



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

Global Stage Fukuoka ~Prominent Fukuokans around the World~ 2nd & 3rd Seminars

We recently held the second and third seminars of Global Stage Fukuoka. The guest speaker for the second seminar was Hiroharu Murakami from the Hanoi Fukuoka Kenjinkai, while Hawaii Shima Fukuoka Kenjinkai Chairman Junichi Noumaru presented at the third. These lectures were a great opportunity for many local residents to learn about the Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai and people from the prefecture finding success around the world.

2nd seminar guest speaker: Fukuoka Kenjinkai Hanoi Batten-kai,

Hiroharu Murakami (Head of Seietsu Consultancy Co.)

*Resides in Hanoi, Vietnam. Worked in London, Singapore and Vietnam after joining Nomura Securities in 1981. After leaving in 2001, joined Rothschild Japan and eventually became independent in 2009, establishing an investment fund management and consulting firm for Japanese businesses.

1. Theme: Appeal of the Vietnamese Consumer Market - Report from the frontline
 Date: Thursday 19th February 2015 Venue: ACROS Fukuoka Conference Room 608
2. Theme: Carving a Global Path - Challenges in developing Vietnam
 Date: Friday 20th February, 2015
 Venue: Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation Kokusai Hiroba



【Lecture by Mr. Murakami】



【Lecture by Mr. Noumaru】

3rd seminar guest speaker: Hawaii Shima Fukuoka Kenjinkai Chairman,

Junichi Noumaru (NAOJ Hawaii Observatory Associate Professor)

*Resides on the Island of Hawaii, Hawaii, USA. Chairman of Hawaii Shima Fukuoka Kenjinkai. Graduate of Kokura High School. 1986: Obtained a PhD in Physics from Kyoto University after graduating from its Science faculty. 1994: Became an assistant at the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan, participating in the Hawaii Subaru Telescope project. 2004: Associate Professor at the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan.

- Theme: Dreams of being an Astronomer - Confronting the Universe from the Subaru Telescope
1. Date: Saturday 14th March, 2015 Venue: Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation Kokusai Hiroba
 2. Date: Monday 16th March, 2015 Venue: Fukuoka University of Education Kokura Junior High School

Global Stage in Brazil/in Hawaii - Learning from Our Trailblazing Ancestors

This year we began 'Global Stage'. In addition to raising interest in Japan/Fukuoka amongst Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai youth, the program also aims to provide an opportunity for young people from the prefecture to set their sights abroad through exchange with local youth during visits to Overseas Kenjinkai. For this first time, two groups of 5 participants each were sent to the Brazil Fukuoka Kenjinkai and Hawaii Shima Fukuoka Kenjinkai. The participants were able to deepen their knowledge and understanding of Kenjinkai and immigrants by visiting businesses and government offices, learning about the local histories of migration, experiencing homestay and interacting with local youth. From here on, we hope these youth will become a bridge between Fukuoka Prefecture and the Overseas Kenjinkai, and cooperate actively in future exchange projects.



【Visit to Fukuhaku-mura, Suzano, Brazil】

<Brazil Course>

Host Kenjinkai: Brazil Fukuoka Kenjinkai

Schedule: Sat 28th Feb - Tue 10th Mar, 2015 (7 nights, 11 days)

Main Places Visited: Museum of Japanese Immigration, Suzano City (farm run by Kenjinkai member, courtesy call on governor, Suzano Japanese-Brazilian Academy, etc.), University of Sao Paulo, JETRO, local Japanese businesses, courtesy visit to Japanese Embassy in Brazil

<Hawaii Course>

Host Kenjinkai: Hawaii Shima Fukuoka Kenjinkai

Schedule: Fri 6th Mar - Sat 14th Mar, 2015 (7 nights, 9 days)

Main Places Visited: Hawaii Plantation Museum, Subaru Telescope Hilo Base Facility, Kona Fukuoka Kenjinkai, Pearl Harbor Tour, University of Hawaii, Bishop Museum, Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, Waikiki Improvement Association, Hawaii State Capitol, local Japanese businesses.



【With youth of the Hawaiiishima Kenjinkai】

9 participants of the 2014 Exchange Students Program for Descendants of Immigrants return home

The 9 prefectural scholarship exchange students for 2014 have safely made their way home after completing their year studying abroad in Fukuoka. Prior to their departure, the students' university professors and others involved with the program were invited to a Certificate Award Ceremony/Farewell Party on Sunday 15th March. The students made presentations on what they had learned in Fukuoka and the memories they made, and together with those in attendance looked back again at the past year before reluctantly parting. A full report of the 2014 exchange students' time in Fukuoka is on our homepage. Please take a look.

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【2014 Prefectural Scholarship exchange students】