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Short Term Visit Program for Descendants of Immigrants from Fukuoka Prefecture



■ Schedule

Dates: Friday 10th - Tuesday 21st July, 2015

Activities:

- (1) Exchange with local peers: Munakata elementary school students, Naka Elementary School, Takeshita Taiko Group
- (2) Experiencing the charms of Fukuoka: tours of Fukuoka City, Kitakyushu City, Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine
- (3) Finding their roots: home stay with relatives, friends, Kazokukai members or volunteers
- (4) Japanese culture experience: Hakata Gion Yamakasa, making Konpeitō

■ No. of Participants

Name of Kenjinkai	Children	Leaders
Brazil	4	2
Paraguay	2	1
Peru	1	1
Zai-Bolivia	2	1
Colombia	1	1
Mexico	2	1
Vancouver	1	1
Nanka	2	1
Seattle-Tacoma	2	0
Hawaii	1	0
Hawaii Shima	1	1
Total	19	10

From 11 Kenjinkai in 8 countries, 19 children and 10 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 schools 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.

Exchange with Munakata elementary school students



I made new Japanese friends and great memories eating delicious food and playing games together. (Nanka)



Tea Ceremony

It was very relaxing. Making the tea was hard but it tasted really delicious. (Hawaii)



Naka Elementary School visit



I made lots of friends and had the best time! One of them had the same surname as me and was the same age. (Colombia)



Tour of Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine



I made lots of wishes. I also liked the culture of purifying hands with water. (Brazil)



Fukuoka Prefectural Office Visit

Being able to see inside the Fukuoka Prefectural Office was a great opportunity. It also felt special to be able to meet the Vice-Governor and Vice-Chairman of the Assembly. (Peru)



Hakata Gion Yamakasa

Throwing water and getting soaked while watching the festival was fun! (Paraguay)

