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# YOKOHAMA INTERNATIONAL DIGEST

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## The 23rd Y-PORT Workshop introduced business matching in emerging Asian cities

The 23rd Yokohama Partnership of Resources and Technologies (Y-PORT) Workshop was held on November 17 to continue its mission to help develop solutions for urban development issues in emerging countries and to promote the overseas expansion of private enterprises in Yokohama.

Along with presenting the outlines of our city-to-city collaboration in Cebu (the Philippines), Da Nang (Vietnam), Bangkok (Thailand), Batam (Indonesia), this workshop introduced the local business matching and joint surveys planned in Batam, Cebu, and particularly Da Nang, which hosted the APEC Summit in November and is attracting private investment.



In addition, the workshop introduced ideas of offering comprehensive “package” urban issue solutions that incorporate high-quality technology and products from Yokohama’s private sector as one of the important approaches in order to promote project development in the cities mentioned above as well as the status of developing the solution packages. A networking session concluded the workshop, where speakers and participants earnestly exchanged information.

## Mayor receives courtesy call from Finland Ambassador

H.E. Mr. Jukka Siukosaari, Ambassador of Finland to Japan, visited Mayor Hayashi on November 22.



Finland celebrates 100 years of independence this year, and in 2019 will also mark the 100th year since the establishment of diplomatic relations with Japan.

During their discussion of Yokohama and Finland’s ongoing cooperation, the Ambassador noted that Finland-born explorer Nordenskiöld, who led the first successful expedition to complete the Northeast Passage in 1879, had in fact made a stop at the port of Yokohama on his journey, forming a historic point of connection between the two regions.



## Sister Cities Anniversary Event a tremendous success!

The Anniversary Event on November 26 at Queen’s Square Yokohama celebrating 60 years of sister city relations with San Diego, USA, and 40 years with Constanta, Romania, welcomed over 400 visitors.



The event opened with musical performances by the Akai Kutsu (“Red Shoes”) Junior Chorus, featuring songs associated with Yokohama and its history as a port town, and renditions of Romanian folk songs performed by Ms. Hiromi Watanabe on accordion and Ms. Yumika Nozaki on pan flute, a traditional Romanian instrument.



The second half of the event kicked off with Mr. Daniel Alexandru Beres from the Japanese Romanian Business Association, who introduced some connections shared by Yokohama and Romania, and guided listeners on a historical tour through Romanian wine. Afterwards, the San Diego Travel and Friendship Ambassador for Japan, Ms. Kumiko Takeda, not only gave insight into San Diego’s best spots and sundry insider knowledge, but also delved into the sister cities’ history of exchange.

