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You will have a chance to take photos and chat with a "Geiko (Geisha)" girl at the entrance just before the Opening Ceremony (14:00 - 15:00).

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Time: 18:30-20:30
Welcome Party
Venue: 3rd floor in Pacifico Yokohama Conference Center

All registered delegates and accompanying persons are invited. You can enjoy "koto" music performance, experience tea ceremony, taste from a selection of 20 "sake" brands, and savor "Dashi" jelly. Snacks and drinks will be served.

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