

Reporting Yokohama's Major  
International Projects

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## High schools in Yokohama and Frankfurt become sister schools

Sakuragaoka High School, in Yokohama, and Schule am Ried, a comprehensive high school in Frankfurt, established sister school relations on November 14 as part of continuing partner city exchange between the two cities.



Since Mayor Hayashi's visit to the Frankfurt school in 2011, Yokohama and Schule am Ried have maintained a relationship of exchange, so this new inter-school partnership represents an ideal next step.



Both schools are scheduled to launch mutual student exchange programs in fiscal 2018.

## Former Ambassador of Burkina Faso receives Yokohama Culture Award

H.E. Mr. François Oubida, the previous Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Burkina Faso to Japan, received the Yokohama Culture Award on November 16.

Through his help, a program celebrating the National Day of Burkina Faso has been held in Yokohama every year since 2014, and the Burkina Faso Embassy has actively engaged with municipal elementary schools through various exchange programs. Mayor Hayashi presented the award to recognize the former Ambassador's contributions to building cultural exchange between the two regions.



In anticipation of hosting the 7th Tokyo International Conference for African Development (TICAD 7) in 2019, Yokohama will continue to cultivate meaningful exchange with Africa.

## UN World Food Programme Japan Relations Office Director meets with Mayor Hayashi

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) Japan Relations Office, based in the Yokohama International Center, sent Director Yakiya to City Hall to formally announce her appointment to the position and to speak with Mayor Hayashi.



Yokohama works with the WFP on its projects, such as providing support for the "WFP Walk the World" charity event held in May, in addition to contributing donations through the city's "Yokohama Walking Point" public health program and other initiatives.

During the meeting, the Mayor and Director Yakiya discussed Yokohama's expanding efforts to help reach the important goal described in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of eradicating hunger and poverty as well as collaborating with the WFP at the 7th Tokyo International Conference for African Development (TICAD7) in 2019.