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6th Asia Smart City Conference program kicks off with tours of local facilities

Overseas visitors were taken on tours of city facilities on October 25 as part of the 6th Asia Smart City Conference program.



Yokohama officials introduced the Hokubu-Daini Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Hokubu Sludge Treatment Plant, and Kohoku Newtown.



University Students from YNU and YCU discuss urban development with experts at ADB Annual Meeting follow-up event

As a parallel event to the 6th Asia Smart City Conference, students from Yokohama National University and Yokohama City University took part in

discussions in English on urban development with international specialists, Asian Development Bank (ADB) economists, and other experts during the "Yokohama Youth Event 2017" on October 26.



This event was arranged as a follow-up project to the Host Country Youth Event held during the 50th ADB Annual Meeting in May this year.



The discussions, conducted in English without an interpreter, covered high-level topics such as smart city development in Asia and the role of Japanese firms in Asia's infrastructure.



Asia Smart City Conference parallel event: World Bank and Asian Development Bank present Smart Urban Development Conference

On October 26, ahead of the 6th Asia Smart City Conference, the World Bank and Asian Development Bank presented the Smart Urban Development Conference for stakeholders from development organizations, the private and public sectors, and academia.



Cities drive economic growth and account for 80% of the world's GDP. The Conference invited lively discussion regarding the practical application of data and solutions to enhance efficiency and effectiveness of city services.



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6th Asia Smart City Conference main event:

Thematic Meetings and Business Matching Lunch

The 6th Asia Smart City Conference was held on October 27, divided into morning and afternoon sessions.



Four Thematic Meetings were held in the morning session on topics in smart urban development: "Waste and sludge treatment in smart cities," "Approaches towards energy saving / low carbon urban development," "Use of ICT/Big Data," and "Japanese experience."



Following the Thematic Meetings, guests attended a networking lunch for business matching. Local Yokohama enterprises displayed information booths to engage guests and encourage discovering new potential business relationships.



Several high school students who had studied abroad through the "Support Program for Students Aspiring to the World" also attended the Conference. Despite being nervous, the students studiously took notes and bravely approached other participants to have conversations and put the language skills they had honed into practice.



6th Asia Smart City Conference main event:

Plenary Meeting



The 6th Asia Smart City Conference's main event concluded with a Plenary Meeting in the afternoon.



The Plenary Meeting's roundtable session engaged the attendees through two panel discussions. Many key ideas from the morning sessions were brought up and reinforced: the willingness to collaborate, building new modalities of financing, utilizing technology purposefully, sharing progress with other cities, and more.



In the closing session, Yokohama Mayor Hayashi and Cebu City Mayor Osmeña delivered the Yokohama Statement incorporating the findings of the conference.

