Farmer's Market creates opportunity for cultural exchange

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Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) teamed up with the Yokosuka-Hayama Agricultural Association to sponsor a Farmer's Market that offered Sailors and their families an opportunity to sample a fresh variety of Japanese seasonal fruits and vegetables July 10.

The Mayor of Yokosuka City, Yuto Yoshida, was in attendance and said he would like to support more events that give Japanese citizens of Yokosuka and base residents more time to get to know one another.

"I think is a great opportunity for the local farmers to come to the base to share with the Sailors the wonderful fruits and vegetables grown right here in Yokosuka," Yoshida said. "This event helps to strengthen the cultural exchange and communication that we already have together. This day is also special to me because not only is this the first time I have come to the Farmer's Market, but today marks one year since I took office as mayor."

The 6th semi-annual Farmer's Market brought to the table more than 30 different kinds of Yokosuka-grown fruits and vegetables. From melons and basil to edamame, a Japanese green soybean, these local favorites were a hit with the CFAY community as well.

"I had a really good time here today," said Damage Controlman 1st Class (SW) Gregory Holder, a native of Shreveport, La."The fruits and vegetables look so fresh and the samples that they offered us were delicious."

Sampling and purchasing local produce was more than a way to support the local farming industry; it was an opportunity to reinforce an already strong bond between Yokosuka residents and its Sailor-neighbors.

"It's great to interact with the Japanese population and to ask them about what they do and be able to tell them a little more about what we do," said Holder. "We learn about each other's relationships and once you make that friendship, you've got that for life and you can't ask for anything better than that."

Kiyoji Kato, a farmer and board member of the Yokosuka-Hayama Agriculture Association stressed the importance of introducing and selling local produce to the local market.

"The Yokosuka-Hayama Agriculture Association promotes a campaign that urges people in Yokosuka, including the Sailors and families living on base, to eat more fresh fruits and vegetables that are grown in the city they live," said Kato. "This is a very natural cycle. Maybe they will be surprised at how fresh the food is when it does not need to be transported."

Yokosuka Base residents purchase farm-fresh vegetables from local farmers during the semi-annual Yokosuka Farmer's Market at the red brick area July 10. The base teamed up with the Yokosuka-Hayama Agriculture Association to offer local seasonal fruits and vegetables to Sailors and their families.

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Unlike the vegetables sold at the commissary, which are shipped in and stored for sale, the produce at the market are picked straight from local fields then sold to customers.

"These veggies were harvested in the morning, today," said Yokosuka-Hayama Agriculture Association Sales Department Representative Hitomi Masahiko. "So, they are very fresh."

The next Yokosuka Farmers' Market is currently scheduled for Dec. 11. Call 243-4731 for more information.

NCTS FE begins crack down on illegal USB flash device use

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According to the National Cyber Alert System, USB (Universal Serial Bus) flash drives are popular for storing and transporting data, but some of the characteristics that make them convenient also introduce security risks.

USB devices were banned for use on Department of Defense (DoD) computer networks due to the threat they pose.

Despite ONE-NET advisories, security stand downs, refresher training on information assurance, information security and other forms of user awareness training, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Far East (NCTS FE) still detects numerous incidents of this basic violation.

"There is still blatant misuse and disregard of the policy that exists," said NCST FE Commanding Officer Capt. Robert Goodwin.

Misuse of the USB port causes 25 percent of all incidents where malware is introduced to ONE-NET. To prevent degradation of the network, NCTS FE regularly scans ONE-NET computer systems to detect vulnerabilities and threats to the information that they protect on a daily basis. These scans routinely detect numerous violations in the use of USB devices.

"We are in the process, now, that if somebody comes in, [inserts a flash drive], and we can catch [the device] on the computer, at that time, our assumption is that computer is infected," said Goodwin. "Then our actions are to remove that danger, or that threat from the network, which means, that computer is gong to be taken offline until such time that we can figure out whether or not an infection actually occurred and eradicate that infection so that the computer is safe to put back in the network And that is an impact to the mission, because, now, that computer is down, for whoever has to use that computer."

The following devices including battery charging are banned from connecting to ONE-NET and other Department of the Navy (DoN) networks:

- Thumb drives, USB flash drives, memory sticks, and other flash storage devices.
- iPods and Sony PSPs.
- Kindle and Sony eBook Readers.
- Personal phones or Government issued cell phones.

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- Cameras and camcorders.
- Flash media card readers.

The use and connection of any of these devices on ONE-NET and other DoN networks are direct violations of DoD, DoN and NAVNETWARCOM (NNWC) policies.

Commander, Naval Network and Warfare Command (COMNAVNETWARCOM) released ONE-NET Information Bulletin 08B to allow the use of external hard drives provided that specific implementation procedures and operational requirements are met, such as U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) approved hard drives, registered at the Local Network Service Center (LNSC), free of third-party software.

Users are not to purchase a removable hard drive without first contacting your information assurance officer or manager for details.

Commands utilizing external hard disk drives (HDD) should immediately contact the ONE-NET Enterprise Service Desk to ensure devices meet ONE-NET standards. External HDD not registered with the LNSC will be seen as rogue devices in violation of the policy.

Additionally, COMNAVNETWARCOM issued ONE-NET Information Advisory 02-09 that states, "The following penalties apply for ONE-NET users who are found in violation of the policy:

- For a first offense, the user's account will be immediately disabled and remain disabled until the user's commanding officer or officer in charge has provided authorization for the TNOSC to enable the account.
- For a second offense, the user's account will be immediately disabled and reported to NAVNETWARCOM."

In cases of malware infection, classified or personally identifiable information incidents, involvement of the command security manager, Navy Criminal Investigative Services or Navy Cyber Defense Operations Command is required.

This in turn may cause the ONE-NET computer to be quarantined, confiscated, or reimaged to contain the incident for further analysis.

Misuse of government computer assets is also a reportable incident to DoN Central Adjudication Facility through the Joint Personnel Adjudication System system and is used as a factor in retaining and adjudicating personnel security clearances.

ONE-NET is connected to the Global Information Grid and interlinked with all other DoD computer systems in the information superhighway.

Users do not have the authority to accept, ignore, or transfer risk on behalf of the DoD by plugging in an unauthorized device into the USB port. A violation of policy by a user in Yokosuka can have a cascading effect which eventually impacts multiple DoD networks.

All users are reminded that your ONE-NET user account is not a right. Your ONE-NET user account and your ONE-NET computer are government provided tools.

Follow the standards and use the tools in accordance with these standards in furtherance of your command's mission or risk losing access to the tools.