

The 8th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM8) in Iwaki



Iwaki once again welcomed the leaders and representatives from 17 nations (including the host nation Japan) in addition to two territories for the PALM8 Summit, which was held on 18-19 May. Local residents and school students came out and showed their support for the summit by welcoming the guests with creative banners representing each nation. Although the main conferences were held in Spa Resort Hawaiians, the leaders and their spouses also visited Iwaki Kaisei High School, Wonder Farm and Aquamarine Fukushima during their time in Iwaki.

Photos clockwise from top left: Preschool students welcome the PALM8 leaders at Yumoto Station; Students of Iwaki Kaisei High School perform jangara for the leaders; School students offer a warm welcome at Spa Resort Hawaiians; Tour of Wonder Farm's tomato greenhouse; Mayor Shimizu presents a commemorative happi coat to the leaders; Special performance for the PALM8 guests at Spa Resort Hawaiians; Group photo of leaders onstage at Hawaiians; A high school student from the PALM8 Summit Assistance Team guides the leaders' spouses through Aquamarine Fukushima as part of the PALM8 Spouse Program.

