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Diplomat's Study Tour in Sado City, Niigata Prefecture



Group photo with Governor Hanazumi and Mayor Watanabe of Sado City



Group photo with "Doyu no Warito" of Sado Island Gold Mines site background



Experience of Gold smelting process at the former Sado Magistrate's Office

On October 12 and 13, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan conducted Diplomat's Study Tour together with Niigata Prefecture and Sado City with the participation of 13 ambassadors and others from 10 countries. The diplomatic corps visited the facilities to experience the cultural value and history of the Sado Island Gold Mines, which is being nominated for the inscription on the World Heritage List. Diverse regional attractions including Sado's culture and histories, its cuisine, traditional performing arts, nature, were promoted to the diplomats.

Regional Promotion Seminar 2023



Presentation by each local government (From top left, Nara Prefecture, Shizuoka Prefecture, Koriyama City, and Ishioka City)



Participants at booths set by each local government (From top left, Nara Prefecture, Shizuoka Prefecture, Koriyama City and Ishioka City)



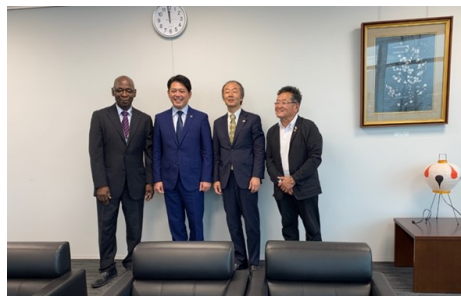
Participants interacting with local government officials at booths and stage performances (From top left, Ishioka City, Shizuoka Prefecture, Nara Prefecture and Koriyama City)

On October 19, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted the Regional Promotion Seminar 2023 jointly with the local governments of Nara Prefecture, Shizuoka Prefecture, Koriyama City (Fukushima Prefecture) and Ishioka City (Ibaraki Prefecture) in Tokyo, and 120 participants including Ambassadors and other representatives attended. Each local government made a presentation to the participants on its local industry, tourism, local products, among others and introduced the various attractions of each region through booth displays and stage performances.

Exchange between Japan and Cote d'Ivoire in Gifu Prefecture



Meeting with Mayor Ozeki of Seki City



With Mayor Shibahashi of Gifu City, Mr. Sugiyama, a president of NPO related to Gifu and Cote d'Ivoire



With people from Cote d'Ivoire living in the vicinity of Gifu City

In November 2023, Ambassador Ikkatai of Japan in Cote d'Ivoire visited with Mayor Ozeki of Seki City, Gifu Prefecture, and Mayor Shibashi of Gifu City respectively and exchanged views on the expansion of exchange between the two cities in Gifu Prefecture and Cote d'Ivoire.

Vatican and Shiga Prefecture connected by a folding screen



Handing out of the letter written by the Governor of Shiga Prefecture from Vice Governor Osugi of Shiga Prefecture to Peña Parra, Substitute for General Affairs of the Secretariat of State



Courtesy call on the Director of the Mantovani Library paid by the President of the Prefectural Assembly of Shiga, Okumura in front of the frescoes depicting the Tensho Boys' Mission in November

Shiga Prefecture has been working on a project to restore the "Azuchi Castle" using digital technology with a goal of the 450th anniversary of the castle in 2026. The "Mt. Azuchi folding screen" depicting the exterior of Azuchi Castle is believed to be the key to this project, but its whereabouts have been unknown for many years. The Vice Governor of Shiga Prefecture and the Chairperson of the Prefectural Assembly visited the Vatican to request cooperation on investigating this screen.

Exchange through hot springs between Beppu City and Vichy City, France



Mayor Nagano of Beppu City and Vice mayor Binyon of Vichy City



"Thermes les Dômes", thermal bath of Vichy



Meeting between mayor Nagano of Beppu City and mayor Aguilera of Vichy City

Beppu City, which is famous for its hot springs, is targeting the wellness tourism for the sustainable tourism city. Mayor of Beppu City visited Vichy City, also known as resort of hot springs, in order to learn activities of the city about wellness tourism. The two cities have begun to build their exchange through hot springs.

