

A Delegation Led by the Mayor of the Saku City Mr. Seiji Yanagida Visited Estonia

On 2.-8. July, a delegation led by the the Mayor of the Saku City (Nagano Prefecture, Japan) Mr. Seiji Yanagida visited Estonia to celebrate the sister city relations between Saku City in Japan and Saku Municipality in Estonia. A 15-member delegation included also Chairman of the City Council Mr. Tadashi Kozu and President of the Saku Sister and Friendship Cities Association Mr. Masayuki Sasaki.

During the visit, Mr. Yanagida met with the Mayor of the Saku Municipality Mr. Marti Rehemaa and the Chairman of the Rural Municipality Council Mr. Tiit Vahenõmm along with other members of the Council and also with those affiliated with the sister cities to deepen the friendship between the two cities, and also paid a courtesy call to the President of Estonia H.E. Mrs. Kersti Kaljulaid. The delegation took advantage of an opportunity to attend the Estonian Song and Dance Celebration.

In addition, the Mayor Mr. Yanagida and Vice President of Estonian Olympic Committee Mr. Tõnu Tõniste signed the agreement, which states that Saku City in Japan will be the host of the training camp for Estonian sportsmen before the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

In order to enhance exchanges between Japan and Estonia, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Japan Mr. Hajime Matsumura availed himself of that opportunity to host a reception at the Japanese Ambassador's residence, by inviting Estonia-Japan parliamentary group, friendship associations of both countries, sports organizations such as Estonian Olympic Committee etc., governmental organization, and contributed to forming networks among various organizations that are promoting friendly relations between Japan and Estonia.



Delegation of Saku City paid a courtesy call on Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Japan Mr. Hajime Matsumura



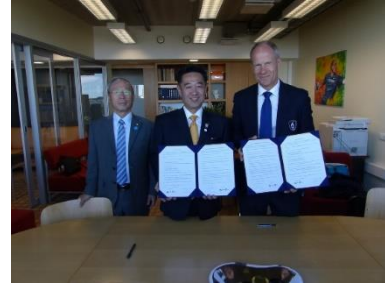
Delegation of Saku City paid a courtesy call on the President of Estonia (03.07, Photo Credit: Office of the President).



Members of the Parliament, Mr. Kaido Höövelson (Chairman of the Estonia-Japan Parliamentary Group, former professional sportsman) and Mr. Raivo Tamm participated at a reception to celebrate the enhance sister city relations that was organized by Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Japan .Mr. Hajime Matsumura (03.07).



Reception held by Saku Municipality (04.07).



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