



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

#### 8 participants of the 2018 Exchange Students Program for Descendants of Immigrant start their new life in Fukuoka!

8 participants of the Fukuoka Prefecture Descendants of Immigrants Program have arrived in Japan to begin their one year study as exchange students. There are still various things that they have not yet get used to, however, they are vigorously looking forward to their school life.

On 17<sup>th</sup> of May, they paid a courtesy visit to Fukuoka Prefecture Vice Governor Eguchi, where they received some words of encouragement: "I look forward to witnessing your great improvements since all 8 of you will be studying and competing with each other. I am also hoping to see your active performances acting as the exchange bridge that will connect Fukuoka Prefecture with different regions in the future."



【Commemorative photo with Vice Governor Eguchi】

#### Life in Fukuoka/Japan



Fukuoka is a very comfortable city to reside in, the city is beautiful without much rubbish on the ground. Since there are no trains in Bolivia, one of many difficulties I faced was how to purchase the train ticket when I took my first train in here.  
**(Bolivia: Ooata Nakamura Denise Mina)**



I was really surprised that no matter how crowded the restaurant or the shop is in Fukuoka, people were still properly in line. The shop staffs were really nice, they usually patiently explain everything to me until I actually understand.  
**(Mexico: Tanaka Gomez Yoshiro Alfredo)**

#### School life



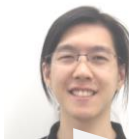
Even though it is difficult to study in Kyushu University, but I really enjoy the fact that I can learn new things from every lecture. There are various cases that I encounter unknown specific terms from my classes. And maybe not a lot, but I made a few Japanese friends.  
**(Paraguay: Tetsuya Kitagawa)**

The Japanese language is difficult for me, but the most challenging part is the conversation. I have not yet learned honorific forms. I did make some Japanese friends in the university. They have been really nice to me, we often go out and eat lunch or dinner together.  
**(Argentina: Funakoshi Katia Ayako)**



It was really difficult for me to speak proper Japanese and attend university lectures for the first 2 weeks. However, even though the Japanese language is difficult, I do enjoy university life very much. I was touched by the politeness of Japanese people, and their spirit to help people in need.  
**(Peru: Takuma Shinkawa Jessica)**

#### The 1-year goal



I wish to develop a game that I can be proud of as my goal this year. I also hope that I can improve my Japanese ability, as well as make a lot of Japanese friends.  
**(Brazil: Arakaki Yokiti Fabio)**



In this year, I wish to get to know more about Japanese animation, develop a good research topic, get to know about Fukuoka, and help as many people as possible.  
**(Brazil: Yukie Nakamura Sally)**



I wish to learn about many things including Japanese nutrition, food culture, and daily life practical responses. I also wish to work harder to further improve my Japanese language abilities such as my reading and writing skills.  
**(Brazil: Tsunetomi Diana Miki)**

#### The announcement of the personal change

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