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Vancouver Shin Asahi Players Show UP

The Vancouver Shin Asahi, a Japanese Canadian youth baseball team, visited the Japanese Overseas Migration Museum in March. The team was recently reunited after being inspired by the Vancouver Asahi, which has been featured in books, comics and movies and attracted public attention. At the museum's current special exhibition (until May 10, 2015), "Let's go together from Kishu! – Emigrants from Wakayama spread around the world", the photos including the 1926 Vancouver Asahi team members and their home field, Oppenheimer Park (Powell ground), are displayed at the section, which introduces migration to Canada. The Vancouver Shin Asahi team stayed in Yokohama and played a friendship game with a little

senior team from Yokohama and made a courtesy visit to Yokohama Mayor Hayashi and Canadian Embassy in Tokyo as the project commemorating the 50th anniversary of Yokohama-Vancouver sister-city relationship.



Visit Home to Bali Mynah, West Bali National Park

Twelve years have already passed since a project to conserve endangered Bali Mynah started in cooperation with West Bali National Park, an only national park in Bali, Indonesia, Preservation and Research Center of Yokohama City (PRC) and JICA. In the Breeding Center of west Bali National Park, the collaboration turned out to be 44 baby birds' healthy growth and the start of "soft release" from last year to release the birds after the habituation training to the natural environment. Of



the 14 birds released last year, we could observe 3 pairs were breeding their active babies after their reproduction in the wild. Furthermore, we identified that a released bird and a wild bird paired up and nurtured their new life. It will not be long until a flock of Bali Mynahs fly over the West Bali National Park.



Come to West Bali National Park!

In Sumberklampok surrounded by West Bali National Park, staff of the National park and i-i-network (a general incorporated foundation in Kawasaki City) collaborate with their residents to promote village tourism, which establishes preservation of biodiversity of the park as well as the improvement of the community's livelihood. One of the activities, the English tour guide seminar collects young participants from 10's to 30's to create employment in the village, where many young people are unemployed. A young participant who has been earning his living by illegal logging in forests gave us a tour of main attractions of the village vigorously using the village's pictorial map made by themselves. He told us that he found tourism promotion will be more productive than illegal logging in the future and it will be of mutual benefit to both himself and the village.



Yokohama City Helps Sewage Works in Hanoi, Vietnam

JICA Yokohama utilizes Yokohama City's experience to improve sewage works in Hanoi, the capital city of Vietnam. The plant, which started to operate only 10 years ago, needs knowledge and experience for its operation. In March, Yokohama City officials and 13 participants from the private sector visited Hanoi City to give guidance on the operation of the sewage plant and help create an operational manual. The group also held a seminar to introduce Japanese technology. These activities make a significant contribution to improve hygiene in Hanoi City, which needs further expansion of sewage facilities.



A Company in Yokohama Works Hard in India !

Bangalore City in India is short of 500,000 tons of water per day (which is for 2.5 million people provided daily water consumption per person is 200 liters) and securing more water is an issue. Meanwhile, water leakage due to the breakage or the connection failure of water pipes affect the loss of water. Suidou Technical Service Co. Ltd in Asahi Ward, Yokohama City, conducted the first field investigation in the Bangalore City in March 2015, in order to contribute to the city's water leakage detection utilizing their jointly-developed automatic water leakage sensor and the detection technology gained through their years of experience. This project has been implemented from March 2015 to February 2017 as a JICA's "Dissemination and Demonstration Project" to support SMEs (Small and Medium-sized Enterprises).



Interview with Middle School Students of Japanese Descent Visiting Japan!

For one month from January, 37 Nikkei middle-school students from Argentina, Paraguay, Peru, Brazil and Bolivia attended the seminar in JICA Yokohama on the development of next generation in Japanese communities. The interviewees are Komori-san from Brazil and Chibana-san from Bolivia, who are both fluent in Japanese. In their home country, they study hard in a local school in the morning and a Japanese language school in the afternoon.

Komori-san from Brazil



Japan is very different from what I imaged. What surprised me was roads are paved, clean and easy to walk without trash. Also, there are many stores, so I could get anything I need quickly.

Through my experience in the Japanese junior-high school, I was impressed with the custom to change their shoes to indoor shoes when go into the school building. In Brazil, inside the school building is dirty because we do not have such custom. I realized that cleaning is carefully done. Everybody observes the school regulations and seriously listens to their classes. I think it should be normal, but many students in Brazil do not keep the rules, including drinking and eating in school. I would like to go to Japanese collage and study Japanese local culture and local language. I also would like to stay long in Japan and experience Japan's four seasons.

Chibana-san from Bolivia



What surprised me in Japan was that the Japanese are always punctual. In Bolivia, there is, of course, a timetable, but a delay of 30 minutes is regarded as normal and everyone gets used to it. I am always impressed with Japanese people's good manners, such as keeping to one side of the road when they are walking and waiting their turn. In Bolivia, many people do not keep manners. I would like to learn the importance of good manners and humble attitudes starting with familiar things with conscious effort. My goal is to study in a Japanese college and become an actress. While sending messages to people in Japan that there is a Japanese descent in Bolivia, I would like Japanese people to know more about Bolivia's good things.

To Improve Quality of Seafood Products in Maldives



To provide technical support to the participants of the "Planning of Fisheries Community Development", a fisheries sector training course in JICA Yokohama, after their returning to their home, Maldives, 2 instructors from IC Net Limited, which was entrusted with the training were sent to Maldives. Maldives, located in South Asia, is an island nation in the Indian Ocean consisting of about 1,200 islands. The fisheries industry is the islands' second major industry after tourism. The annual fish consumption per person is 144kg, which is the largest in the world. The trainees who have returned to Maldives are working for the project to improve the quality of processed bonito (Maldivian fish) products, such as dried bonito. In their destination, Gemanafushi island, the trainees conducted field surveys and workshops for those concerned with fisheries, processing and shipping using the survey method learned in Japan. As a result, they could modify the original project planning to more closely fit the actual conditions.



Conducted "Safety Water" Supply Project for Hue Province, Vietnam

Yokohama Waterworks Bureau and JICA conduct Vietnam-Yokohama "Safety Water" Supply Management Project in collaboration with the Yokohama Water Business Conference. The project targets Thua Thien Hue Construction and Water Supply Company and will be carried out until November 2016. The project aims to demonstrate the effectiveness of the private sector's technologies needed by the water supply businesses in Southern Central Vietnam and develop a water business network in the public and private sectors in Japan and Vietnam.

A seminar to introduce technologies of participating companies will be held in June this year.



Teachers Finished Overseas Training Program



The project completion ceremony for 10 teachers dispatched to Tanzania in August 2014 was held in February. Teachers received their completion certificate commented that they would like to develop education for international understanding and the development education at their schools utilizing what they learned and ties built in this program.



Yokohama International Forum 2015

Yokohama International Forum is an event to disseminate information about international cooperation and exchange from Yokohama. Through seminars and workshops, the forum widely introduces activities of groups that engages in efforts including international cooperation, international



exchange and the support of foreign residents. This year, the forum was held on February 7 (Sat) and 8 (Sun) in JICA Yokohama. The 54 courses of the seminar collected nearly 1,700 participants.

