



Monthly Glocal News

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Local Partnership Cooperation Division
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan



Group photo of diplomats
at Kamikatsu Zero Waste Center



The Disaster Reduction
and Human Renovation Institution visit



Luncheon hosted by the Union of Kansai Governments

On July 9 and 10, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan conducted a Diplomats' Study Tour together with the Union of Kansai Governments, with the participation of 18 ambassadors and others from 16 countries. Under the theme of "Tour exploring the symbiosis of nature and civilization in the Kansai region", the program introduced the Kansai region's diverse attractions to the diplomats in Japan through the visit of advanced initiatives and technologies that coexist in harmony with nature.

Yamagata's "Tsuyahime" celebrates 10th Anniversary in Hawaii !



A scene from the 10th Anniversary Commemorative Reception



Performance by the Sakata Maiko



Promotion of Yamagata-produced ingredients
at Kapi'olani Community College

Yamagata Pref.'s promotion of its premium rice brand "Tsuyahime" in Hawaii, USA marks its 10th anniversary this year. To celebrate this milestone, raise awareness and promote exchange in Hawaii, a variety of events were held. At a reception hosted at the Japanese Consulate General's residence, dishes featuring Tsuyahime and Yamagata beef were highly praised, and a performance by the Sakata Maiko, traditional female dancers was also presented. In addition, a food promotion event at a local community college in Hawaii led to students visiting Yamagata, deepening mutual exchange even further. Today, Tsuyahime is no longer just a premium rice brand — it has become a vital bridge connecting Yamagata and Hawaii.

Training program at JICA, for officials from the Japanese local governments



Lecturing



Group photo

On July 23, local government officials working at MOFA visited the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). They gained valuable insights into overseas project development and local government collaboration, benefiting their future work.

"Together", aiming for "A society of coexistence and mutual prosperity" !
a sister city relationship
between Minami-Maki (Nagano)
and La Trinidad (Philippines) -



Courtesy call on the mayor of La Trinidad
by the representatives of Minami-Maki Village



Meeting of ex-mayors of both municipalities
for the first time in a decade



Courtesy call on the mayor of La Trinidad
by the representatives of Minami-Maki Village

The Japan Agricultural Exchange Council conducts international cooperation projects in the agricultural sector and one of its projects contributed to the establishment of a sister city relationship between Minami-Maki Village and La Trinidad. This article introduces the Council's initiatives aiming for a "coexistence and co-prosperity society," and exchanges between the two municipalities.

Top Sales Event for Okinawan Products
in Los Angeles, USA



Presentation by Governor Tamaki



Event scene



Original drinks and creative dishes made
with ingredients from Okinawa Prefecture

Okinawa Prefecture organized a top sales event for its local products at Japan House in Los Angeles, USA, aiming to increase awareness and boost exports. Highlighting Okinawa's health and longevity, the event promoted products nurtured in a rich natural environment.

