

Raising Yokohama's global profile as a Green Transformation (GX) and decarbonization leader

Yokohama will leverage its hosting of TICAD 9 as an opportunity to enhance its competitiveness and appeal as a global MICE city and to energize its local economy through collaborations with Africa in business and other areas. Recognizing that Green Growth, a vision for the structural transformation needed to achieve carbon neutrality, is one of the key issues of TICAD, Yokohama will also use this occasion to showcase to the world its decarbonization and green actions, and to pave the way for the success of GREENxEXPO 2027—an event centered on the theme of coexistence with the environment—and for the realization of a carbon-neutral society further in the future.

Friendship through art: Tsuzuki-Botswana Children's Art Exchange, an exchange project between Yokohama and Botswana

Since TICAD IV in 2014, third graders at Chigasaki Elementary School in Yokohama's Tsuzuki Ward and Ben Thema Primary School in the Republic of Botswana have engaged in a cultural exchange in which they share paintings depicting their daily lives. The 10th anniversary was celebrated in FY2023 with a special event and online exchange that included production of a video introducing the project. In recognition of the art exchange's achievements, Tsuzuki Multicultural & Youth Plaza and Ben Thema Primary School were awarded one of Japan's Foreign Minister's Commendations for FY2024 on behalf of the project members.



Online exchange



Tsuzuki-Botswana Children's Art Exchange 10th anniversary event video

Yokohama's ties with the Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize

Sustaining the vision of the late Dr. Hideyo Noguchi, the Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize seeks to improve the health and welfare of people living in Africa and humanity as a whole by honoring those who have made outstanding achievements in medical research and medical services for Africa. A former bacteriology laboratory where Dr. Noguchi once worked has been preserved next to Nagahama Hall in Yokohama's Kanazawa Ward, offering glimpses of its past. In March 2023, the recipients of the 4th Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize toured the lab. A monument at the hall bears nameplates of the past awardees. The award ceremony for the 5th Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize will be held in conjunction with TICAD 9.



Visit of the recipients of the 4th Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize to Nagahama Hall (March 2023)



Nagahama Hall in Yokohama (Japanese)



Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize website

Japan-Africa Friendship Yokohama City Council Members' League

Since its founding in 2015, this nonpartisan association of Yokohama City Council members has worked with diverse partners in Japan and abroad to build up Yokohama's friendship and exchanges with Africa through activities such as visiting African countries, exchanging opinions with African ambassadors to Japan, hosting lectures, and fostering international understanding among younger generations (President: SATO Hirofumi).



Visit to an elementary school in Côte d'Ivoire (April 2018)



Friendly football match with the African Diplomatic Corps in Tokyo (May 2018)

Yokohama: Japan's 2nd largest city



- 23 min. from Haneda Airport (Keikyu line)
- 25 min. from Tokyo (JR line)
- 110 min. from Kyoto (Shinkansen)

A great place to do business, sightsee, and live!

A very popular destination for both international and domestic travelers, Yokohama consistently ranks high on the list of Japanese cities where people want to live.

In addition to boasting an outstanding business environment, Yokohama also offers all the features of a livable city. You'll find beautiful scenery, abundant nature, convenience, quality education, dependable healthcare services, plus all sorts of fantastic places to relax such as restaurants, cafés, shopping centers, sightseeing spots, and more!

A choice city to set up shop

Yokohama's superb business landscape offers advantages such as:

- Excellent access and transportation
- Many universities and R&D centers of global businesses
- Affordable leases

Column: Yokohama by the numbers



969,341 tons
Garbage Collection
FY2021



23.2%
Recycling rate
FY2021



100%
Public Sewerage Coverage
FY2022



28
Universities
as of July 2024

Population as of July 2024 **3,772,190**

Land Area **438.01** km²

Gross Product in Yokohama FY2021 **14.6** trillion yen

Budget FY2024 **3.2** trillion yen



The Most Desirable Place to Live in the Kanto Area 2024 Survey by Recruit Co., Ltd.



