

Reporting Yokohama's Major  
International Projects

# YOKOHAMA INTERNATIONAL DIGEST

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**【Clock counting down to TICAD7 in Yokohama at Sakuragicho Station】**

## Clock counting the 300 days until TICAD 7 in Yokohama unveiled

On November 1, with exactly 300 days to go until the 7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 7) kicks off in August 2019, a digital display counting down the days to the conference was unveiled in a ceremony at Sakuragicho Station.



In addition to Deputy Mayor Watanabe, Mr. Masahiko Kiya, Ambassador for TICAD and Deputy Director-General of African Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, also attended the ceremony, and spoke on importance of and his high expectations for the conference in Yokohama.

H.E. Mr. Ahmed Araïta Ali, Ambassador of the Republic of Djibouti and Vice Dean of the ADC, shared his belief that the future of diplomacy will rely not only on relationships between countries, but also on connections between people, and also expressed his desire for Yokohama and Africa to strengthen their relationship through the conference.

A group of 20 JICA trainees from Africa visiting Japan also attended to mark the occasion.

## Yokohama selected as a Host Town for Côte d'Ivoire for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics

On October 31, the City of Yokohama registered to act as a Host Town for the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, also known as the Ivory Coast, for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Côte d'Ivoire joins the countries for which Yokohama has already registered, including Great Britain, Israel, Tunisia, Benin, and Botswana.

Yokohama and the Abidjan Autonomous District in Côte d'Ivoire signed a Joint Proclamation of Cooperation and Exchange in September 2017 to cooperate in finding solutions to urban issues, encouraging youth exchange, and supporting women's empowerment.

## Peace Messenger City Yokohama attends General Assembly of the IAPMC

As one of the member cities designated by the United Nations as a Peace Messenger City, Yokohama took part in the 29th General Assembly of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities held in Volgograd, Russia, on October 31 through November 1. Chief Representative Tamai of the Frankfurt Representative Office attended on behalf of Yokohama.



Discussions were held on topics such as the role of cities in promoting international peace efforts, and Yokohama joined fellow member cities in sharing its municipal peacemaking practices. Through legislation passed in June, Yokohama will continue to coordinate with and provide cooperation to other cities and international society to help achieve peace.

## New Yokohama representative office in America starts partial operations, launches website

The City of Yokohama has launched a website to promote its mission as well as started partial operations related to its new overseas office in New York City. The Office of the City of Yokohama Representative to the Americas will promote business cooperation and exchange, with a focus on North America.



URL: <http://www.BusinessYokohama.com/>

While the office will primarily provide services and information for US & Canadian companies looking to expand to Yokohama and Japan, it will also make the most of its location in one of the most thriving regions of the world to conduct research that will inform future international initiatives and policies in Yokohama.