



[Talisay officials observe Yokohama's river water level detectors]

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Disaster risk management officials from Metro Cebu, Philippines visit Japan, learn from Yokohama's experience in flood prevention

Two Yokohama companies, Unimation System Inc. and Carbon Free Consulting Corporation, are conducting a feasibility study on sensor units for a river flood early warning system in the City of Talisay, part of the Metro Cebu metropolitan area in the Philippines, where the issue of flood prevention is an urgent urban concern.



As part of this study, three Talisay officials responsible for disaster risk management visited Yokohama in early August. They studied Yokohama's crisis management system and river/road flooding risk reduction measures, with particular regard for alleviating storm and flood damage, as well as application methods for the city's river water level warning units.

Yokohama's General Affairs Bureau presented its system of collaboration with related organizations, centered on the Crisis Management Office. The Office is presently promoting the creation of evacuation plans for facilities with vulnerable users (elderly nursing homes, care centers, hospitals, schools, etc.) based on last year's

revisions of the Flood Control Act. The Fire Bureau introduced its system for relaying orders from its Command and Control Center to the 18 fire stations and 78 fire station branch offices located throughout the city in response to the more than 700 incidents reported by citizens daily. Finally, the Road and Highway Bureau shared its real-time citizen warning system that uses 62 river water level detectors and 20 road flooding warning devices located throughout the city.

The Talisay officials commented on the development plans for a command center in both cities, and took part in frank question and answer sessions and discussions relating to the plans' implementation.

TICAD7 and Dance Dance Dance @ YOKOHAMA2018 at the Yokohama F. Marinos game in Nissan Stadium

A variety of events promoting the 7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD7) were held at the Yokohama F. Marinos's football (soccer) game on August 15.

Three musicians from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and a dancer from Cameroon performed on a special stage and entertained the crowd with the powerful rhythm of traditional music and dance before the game.

At a nearby booth introducing TICAD7 and its location in Yokohama, visitors had the opportunity to interact with

foreign exchange students from Malawi, tap out a beat on a traditional djembe instrument, and collect promotional novelty goods.



During half-time, the musicians joined "TICAD7 in Yokohama" banner-bearers and others, along with representatives of the "Dance Dance Dance @ YOKOHAMA2018" festival, to circle the field and promote the event to the crowd.

Tokyo University of Foreign Studies student interns at the International Affairs Bureau

A student from the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies took part in an internship at the City of Yokohama's International Affairs Bureau from August 20 to 24. Over five days, she had the opportunity to learn about the city's many international projects and observe various facilities.

