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Mayor Hayashi attends APEC Women and the Economy Forum 2018, delivers keynote address

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Women and the Economy Forum (APEC WEF) 2018 was held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea on the theme of “Seizing Opportunities for Women and Girls to Advance in the Digital Age.” Mayor Hayashi, who has attended every Forum held since 2010, was invited to speak.



On September 5, Mayor Hayashi gave the opening speech for the “APEC Business Efficiency and Success Target Award” to honor women entrepreneurs chosen from among APEC’s member regions, and also delivered the keynote address at the Public-Private Dialogue on Women and the Economy, an opportunity for discussion between public and private sectors. She also attended the High Level Policy Dialogue on Women and the Economy.

Both speeches emphasized the importance of women in entrepreneurial and leadership positions, and also provided the opportunity to share Yokohama’s achievements in programs to support women entrepreneurs and the city’s international efforts to promote women’s empowerment.

Mayor Hayashi attends Second Eurasian Women’s Forum held in St. Petersburg, Russia

Mayor Hayashi attended the “Second Eurasian Women’s Forum” held on September 20 and 21 and presented by the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation in St. Petersburg, Russia. On the first day of the Forum, the Mayor delivered the opening speech at the Forum’s seminar on “Women and the Technologies of the Fourth Industrial Revolution in APEC Economies,” and took part in discussions on the importance of greater involvement for women in business and society at the “Russia-Japan: Dialogue of Cultures” on the second. The Forum also presented the Mayor with the “Public Recognition 2018 Award” to recognize her efforts in promoting women’s empowerment.



Additionally, Mayor Hayashi met with the Governor of St. Petersburg and the Deputy Artistic and General Director of the Mariinsky Theatre for discussions regarding prospective collaboration and exchange.



27th Y-PORT Workshop introduces Metro Cebu Urban Development Forum

The 27th Y-PORT Workshop was held on September 13 on the topic of the upcoming Metro Cebu Urban Development Forum.



During the first half of the workshop, Yokohama’s International Affairs Bureau staff shared the outcomes of the 8th Da Nang Urban Development Forum held in Da Nang, Vietnam, in July. Also introduced was Metro Cebu in the Philippines, which is pursuing city-to-city cooperation and sustainable urban development through its Metro Cebu Development Goals (MCDGs) framework, along with the Metro Cebu Urban Development Forum, scheduled for late October.

The attendees then took part in group discussions on three topics: (1) wastewater treatment, (2) energy saving and management, and (3) identification of new projects to contribute to the MCDGs in fields of waste management, disaster risk reduction, urban transportation, river environment preservation, and water purification. These discussions concerned creating “Yokohama Urban Solutions” in anticipation of the Metro Cebu Urban Development Forum.