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Announcement for the 10th Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention

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- Creating a shared future through our bonds with Fukuoka -

The 10th Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention will be held from Wednesday, September 6th to Saturday, September 9th, 2019. It has been six years since the convention was last held in the Fukuoka Prefecture. Looking forward to the convention, the Fukuoka prefectural government, the prefectural assembly, the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation, the association of city mayors, and town councils are diligently working together, making preparations so that all could fully enjoy the home prefecture of Fukuoka. We are looking forward to receiving everyone from all the Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai.

- **Event Schedule : Wednesday, November 6th to Saturday, 9th November, 2019**
- **Main Programs : Welcome reception, representative meeting, youth gathering, hometown tour in the Fukuoka Prefecture, Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai Fair, farewell party and more.**



【Ceremonial sake barrel-breaking during the celebratory ceremony】



【Hometown tour】

Commemorative Ceremony for the 110th Anniversary of the Nanka Fukuoka Kenjinkai

On Sunday, August 19th, the commemorative ceremony for the 110th anniversary of the Nanka Fukuoka Kenjinkai was held at Central Park in the City of La Palma, California, U.S.A., a delegation from Fukuoka including Mr. Eguchi, the deputy governor, Mr. Inoue, the prefecture assembly chairman, and other prefectural assembly members joined the ceremony. Under the clear sky, at the ceremony, held in the open – like a picnic, President Miyazato remarked, "I hope that individual members of all Fukuoka kenjinkai, holding pride and love for Fukuoka in their hearts, further strengthen the bond between the prefecture and kenjinkai". Further, Mr. Eguchi, the deputy prefectural governor, thanked the kenjinkai for the two-time donation they provided for the northern Kyushu

torrential rain disaster that took place in July of last year. He also paid respect to kenjinkai members, applauding their services for maintaining this mega-scale and long-cherished relationship that is backed by their continued support. After the ceremony, laughter could be heard throughout the following events as the day ended with participants joining in children's athletic competitions, Japanese Taiko performance, and dancing to the Japanese folk song of Tanko Bushi.



【Commemorative photo in California】



【Souvenir gifts from the deputy governor Eguchi (left)】



【Prefectural assembly chairman Inoue dancing to Tanko Bushi with Kenjinkai members】

International Students - Descendants of Emigrants from Fukuoka Prefecture - Experience Japanese Culture.

On Sunday, November 18th, hosted by the Fukuokaken Kaigaiiju Kazokukai (Association of Families of Emigrants from Fukuoka), international students tried on kimono and experienced tea ceremony at Shofuen, a Japanese garden, in Fukuoka city. The students, wearing kimono of their choices, learned and presented etiquettes of tea ceremony to other participants who were present.



【Students performing the ceremony】