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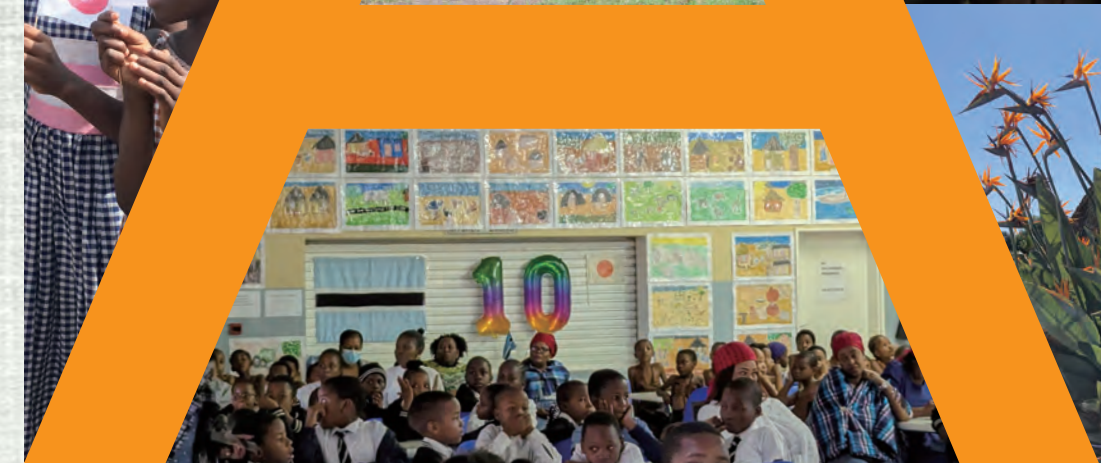
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Yokohama-Africa exchanges

Yokohama aspires to be an international city of choice aligned with the SDGs and other global ideals. As part of this commitment, the city has engaged in friendly exchanges with African countries since TICAD IV. Also, Yokohama shares with them its experience and technologies in resolving urban challenges, seeking to help advance high-quality urban development and growth in Africa. Looking ahead to TICAD 9 in 2025, Yokohama is further enhancing and strengthening its initiatives for exchange and cooperation with Africa while linking these to actions for cultivating the next generation, energizing the city's economy, and boosting Yokohama's presence as an international city of choice.

Achievements of Yokohama's past three hostings of TICAD

Yokohama and TICAD

TICAD, the Tokyo International Conference on African Development, has been co-hosted under Japan's leadership since 1993, together with the UN, the UNDP, the World Bank, and the African Union Commission. It brings together African heads of state, other leaders, and diverse experts to discuss development in Africa. Yokohama has hosted the conference three times—the 4th in 2008, the 5th in 2013, and the 7th in 2019—and is preparing to do so for a fourth time with TICAD 9, scheduled for August 20-22, 2025. As a host city, Yokohama works with local residents and businesses to warmly welcome participants and help facilitate the smooth and safe running of the conference. At the same time, Yokohama strives to deepen its engagement with Africa by pursuing exchanges and collaborations as "the closest city to Africa."



Yokohama TICAD9 special website

Past hostings and their economic ripple effects*

■ TICAD IV

Dates: May 28-30, 2008
Attendance: Over 3,000, including representatives from 51 African countries
Ripple effect on Yokohama's economy: 1.57 billion yen



Courtesy of MOFA

■ TICAD V

Dates: June 1-3, 2013
Attendance: Over 4,500, including representatives from 51 African countries
Ripple effect on Yokohama's economy: 2.15 billion yen



Courtesy of MOFA

■ TICAD 7

Dates: August 28-30, 2019
Attendance: Over 10,000, including representatives from 53 African countries
This made it one of the largest international conferences held in Japan.
Ripple effect on Yokohama's economy: 2.77 billion yen



Courtesy of MOFA

*Based on the Japan Tourism Agency's "Simplified Model for Measuring the Economic Ripple Effects of Hosting MICE."

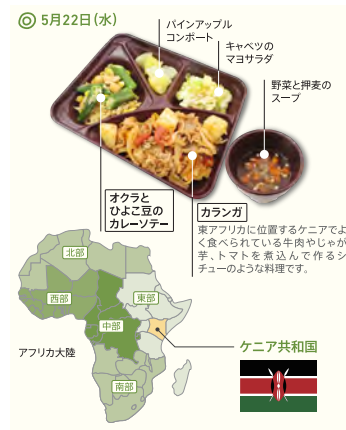
Fostering the next generation of international talent and creating an inclusive society

TICAD IV marked the beginning of exchanges between Africa and elementary and junior high schools in Yokohama, and participation grew with further exchanges held in conjunction with TICAD V and 7. A total of more than 200 schools have taken part in these projects. Yokohama will continue contributing to the growth and preservation of its friendships with Africa and to the fostering of international talent.

Since FY2023, these exchanges have also included activities for deepening the students' international understanding through hands-on African experiences, such as the serving of African dishes in junior high school lunches.



