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7 participants of the 2016 Exchange Students Program for Descendants of Immigrants



start their new life in Fukuoka!

Once again, 7 participants of the Fukuoka Prefecture Descendants of Immigrants program have arrived in Japan to begin their year as exchange students. The students have helped each other enjoy their first experiences of life in Fukuoka. On May 12, they paid a courtesy visit to Fukuoka Prefecture Vice Governor Hattori, where they received some words of encouragement. "One year may not be a long time, but I believe this year in Fukuoka will have great value in your lives. I hope you make many friends, study hard together and grow as individuals in Fukuoka."



【Commemorative photo with Vice Governor Hattori】

Introducing the Students



I want to be able to speak Japanese as soon as possible. I also want to improve my artwork and draw my own manga. And make lots of Japanese friends!
(Peru: Carls Augusto Matsufuji Fukuda)



I have a shy personality and I'm not good at speaking to strangers, but recently I made a friend with whom I go out to restaurants. It means a lot to me! I also want to put my efforts into acquiring new knowledge in acupuncture and reduction techniques, so that I may use them on rehabilitation patients in the future. **(Bolivia: Seika Hatta)**

This year I want to put all my efforts into researching education, so that I can contribute to Brazilian society after returning home. I also want to do my best in studying Japanese, learn more about Japanese culture, make lots of friends and do my part to ensure a lasting bond between Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan and my home country.
(Brazil: Cristiane Sayuri Nakamura)



My biggest goal for this year is to learn about nutritional management and food preparation so that I can offer patients even better nutritional advice. I also want to broaden my circle of friends with endless smiles, and deepen my understanding of Japan.
(Paraguay: Aki Yamazaki)



I want to improve my Japanese and try for N2 of the JLPT. I also want to discover more about my roots and the Japanese culture that my grandparents taught me. I will also try to strengthen and maintain my relationship with relatives living in Japan.
(Brazil: Renan Yuji Aano)

My first objective in Japan is to, as a research student, master the unique Japanese artistic sense that I couldn't learn in Brazil. Secondly, I also want to introduce Japanese people to the Brazilian aesthetic. Aside from my university research, I think daily life in Japan will itself be a big learning experience for me.
(Brazil: Sarah Narumi Shimizu)



I enjoy learning new things at university. Japanese is rather hard, but I receive a lot of help from teachers and friends.



I was also able to make friends at school, my dormitory and my "Yosakoi Soran Group". **(Brazil: Karen Naomi Ikejiri)**



Personnel Changes at FIEF



Due to internal transfers within the prefectural government, FIEF has also undergone changes in Secretary-General and Head of Planning & Exchange Div. in charge of Kenjinkai.

【Secretary-General of Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation】

(Former) Yoko Takasaki → **(Current) Aya Watanabe**

【Head of Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation Planning & Exchange Div.】

(Former) Hiroyuki Irie → **(Current) Shozo Okamatsu**