



**[Yokohama engineers survey construction sites in Kathmandu]**

Reporting Yokohama's Major  
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## Promoting Yokohama in sister city Lyon, France

The Consular Office of Japan in Yokohama's sister city in Lyon, France, held a reception to celebrate the Emperor's birthday on November 27, and more than 400 were in attendance.



On the occasion, the Yokohama Frankfurt Representative Office unveiled a booth promoting Yokohama's popular appeal and sightseeing opportunities as well as its affiliation with Lyon, as the two cities approach their 60th anniversary of sister city relations.



In addition, Yokohama received a great deal of attention through its connection to rugby. Rugby enjoys a considerable following in France, and the French team has been selected to face England in the Rugby World Cup 2019™ at the Yokohama International Stadium.

## Yokohama deploys 5th training group to support Nepal's post- earthquake reconstruction

The huge earthquake that shook Nepal in April of 2015 caused severe damage to many buildings in its capital city of Kathmandu. Yokohama has signed a memorandum of understanding with its fellow CITYNET member city to support its disaster recovery efforts, and is providing training to engineering personnel in Kathmandu.



Housing and Architecture Bureau of the City of Yokohama deployed staff familiar with on structural and seismic engineering technology to Kathmandu, where they conducted training sessions for about 30 government personnel from November 28 to December 1.

On the first day, the representatives from Yokohama gave lectures about reinforced concrete construction methods, maintaining quality control of construction materials such as rebar and sand, and structural inspection systems. After observing public works construction sites, the representatives gave feedback on their site visits and held a workshop where government personnel who had attended the lectures had a chance to discuss construction quality management and inspection systems in detail.

## First Lady of Madagascar visits Fujimidai Elementary School

Mrs. Voahangy Rajaonarimampianina, the First Lady of the Republic of Madagascar, the island nation located off the southeast coast of Africa, visited Fujimidai Elementary School in Hodogaya Ward on December 4.

The First Lady, a proponent for children's education, observed some of the school's classes in session and joined the students for their school lunch.



Fujimidai Elementary School shares a connection of exchange with Madagascar, having studied the African country as part of the "One School One Country" program in 2013, when Yokohama hosted the 5th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V). Further exchange is planned in anticipation of TICAD 7 in 2019.