



[New Zealand Ambassador Payton inspects Nissan Stadium]

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Event at Yamate Bluff features Christmas celebrations from around the world

From December 1 through 25, Christmas celebrations from countries around the world will be showcased in the Yamate Bluff area of Yokohama through an event presented by the Yokohama Greenery Foundation. The event introduces the seasonal customs of eight countries at eight of Yamate's preserved western-style buildings, and features colorful Christmas decorations, various mini-concerts, hands-on workshops, and more.



Celebrating 60 years of sister city relations with San Diego in America and 40 years with Constanta in Romania, the City of Yokohama is displaying panels during the event introducing their history of exchange, along with their Christmas traditions, at "Bluff No. 234" and "The Home of a Diplomat." In addition, promotional material on Yokohama hosting the 7th Tokyo International Conference for African Development is on display at Bluff No. 68 (Yamate 68 Ban-kan).



Exchange students interested in working in Yokohama talk to local firms at networking event

The "Work in YOKOHAMA: Networking event for exchange students and local businesses" was held on December 4.

Local small and mid-sized businesses met with foreign exchange students, university-level and above, at the Yokohama International Student House (YISH) for a networking event to discuss needs and issues from both of their perspectives.

Around 40 students from Yokohama City University and 7 businesses attended the event, where they not only exchanged views with each other, but also heard talks both from firms interested in hiring exchange students and from YISH alumni currently working at local businesses.



Some participating students commented that, "Local firms refined their expectations towards exchange students." "Being able to hear from foreign exchange students directly led us to new realizations," said one firm's spokesperson.

New Zealand Ambassador visits Mayor Hayashi, Nissan Stadium

The New Zealand Ambassador to Japan, H.E. Mr. Stephen Payton, visited Yokohama on December 6.



In preparation for the Rugby World Cup 2019™, Yokohama and the New Zealand Embassy have been steadily expanding their collaboration. Ambassador Payton traveled to Nissan Stadium to inspect the location for the final games of the event.

Afterwards, he met with Mayor Hayashi to exchange opinions on a variety of topics, including international youth and student exchange. The Mayor shared that to date, three local high school students have studied in New Zealand through the city's "Youth aspiring to the world" support program. This year marks the 65th anniversary of Japan and New Zealand establishing diplomatic relations, and it was suggested as an excellent chance to cultivate relations between New Zealand and Yokohama.