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Local Partnership Cooperation Division
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Reception co-hosted by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan and the Governor of Tokushima Prefecture “TOKUSHIMA and its progressive initiatives toward the achievement of the SDGs”



Opening remarks by Foreign Minister Kamikawa



Ceremonial opening of sake barrels



Foreign Minister Kamikawa visited a booth of the SDGs initiatives by High School students with Governor Gotoda of Tokushima Prefecture

On March 13, a reception co-hosted by Foreign Minister Kamikawa and Governor Gotoda of Tokushima Prefecture was held at Iikura House, inviting diplomatic corps to Japan and other guests. The reception featured booths introducing Tokushima Prefecture's food, Host Town exchange, SDGs initiatives by companies and high school students, tourism, traditional crafts as well as the "Awa Odori", traditional dance performance of Tokushima etc. to promote the diverse attractions of Tokushima Prefecture.

Training program for officials from the Japanese local governments at the Embassy of Indonesia in Japan



Indonesian Embassy staff welcoming the participants of MOFA



Scenes from the lecture



Group photo in front of the Embassy of Indonesia in Japan

On February 7, officials who are from local governments currently working at MOFA visited the Embassy of Indonesia in Japan. They took lectures about Indonesia, the bilateral relationship between Japan and Indonesia, as well as exchanges between local areas of two countries, which was a meaningful program for these officials.

To realize “drinkable tap water” – cooperation between Toyohashi City and Solok City, Indonesia



Courtesy visit by Consul-General Takonai of Japan in Medan, to the Mayor Asai of Toyohashi City (centre: Consul General Takonai, right: Mayor Asai)



Odakano water treatment plant



Bidadari water distribution reservoir
: Water supply measurement of Damar water distribution reservoir

In January 2024, Consul-General Takonai of Japan in Medan visited Toyohashi City, Aichi Prefecture. He called on Mayor Asai and exchanged views with officials of the Water and Sewerage Department, and visited the Odakano Water Treatment Plant. Toyohashi City has been cooperating with Solok City, West Sumatra for more than 10 years in the field of water supply and sewerage technology. Thanks to this cooperation, Solok City has been able to supply drinkable tap water for the first time in Indonesia.

Regional Exchange between Mukawa Town, Hokkaido and Akumene Municipality, Lithuania



Mayor Takenaka and Ambassador Ozaki



Visit to Mukawa Town Office

Mukawa Town in Hokkaido and Akumene Regional Municipality in northern Lithuania have been fostering friendly relations since signing a cooperation agreement in 2019, triggered by a dinosaur fossil. Ambassador Ozaki of Japan to Lithuania, visited Mukawa Town in December 2023. He exchanged views with Mayor Takenaka and other stakeholders on the attractiveness of Mukawa Town and the prospects for further exchanges with Lithuania.

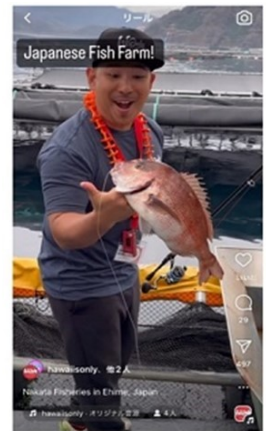
Hawaiian famous chefs and influencers' visit to Japan and promotion of Japanese seafood via social media



Lecture of the broth by the head chef of "Kayanoya" restaurant



Exchange with fishers At Uwajima Fisheries High School



Promotion by influencers through social media

Between January 27 to February 2, Hawaiian popular 5 chefs and influencers visited Japan. They visited fish markets and fishery companies in Ehime and Fukuoka Prefectures as well as Toyosu market and found various charms of Japanese fishery products. In addition, they participated in cooking demonstration using local fishes and promoted it via social media all over the world.

