

The 25th “Day of the African Child” in Kumamoto

— Together we build a better future —

Date: Friday, 7 July - Sunday, 9 July 2017

Friday, 7 July

11:00 Lv. Kumamoto Prefectural Government building for Minamata City by a chartered bus. Light lunch will be served on the bus.

12:50 Ar. Minamata Disease Municipal Museum. Tour of the Museum.

http://www.minamata195651.jp/guide_en.html

http://www.soshisha.org/english/10tishiki_e/10chisiki_3_e.pdf

If do you want to play football , you should arrive at Kumamoto Prefectural Government building until 14:00.

13:20 Watch DVD on Minamata disease

15:00 Presentation by a Minamata disease survivor followed by Q&A

16:00 Lv. the Museum for Kumamoto City.

18:00 Ar. Kumamoto Municipal Shirakawa Primary School to join the African students who spent the afternoon playing football with local players.

- African students meet their host families
- Request the Ambassador to say a few words, on behalf of African participants, expressing his appreciation to the host families for their goodwill.

18:30 African participants go to host families house.

Saturday, 8 July

a.m Visit Kumamoto Castle and Kato Shrine (optional)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kumamoto_Castle

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kat%C5%8D_Shrine

10:30 Ambassador arrives the Kumamoto Prefectural Traditional Crafts Centre.

- Met by Mr. Nobuyuki Sato, Director of the Craft Centre and tour its exhibits

11:30 Lunch at the Kumamoto Prefectural Traditional Crafts Centre with some of the participants.

12:20 Lv. The Craft Centre to Kumamoto Gakuen University

12:30 Ar. Kumamoto Gakuen University

- Brief meeting with Dr. Isao Taniguchi, Chairman of the Kumamoto Association for UNICEF (cv attached) and representative of the Japan Committee for UNICEF

Group Sessions:

- 13:00 ① Do you know the Minamata Convention on Mercury? (Mr. Michikazu Iseri, Visiting Professor, Kumamoto University)
② 2017, where is Africa heading to now? (Mr. Shiro Otsu, Freelance journalist)
③ Looking at the world through Kiswahili (Ms. Eiko Kimura, Specialist of Swahili literature)
④ Let try Tinga Tinga (Moyo Muya, African artist)
⑤ UN Peacekeepers in Africa (Mr. Nobuyoshi Takabe, Former Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Congo)
⑥ As I live, pass the baton of life (Ms. Mary Louise Towari, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Think about Education in Rwanda)
⑦ Let's try Ghanaian cuisine (? , Ghanaian Embassy chef)
⑧ Enjoy African music (Mr. Dai Muramoto, Representative of Kumamoto Djembe Club)
⑨ Learning from Africa (Dr. Haruka Wazaki, Professor, Chubu University)
⑨ Let's experience lives of African and Japanese children

16:00 Welcome get-together at Kumamoto Prefectural Theatre
Opening ceremony: demarks by guests, traditional dance, and drum performance

20:00 African participants go to host families house.

Sunday, 9 July

08:50 Ambassador's team arrives the venue

09:00 Opening of the event

09:40 Keynote Speech: His Excellency H.E. Mr. SYLVESTER J. K. PARKER-ALLOTEY, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotenciary of the Republic of Ghana

10:20 Panel discussion: Our Common Future

- Panelists are selected among African and Japanese participants

12:00 Lunch (African and Japanese cuisines)

13:00 Reports by the representatives of the Group Sessions.

14:30 - Plenary: Together we build a better future

15:50 [The Ambassador will be requested to make general remarks on the event and his impressions of Kumamoto.](#)

16:00 Joint declaration

16:30 Closing

17:10 Lv. Kumamoto Gakuen University for Kumamoto Airport or Kumamoto Station or freeway of bus stop.