particular interest regarding the city's achievements in reduction of its total waste volume.

## **Kitayamata Neighborhood Association donates fire engine to Burkina Faso**

The Kitayamata Neighborhood Association's Fire Brigade in Tsuzuki Ward presented Burkina Faso with a fire engine at a ceremony on May 16. The donation ceremony was attended by H.E. François Oubida, the Ambassador of Burkina Faso to Japan, Kitayamata Neighborhood Association President Tamura, Secretary General Kusama of the JAPAN-AFRICA Friendship Yokohama City Council Members' League, and the Yokohama International Affairs Bureau Director General Sekiyama.



Yokohama enjoys a rich tradition of exchange with the African nation, such as agreeing to host the program celebrating the National Day of Burkina Faso for three years running. This donation of a fire engine was accomplished with the support of Secretary General Kusama.