JICA's former Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer introduced about Egypt (Kosugaya Elementary School) (June 2023)



Serving of Kenyan home-style dishes in junior high school lunches (May 2024)

Creating and expanding business opportunities

Hosting business seminars

Yokohama co-hosts the African Business Seminar with JETRO and other partners to introduce local companies to the African business environment and examples of business relationships that Yokohama companies have established in Africa.



Seminar in Yokohama (May 2024)

Promoting women's entrepreneurship in Africa

Since TICAD V in 2013, Yokohama has annually hosted African women in business and government as JICA trainees, providing them with business startup seminars and tours of local facilities. As of FY2023, over 140 women from 29 countries had participated in this program.



Japan-Africa Business Woman Exchange Program (March 2024)

Yokohama's partners

YUSA (YOKOHAMA URBAN SOLUTION ALLIANCE)

YUSA is an organization that aims to promote international cooperation through public-private partnerships and create business opportunities for local companies by solving urban issues in emerging countries.



YUSA website

Supporting use of the "ABE Initiative"

Seeking to promote networking among people with strong potential to help blaze the path for Africa's future advancement, Yokohama actively supports local companies' hiring of interns from among African students participating in the "ABE Initiative".



Internship at HINODE SANGYO CO., LTD.(August 2019)

*African Business Education Initiative for Youth(ABE Initiative): Run by the Government of Japan and JICA, this industrial human resource development program provides young Africans with opportunities to earn Master's degrees at Japanese universities and to participate in internships and human exchanges at Japanese companies.

Supporting Yokohama companies' activities in Africa

Yokohama uses its intercity partnerships and other cooperative relationships with Africa to support Yokohama companies' activities in Africa. Members of the city's International Affairs Bureau have traveled to Africa with local business representatives to engage in PR efforts for cultivating good relationships and business networks between Yokohama and Africa.



Seminar in Côte d'Ivoire (July 2019)

IDEC Yokohama

(Yokohama Industrial Development Corporation)

IDEC Yokohama provides consultation to local companies interested in pursuing business opportunities outside Japan, including in Africa. It also disseminates information through seminars and other channels, and runs a program offering financial assistance for participation in overseas trade shows.



IDEC website

Yokohama is ramping up its international cooperation

As a city that achieved tremendous growth following the opening of its port to international trade in 1859, Yokohama possesses technologies and expertise that can be put to good use in rapidly growing African cities. Working together with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), governments, international organizations, and Yokohama businesses, the city government contributes to the growth of Africa through projects in water supply, waste disposal, port operations, wildlife protection, health/sanitation, and other facets of urban development. To date, more than 1,400 people from Africa have visited Yokohama for technical tours and training.



Water supply

As Japan's first city to install modern waterworks, Yokohama has assisted African countries in water supply development since it first dispatched city workers to Kenya in 1976. As of March 31, 2024, Yokohama, had hosted 729 trainees from 47 African countries and sent 90 city employees to 13 African countries. Municipal workers have been continuously dispatched to Malawi in particular, where their activities have included support for JICA technical cooperation projects.



Training of African engineers in Yokohama (October 2023)



Activities in Malawi (July 2024)

Waste management

Yokohama achieved a roughly 43% reduction in waste over 10 years starting in FY2001. Leveraging that experience, the city provides waste management training to national and municipal workers from Africa via the African Clean Cities Platform (ACCP), which was co-founded with the Japanese Ministry of the Environment, JICA, African countries, and other related parties.



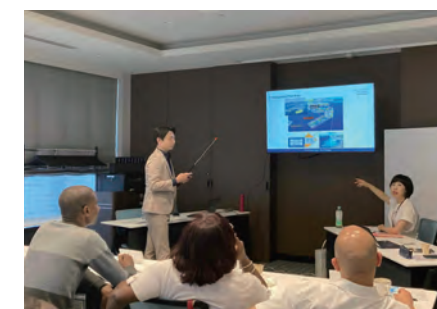
Visit to the collection office (July 2023)



Explanation of collection operations (December 2023)

Port operations

Every year Yokohama hosts representatives from across Africa for port operations training and tours. The lectures provide an introduction to the Port of Yokohama, including its development, port planning, logistics measures, and efforts to become carbon neutral, and the tours inspect facilities such as container and cruise terminals. In FY2023, 29 participants from 13 countries took part in the training and tours.



Training of engineers from Namibia (September 2023)



Visit to the Osanbashi Pier (June 2023)