

## Global Stage Fukuoka ~Prominent Fukuokans Around the World~ Seminars

This year, we invited 3 guest speakers from the Overseas Kenjinkai to present 8 seminars at schools and other venues in the prefecture. A total of some 2,000 students listened intently to the speakers' words about the importance of chasing your dreams, and the value of setting your sights overseas. This was also a great opportunity for many local residents to learn about the Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai and people from the prefecture finding success around the world. We would like to thank all of the Kenjinkai members for their cooperation.

**Speaker: Nanka Fukuoka Kenjinkai Chairman, Nobuyuki Soh**  
**(President of business consulting company)**

Theme: "Take Off into the World! The Path to Your Dream" ~Challenging the World Stage~

- (1) Date: Wednesday 16th September 2015  
 Venue: Sophia Fukuoka Junior-Senior High School
- (2) Date: Thursday 17th September 2015  
 Venue: Fukuoka Jo Gakuin Junior & Senior High School

Theme: "Set your sights on the West Coast" ~Japanese living in California~

- (3) Date: Friday 18th September 2015  
 Venue: Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation - Kokusai Hiroba

**Speaker: Holland-Fukuoka Kenjinkai, Yoshie Mera**  
**(Managing Director of Mera Media & Make-up)**

- (1) Date: Wednesday 9th December 2015  
 Venue: Seinan Gakuin University  
 Theme: "Advice for a Global Career" ~Experiences of a former CA/current president of foreign companies
- (2) Date: Thursday 10th December 2015  
 Venue: Fukuoka Futaba Junior & Senior High School  
 Theme: "Challenging the World Stage" ~What you can do now, as a student. Five secrets for a happy life~
- (3) Date: Sunday 14th February, 2016  
 Venue: Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation - Kokusai Hiroba  
 Theme: "Holland's Secret - the Country with the World's Happiest Children"

**Speaker: Hawaii Fukuoka Kenjinkai Director, Mayumi Miyahara**  
**(Representative of Ribbon Productions, Global Education Center of Hawaii)**

Theme: "Raised in the Land of Hawaii" ~What I gained by breaking through the barrier~

- (1) Date: Thursday 21st January, 2016  
 Venue: Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation - Kokusai Hiroba
- (2) Date: Thursday 28th January 2016 Venue: Fukuoka Women's University



【Mr. Soh】



【Ms. Mera】



【Ms. Miyahara】

## 祝 Year of studying in Fukuoka comes to a close for 10 participants of the 2015 Exchange Students Program for Descendants of Immigrants 祝

The 10 prefectural scholarship exchange students for 2015 have safely set off for their home countries after completing their year studying abroad in Fukuoka. Over the course of the year, the students not only furthered their individual studies but also experienced various aspects of Japanese culture. They also had an opportunity to inform local residents about their home countries and Kenjinkai at Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation's Kokusai Hiroba. 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 13th March. The students made presentations on what they had learned in Fukuoka and the memories they made. Together with those in attendance they looked back over the past year before reluctantly parting. A full report of the 2015 exchange students' time in Fukuoka is on our homepage. Please take a look. <http://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/>



【Dec. 19th : Kimono-wearing experience】



【Jan. 31st: Introducing home countries & Kenjinkai】



【Mar. 13th: Farewell Party】