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Lord Mayor of Manchester visited Kagoshima

The Lord Mayor of the City of Manchester Councillor June Hitchen, who signed a Friendship Agreement with Kagoshima Prefecture in July last year to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Meiji Restoration, paid a courtesy visit to Governor Mitazono at the Kagoshima Prefectural Government on the 26th of April.

Governor Mitazono said, “Moving forward from this Friendship Agreement between Kagoshima and Manchester, I hope to develop youth exchanges for the future.”

The Lord Mayor commented that Kagoshima and Manchester have many things in common, such as a history of adopting advanced technologies and the courage to change. She praised the young people of Kagoshima for being good ambassadors of the prefecture, and said she looks forward to seeing this new relationship grow.

We hope to strengthen the link between Kagoshima and Manchester and tie it in with the development of our respective regions.
Kagoshima International Exchange A-Z

Publicity of Kagoshima’s Charms at the Japan-Russia Governors’ Meeting

At the Japan-Russia Governors’ Meeting held in the Petrovsky Palace in Moscow on the 13th of May, Governor Mitazono attended as a representative of Japan and introduced Kagoshima Prefecture’s initiatives regarding regional exchange.

He started by introducing the deep connection between Kagoshima Prefecture and Russia – about how then Crown Prince of Russia Nicolas II was warmly welcomed during his visit to Kagoshima in 1891 – before talking about Kagoshima Prefecture’s current exchanges with various countries/regions such as Hong Kong, and the City of Manchester and the London Borough of Camden, UK local authorities with which Kagoshima Prefecture signed Friendship Agreements last July.

Next, the governor marketed Kagoshima’s wealth of appealing points, from its food including Japan’s number one Kagoshima Wagyu beef, yellowtail and amberjack, to its nature and hot springs.

After the Meeting, the governor was interviewed by the Russian Federation Council’s press team and he talked about Kagoshima’s history, nature and food.
On the 14th of May, Governor Mitazono visited a Russian office of Mitsui & Co., Ltd. to promote and exchange opinions on Kagoshima’s agricultural and livestock products with the aim of increasing their exports. The staff of Mitsui & Co. explained the distribution and consumption patterns of Japanese food in Russia, to which Governor Mitazono requested for their support in exporting Japan’s number 1 Kagoshima Wagyu beef, yellowtail and amberjack, food products that are Kagoshima’s pride.

The governor also inspected Usachevsky Market, an upmarket store selling meat, seafood, fruits and vegetables to the general public. He made a sales pitch of Kagoshima’s food products to the manager responsible for stocking Kagoshima-produced amberjack and they exchanged opinions on related matters.

The Ibusuki Hula Festival is an event that brings on full-blown summer in Ibusuki. This festival is chock-full of lively events, from competitive events to hula dance street performances and stage shows by hula dance instructors.

**Date and time:** 7 – 9 June 2019
7th: 13:00pm onwards
8th and 9th: 9:00am onwards

**Venue:** Ibusuki General Gymnasium, etc.

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What did you think of this month’s “Kagoshima Southern Wind Tidings”? The editors will continue to strive to make this prefectural foreign language newsletter a source of information and a bridge to connect all of you to Kagoshima. We’d like to ask our readers to provide their opinions, suggestions, article contributions and Kagoshima-related news.

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