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Reception at Iikura Guest House



Akaushi Beef tasting



Yosakoi Naruko Dance

On February 19, a reception was co-hosted by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Governor of Kochi Prefecture at the Iikura Guest House. At the event, the Prefecture engaged in promotion of its various attractions such as tourism, food, traditional crafts, disaster prevention technology, and a unique style of group dance “Yosakoi Naruko Dance”.

Diplomats' Study Tour to Asakusa District



Stroll around Senso-ji Temple



Hozomon Gate, Senso-ji Temple

On February 21, the Ministry and Taito City, Tokyo jointly organized a study tour to Asakusa District, targeted to diplomats stationed in Japan, in order to deepen their understanding towards the district. The diplomats from 18 countries visited culture and tourism-related facilities located in Asakusa.

Local Partnership Cooperation Forum



Diplomatic policy briefing session



Sectional meeting session



Networking session

The Ministry held a Local Partnership Cooperation Forum with a view to support the internationalization of local governments and municipalities on January 18. The first part was dedicated to explanation of Japan's diplomatic policy and at the second part, participants were divided into four sub-groups to discuss each subject. At the third part, a buffet networking session hosted by Deputy Vice-Minister, delegates from municipalities, Embassies in Japan, central ministries and agencies exchanged opinions.

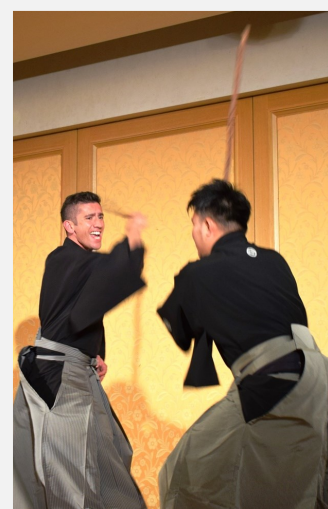
From the Seminar

Learn more about the regions participated in our Regional Promotion Seminar on December 11, 2017 !

The town that raised Saigo Takamori — inspiration for the movie "The Last Samurai"

Kagoshima City in Kagoshima Prefecture

2018 marks 150 years since the Meiji Restoration, and one of its biggest heroes - “Last Samurai” Saigo Takamori was born in Kagoshima City. The guests were introduced to the culture and history of Kagoshima through the last samurais, its beautiful natural surroundings - including active volcano Sakurajima, and delicious local food and drink. A demonstration of Jigen-ryu, one of Japan's most feared and secretive schools of swordsmanship also took place at the Seminar.



A demonstration of Jigen-ryu at the Regional Promotion Seminar on December 11, 2017.

For more information

VIDEO:
[Kagoshima Time \(morning\)](#)

