



【Olive Tree Donation Ceremony at Shirahata Elementary】

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Tunisian Embassy Donates Olive Tree and Traditional Rug to Yokohama School

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of Japan and the Republic of Tunisia establishing diplomatic relations and to reaffirm the desire for deeper friendship and exchange between Tunisia and Yokohama, a donation of an olive tree and a traditional Tunisian handwoven rug was made to by the Tunisian Embassy to Shirahata Elementary School in Kanagawa Ward.

Mr. Kaies Darraji, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Tunisia to Japan, visited Shirahata Elementary to attend the donation ceremony. During the ceremony, sixth grade students gave presentations showing their work to improve international understanding, and third year junior high school students (who were sixth year elementary students during the "one school-one country" program held during TICAD V) gave a speech wherein they revealed the experience made them take an interest in the larger international community.



Ambassador Darraji commented, "I am delighted for today's exchange. I pray the olive tree's roots take hold in Shirahata Elementary as if the tree were Tunisia itself."

JICA Grassroots Engineering Collaboration Started in Danang, Vietnam

Yokohama initiated the JICA Grassroots Engineering Collaboration (a special framework for regional revitalization) "Model Initiative to Promote Domestic Waste Sorting G30 / 3R Horizontal Development~" in March this year. The Institute for Global Environmental Strategy (IGES) will cooperate in the initiative, which is scheduled to take place by March 2019.

Staff from the Resource Circulation Bureau and International Affairs Bureau were dispatched from March 5th to 9th for the first on-site project consultation. During the kick-off meeting, a concrete policy was worked out along with relevant bureau members from Danang; the existing recycling route was confirmed with model map; and intermediate treatment facility received an on-site inspection.



It was also decided through this project to establish a site for companies to participate and promote the waste sorting techniques and know-how at the time of on-site deployments or when inspections are held.

Burkina Faso Embassy Representative Visits Kosugaya Elementary

The students at Kosugaya Elementary School in Sakae Ward received a visit on Friday, March 3rd, from Mrs. Aminatou Oubida Cisse, who gave a special lesson about Burkina Faso to the sixth grade class. Mrs. Oubida is the head of Cultural Affairs and Public Relations at the Embassy of Burkina Faso to Japan and wife to Ambassador Oubida.

Kosugaya Elementary had studied Burkina Faso in 2013 at the time of the development conference (TICAD V), and their exchange with the Embassy has continued since.

The presentation introduced the classroom environment, traditional cuisine, music, and culture of Burkina Faso. Many students were awed by the colorful native dress when it was modelled by selected students. Afterwards, the students sang the school song for Mrs. Oubida and thanked her for her visit.

