

Reporting Yokohama's Major International Projects

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**[Presenting food stockpiling measures at the 9th Cities Summit]**

## Yokohama, JICA, JETRO present Africa Business Seminar with focus on women entrepreneurs, SDGs

The City of Yokohama, together with JICA Yokohama and the JETRO Yokohama Office, presented a seminar in Yokohama on business in Africa, with a focus on contributing to the SDGs, on August 29. About 50 people were in attendance.



Women entrepreneurs from Africa, who are taking part in the "Africa-Japan Business Women Exchange" training program run in collaboration with JICA, along with representatives of related government agencies, introduced central and western Africa's promising environment for business and investment as well as work in the region promoting the achievement of the SDGs related to the elimination of poverty and women's empowerment.

Yokohama, which will host TICAD 7 next year, shared its initiatives to develop international technical cooperation projects, expand youth education, promote women's participation in the workforce, and provide support for the creation of new businesses.



## Yokohama to host Benin, Botswana ahead of Tokyo 2020 Olympics

In addition to serving as an official

host town for Great Britain, Israel, and Tunisia for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the City of Yokohama was registered as a Host Town for the Republic of Benin and the Republic of Botswana as of August 31. The city has cultivated connections with the two nations through previous TICAD events and is arranging opportunities to further deepen relations.



## Officials from Makati observe Yokohama disaster response drills

As the lead city of the Disaster Cluster of the CITYNET, the regional network of local authorities for the management of human settlements, Yokohama is supporting the creation of the Makati DRRM (Disaster Risk Reduction and Management) Academy in member city Makati, the Philippines. As part of that endeavor, Yokohama accepted a request for Makati City officials from its DRRM Office to visit the city to learn from Yokohama's disaster response drills and other related functions from September 2 to 6.



Over five days, the Makati delegation observed the Yokohama Annual Comprehensive Drill and Crisis Management Operations Training as well as the operations of evacuation camps and community disaster

prevention. Additionally, they took part in practical training at the Yokohama Disaster Risk Reduction Learning Center and exchanged opinions and information in meetings with the Yokohama Fire Bureau, the Crisis Management Office, and the International Affairs Bureau.



## Yokohama introduces food resilience initiatives at 9th Cities Summit in Tel Aviv-Yafo

On September 4, the City of Yokohama presented initiatives on stockpiling as a disaster mitigation measure at the "9th Cities Summit" held in Tel Aviv-Yafo, Israel, with whom Yokohama maintains a Proclamation of Exchange and Cooperation.



At the event, which also hosted the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact Global Summit, leaders from across Europe and Africa joined panel discussions and sessions on specific issues. Cities with effective practices were recognized at an awards ceremony. During the "Resilient Cities & Food Security on a Community Level" session, representatives from Yokohama presented stockpiling measures at regional disaster prevention centers, its cooperative agreements with other cities and private firms, and the concept of the "rolling stock method" for stockpiling food items.