



【Signing Ceremony for the Joint Declaration on Collaboration between the Scottish Government and the City of Yokohama】

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A renewed start for exchange between Yokohama and Scotland

The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs of the Scottish Government, Ms. Fiona Hyslop, visited Yokohama on July 4, where she and Mayor Hayashi signed the first Joint Declaration on Collaboration between the Scottish Government and a municipal government in Japan. Under the joint declaration, the two regions will collaborate in the fields of culture and tourism, the marine industry, sports, and student exchange between universities. Yokohama and Scotland will draw on the opportunities provided by the Rugby World Cup 2019™ and the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games, as well as festivals, marine industry promotions, and other common ground to enable youth exchange and enhanced cooperation between businesses.



Secretary Hyslop also delivered a lecture on "International Ambition" at Yokohama City University, where she covered such topics as Scotland's approaches to global issues as well as its culture, trade, and relations with Japan. Afterwards, students were eager to ask questions about Brexit (the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU), Scotland's abundant natural beauty, and everything in between.



Secretary Hyslop with YCU students



Scotland and Yokohama to further strengthen ties through sporting events in 2019, 2020!

Scotland's national team in the Rugby World Cup 2019™ will face off at the International Stadium Yokohama (Nissan Stadium) against Ireland on September 22 and against Japan on October 13. Yokohama, selected as the official team camp for Scotland's team, has also concluded an official agreement with Team Great Britain to facilitate a preparation camp for its Olympic team ahead of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games and signed a memorandum of understanding with the British Paralympic Association on May 24 to the same effect. In addition, the city is registered as a Host Town for Great Britain.

The camps will allow the athletes to prepare and tune their conditioning in order to give their best performances at the main events. Providing the opportunity for the teams to interact with the locals through sports is also a major goal of the camps.

Did you know? Scotland's influence in Yokohama

The relationship between Scotland and Yokohama goes back 150 years, when Scottish-born engineer Richard Brunton designed Yokohama Park, next to City Hall, and the Nihon-odori street. Brunton designed and oversaw the construction of many lighthouses across Japan, and came to be known as the "Father of Japanese lighthouses."

Without Brunton's legacy of achievements in the city's development, many of which still stand, Yokohama would not exist as it does today. Readers are encouraged to seek out a bust of Brunton that resides in Yokohama Park.



Originally the Yokohama Cricket Club (YCC), the Yokohama Country and Athletic Club (YC&AC) in Yamate was a sports club initially consisting of Scottish youths.

It would not be an overstatement to say that the club has contributed greatly to the popularity currently enjoyed by football (soccer), rugby, and other sports in Japan.