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The 9th Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention was held in Mexico City on 15th and 16th of October 2016. Deputy Governor Omagari, Prefecture Council Chairperson Nakao, members of Fukuokaken Kaigaijyu Kazokukai have attended the event from Fukuoka Prefecture. Approximately 230 people whom were members of 15 Kenjinkai from 11 countries from North America, Mid-South America and Asia participated the event, representatives from each Kenjinkai as well as youth participants held the lively opinion exchanges on topics such as exchange projects with Fukuoka, strengthening networks, nurturing successors and creating more engaging Kenjinkai. Large amount of speciality products were provided by the local municipalities from Fukuoka Prefecture that helped to make the convention a success. The 10th Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention will be held in Fukuoka Prefecture in 2019.



<Event Schedule>

15th Oct(Sat) : Commemorative Ceremony, Welcome Reception, Kenjinkai Youth Gathering
 16th Oct(Sun): Representatives Meeting, Farewell Party

<Participated Kenjinkai>: Mexico(Host), Zai-Bolivia, Colombia, Argentina, Peru, Paraguay, Toronto, Vancouver, Nanka, Hawaii-Shima, San Francisco, Seattle-Tacoma, Hong Kong, Zai-Malaysia.

Japanese cultural experience for Descendants of Immigrants Exchange Students



On 12th November, a Japanese cultural experience was organized for the Descendants of Immigrants exchange students at the Ohori Park Japanese Garden in Fukuoka City. During their year of exchange, we would like the students to learn about various aspects of Japanese culture in addition to their school work, and the kimono-wearing experience is part of the organized activities each year. With the cooperation of "MAYUNOKAI"* on the day, the students were able to put on the Kimono that they selected personally. They also performed the Japanese tea ceremony for the staffs and members of Kazokukai. It was a meaningful day that the students experienced Japanese culture such as Japanese tea ceremony as well as beautiful Kimono try-out, especially in the Japanese Garden, a location full of emotions. The event was reported by the TV station on the day, and the appearance of the students experiencing Kimono was broadcasted on the evening news.

*MAYUNOKAI: An organization which offers kimono-wearing classes and kimono rental, as well as opportunities for international exchange which allow foreign students to become familiar with Japanese kimono.

Global Stage Fukuoka~Prominent Fukuokans around the World~Seminars

The first Global Stage Fukuoka has begun this year. The guest speaker this time was Mr. Takeji Tanimoto from Shanghai Fukuoka Kenjinkai. 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. Especially for high school students, the speech shared are based on personal experience who have actively lived in Shanghai for a long period of years, and is therefore a great encouragement for the students to enhance their interest for future studies which could serves as a guideline for self-development in order to rapidly stimulate globalization.



Guest speaker: Mr. Takeji Tanimoto

Former president of Shanghai Fukuoka Kenjinkai
(President of Shanghai Yokuya Trading Company)

- (1) Theme: "Charm of working in China"
 Date: 27th December 2016 (Tue)
 Venue: Fukuoka Prefectural Daizafu High School
- (2) Theme:
 "Regarding to overseas transactions, oversea import-export and risk avoidance."
 Date: 12th January 2017 (Thu)
 Venue: Fukuoka Asia Business Centre Seminar Hall

