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8 participants of the 2013 Exchange Students Program for Descendants of Immigrants return home

The 8 students who took part in the 2013 Exchange Students Program for Descendants of Immigrants have completed their year studying abroad in Fukuoka, and have begun their journeys home.

Prior to their departure, the students' university professors and others involved with the program were invited to a Certificate Award Ceremony/Farewell Party on Saturday 15th March. The students shared the lessons they learned through studying abroad. Together with those in attendance, they looked back at the past year before reluctantly parting.

Please visit our homepage for a full report by the 2013 exchange students.



【Commemorative photo with those involved with the program】

Visits to the Mexico, Seattle/Tacoma and Nanka Fukuoka Kenjinkai

Last October's '8th Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention' spurred discussion about promoting exchange for youth, business and other fields, as well as working to strengthen the Kenjinkai network. Following on from these discussions, our foundation's Secretary-General Yoko Takasaki visited the Mexico, Seattle/Tacoma and Nanka Fukuoka Kenjinkai in early/mid-January.

As the host of the next (9th) Worldwide Convention, the opinion exchange with Kenjinkai directors in Mexico was an opportunity to share knowledge about organizing the event. The visit also included candidate sites for the venue and tour, such as the Nichiboku Kaikan, which was built as the home of cultural exchange between Japan and Mexico.

At Seattle/Tacoma, a discussion was held regarding the Kenjinkai's proposal to receive junior high school students from Yame City, which was affected by the heavy rains in northern Kyushu in 2012. A proactive opinion exchange was also held about youth exchange and the links with Fukuoka Prefecture.



【the Mexico Fukuoka Kenjinkai】



【the Nanka Fukuoka Kenjinkai】



【the Seattle/Tacoma Fukuoka Kenjinkai】

At Nanka (Los Angeles), we received extremely positive opinions regarding new projects being planned, including receiving youth from the prefecture and organizing seminars by those with roots in Fukuoka who are active in various fields.

We also received words of gratitude from each Kenjinkai for the hospitality shown in Fukuoka during last year's Worldwide Convention.

We would like to once again thank the members of all the Kenjinkai for their assistance during our stay.