



Bringing you news about the Foundation's immigration-related activities



## Japanese cultural experience for Descendants of Immigrants Exchange Students

On the 17th of November last year, 8 students on the Exchange Program for Descendants of Immigrants dressed in kimono of their choice for a Japanese cultural experience at the Fukuoka City Cultural Exchange Garden, 'Shofuen'. Every year, the Fukuokaken Kaigaiju Kazokukai offers the exchange students this chance to experience Japanese culture. The day included kimono-wearing and a tea ceremony experience lead by Professor Sokyō Shimura of the Urasenke School of Tea Ceremony.



【Commemorative photo with Kazokukai members】

While struggling with the unfamiliar kneeling pose, they watched the making of the macha tea and listened closely to explanations of tea ceremony etiquette.

After receiving macha, the students themselves experienced making the tea for members of the Kazokukai.

The students who participated shared their impressions: "Through these experiences I was able to get a greater sense of Japan", "I am grateful to the Kazokukai for always looking after us", "Kneeling on my feet was difficult, but I felt the need to continue learning about Japanese culture"



## Sending our congratulations to 136 senior members of Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai

Fukuoka Governor Ogawa sent letters and gifts of congratulations as recognition of the longevity of 136 members from Brazil and 11 other Kenjinkai, who are Fukuoka-born immigrants or their descendants.

We pray for your ongoing health and happiness.

<Breakdown of 2013 Senior Member Commendations>

Sanju (Age 80) 71 members	Hakuju (Age 99) 4 members
Beiju (Age 88) 39 members	Momoga (Age 100 or over) 7 members
Chinju (Age 95) 15 members	

