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[Ambassador-Designate speaks at Burkina Faso National Day]

Celebrating the National Day of Burkina Faso

The “Burkina Faso National Day Celebration Program 2017 in Yokohama” ran from December 1 through 28, sponsored by the Embassy of Burkina Faso in Japan and cosponsored by the City of Yokohama. This event marked the fourth year in a row that the Burkina Faso National Day was celebrated in the city.



At the venue on the third floor of the JICA Yokohama International Center, a photo exhibition about baseball in Burkina Faso went on display from Dec. 1 to 26. Additionally, cuisine from Burkina Faso joined the menu on JICA's third floor terrace café through 12/28.

The main ceremony has held on December 10, and over 100 visitors gathered to celebrate. Following some opening remarks by the Ambassador-Designate, Mr. Pascal Batjobo, speeches were heard from representatives of Yokohama, Japan, and JICA.

Afterwards, thank-you letters were presented to two organizations that had donated baseball equipment, students from Seisa High School spoke about Burkina Faso and international

exchange, and a presentation, along with a video, show how members of the former JICA International Youth Cooperation helped spread the popularity of baseball in the country.



Artwork by Yokohama and San Diego elementary students exhibited at Osanbashi Hall

On December 10 at Osanbashi Hall, the “FutureCity: ‘Picture Diary of Environment,’ ” opened to display an exhibition of 600 pieces of artwork handpicked from among 23,000 submissions. The works, primarily by local elementary school students, depicted their ideas about environmental issues and the future.



As a special project to commemorate the 60th anniversary of sister city relations with San Diego, San Diego elementary school students were also invited to participate in the exhibition.

The San Diego booth garnered lots of attention as many visitors to the Hall stopped to admire the visions of the future drawn by students from overseas and affix “Like!” stickers to the pieces that interested them.

Yokohama International Affairs Bureau joins volunteers at UNICEF fundraising activity

On December 17, the Director General and staff of the International Affairs Bureau, along with students from Yokohama elementary and junior high schools and other volunteers, took part in the 39th UNICEF “Hand in Hand” fundraising activity in front of the VIVRE at Yokohama Station to help raise awareness of the plight of children across the world.



UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) is dedicated to protecting the lives and welfare of children and works in 190 countries and regions supporting education, nutrition, emergency aid, advocacy, and other causes to help provide equal protection for children no matter their country or circumstances of their birth.

“Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all ages,” is also one of the sustainable development goals adopted by the UN, which Yokohama will continue to work to help realize.