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## JICA participants studied UR's big Newtown to realize the National and Regional Development Policy

UR held the lecture and study tour about Kohoku Newtown to 9 JICA participants who were responsible for urban planning and development on November 20. Participants were invited to JICA program called National and Regional Development Policy, from Bhutan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Mozambique, Pakistan, Thailand, and India.

UR developed Kohoku Newtown which is 1,340 ha in Yokohama. The project was one of the six major projects of Yokohama City announced in 1965.

We introduced the outline and some characteristics of the project, such as measures to mitigate the impact of the project on river and nature, and



(left)Lecture at JICA Yokohama (center) In Historical Park (right) In front of the early housing complex

mechanisms for Citizen Participation to the project. We introduced the first attempt in Japan to promote the consent of landowners. Participants understood the importance of dealing with landowners and asked what tip was for making consensus with landowners such as fairness. After the lecture, we went to Kohoku Newtown by bus and walked some spots.

They experienced green matrix that integrates green spaces on public space and privately owned land, and an old house that relocated and preserved the landscape.

In the town center near the station, we explained the commercial block jointly built by the landowners. They were impressed by the created blocks that were managed by many rightsholders.

Some of participants said they had heard about the



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aging of new towns in Japan, but they were able to feel different side of new town this time.

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