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### Short Term Visit Program for Descendants of Immigrants from Fukuoka Prefecture



Dates: Friday 11th - Tuesday 22nd July, 2014

Activities:

- 1) Exchange with Peers  
Exchange with Munakata elementary school students, Naka Elementary School, Takeshita Taiko Group
- 2) Experience Fukuoka's Attractions  
Tour of Fukuoka City, Kitakyushu City, Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine
- 3) Search for their Roots  
Home stay with relatives, friends, Kazokukai members or volunteers
- 4) Japanese Cultural Experience  
Viewing Hakata Gion Yamakasa, making ramen and umegae-mochi and more

From 12 Kenjinkai in 7 countries, 21 children and 11 leaders came ready to enjoy all that summer has to offer in Fukuoka Prefecture! This program aims to increase the participants' understanding of Fukuoka/Japan through elementary school visits, sightseeing in the prefecture, exchange with peers, home stay and camping. We hope to stimulate Kenjinkai activity by nurturing youth who will go on to play an active role in their Kenjinkai/home countries, and become the core of future exchanges with Fukuoka Prefecture.

#### Number of Participants

Name of Kenjinkai	Children	Leaders
Brazil	6	2
Belem	1	1
Manaus	1	0
Peru	2	1
Zai-Bolivia	2	1
Colombia	1	1
Mexico	2	1
Vancouver	1	1
Nanka	1	1
San Francisco	2	1
Hawaii	1	1
Kona	1	0
Total	21	11



### Let's ask the kids! The best bits from the program!!



I was honoured to meet the vice governor and assembly chairman.

My favourite part was making ramen. Stepping on the noodles was really fun.

I enjoyed getting to know Japanese people at the exchange with Munakata elementary school students.

Even though the tea was bitter, making it was really interesting.

I was able to see how Japanese elementary school students live, and the performance they put on for us was really great.

I'll remember the home stay for the rest of my life!

I'm glad we could experience disasters like earthquakes and strong winds, and the Yahuoku! Dome was also great because I love baseball.

It was great to be able to make friends and talk lots with kids from other countries who spoke different languages.

I was good at making umegae-mochi, and happy that my fortune read "excellent luck"!

It was wonderful to finally meet my Japanese relatives!

It was really interesting to be able to see Fukuoka's traditional Hakata Gion Yamakasa festival.



### Junior High Students from Yame City visit Seattle-Tacoma Fukuoka Kenjinkai



A group of junior high-school students from Yame City in Fukuoka Prefecture visited the Seattle-Tacoma Fukuoka Kenjinkai. This exchange was made possible by Seattle-Tacoma Fukuoka Kenjinkai Chairman, Sumio Tamai, who participated in the 8th Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention held last October and saw first-hand the suffering caused by the heavy rains in northern Kyushu in July 2012. Wanting to do something to encourage those affected in Yame City, where his roots are, Mr. Tamai organised for junior high students to visit the Seattle-Tacoma Kenjinkai. During their stay, the students visited the Japanese Consulate, the Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Washington, Japanese language schools and universities, and took tours of businesses and tourist attractions. Hiroshi Ogawa, Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture, was also present at the exchange event.



【With members of the Kenjinkai】

- Dates of Visit: Sunday 20th - Sunday 27th July
- Number of Participants: 3 junior high students from Yame City