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Opening remarks by Foreign Minister IWAYA

Reception Co-hosted by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Governor of Toyama Prefecture



Foreign Minister IWAYA visited a booth of traditional crafts
with Governor Nitta of Toyama Prefecture



Photo of Foreign Minister IWAYA
with Governor Nitta of Toyama Prefecture

On October 15, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Governor of Toyama Prefecture co-hosted a reception “-Sushi. Now That's Toyama Sharing (Osusowake) Our Bountiful Food, Culture, Nature, and Industry with the World” at the Iikura Guest House, attended by approximately 170 people, including diplomatic corps to Japan. The reception featured booths introducing local food including sushi, Japanese sake, tourism, traditional crafts, well-being initiatives, recovery and reconstruction efforts following the earthquake, as well as Owara Kaze no Bon dance performance on stage to promote diverse charms of Toyama Prefecture.

Diplomats' Study Tour in Matsuura City, Nagasaki Prefecture



Cooking experience of “aji fry” (fried horse mackerel)



Group photo of participants and the guests from Matsuura City

On September 30 and October 1, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan conducted a Diplomats' Study Tour together with Matsuura City, Nagasaki Prefecture, under the theme of “Home of Aji Fry × Underwater Archaeology Sanctuary - An Experience Tour of Local Attractions”. The diplomatic corps participated in this tour discovered, experienced and tasted the various charms of Matsuura City.



Observing the artifacts at Matsuura City Archaeological Center

Tied by the Moai: Stories of the bond between Easter Island and Japan



Then Ambassador Ito, and the Moai statue rebuilt with a Japanese crane



Rapa Nui dancers and Chile Pavilion showcasing Easter Island Rapa Nui culture at Osaka-Kansai Expo



Inspection of the Moai restoration site with the local indigenous leader group managing the Moai

Despite the vast distance across the Pacific Ocean, Easter Island in Chile has a longstanding connection with Japan. This enduring bond is embodied in the Moai statues that can be seen in various areas of Japan. The Moai, guardian deities of the people of Easter Island also serve as symbols connecting the hopes for the future of both Japan and Chile. The article introduces the friendship and cooperation that various regions in Japan have built with Easter Island through disaster recovery efforts and cultural exchanges.

Miyazaki City Tourism PR Event - Promoting the Charms of Miyazaki!



Miyazaki City Tourism PR Event



Participants enjoying Miyazaki's cuisine



Group photo of participants, including Vice Mayor Nagayama of Miyazaki City

On July 19, Miyazaki City held a tourism PR event in Qingdao, China, targeting local travel agencies. In addition to providing tourism information, the event featured a standing reception where attendees enjoyed Miyazaki's famous dishes, such as Chicken Nanban and shochu, showcasing the city's culinary appeal.

