



Bringing you the news of the foundation's immigration-related activities

Congratulatory Delegation Attends the Commemoration Ceremony for the Celebration of the 120th Anniversary of the Arrival of Japanese Immigrants in Bolivia

A celebration ceremony and reception was held for the 120th anniversary of the arrival of Japanese immigrants at Santa Cruz city on July 17th. Her Imperial Princess Mako along with Japanese and Bolivian Government officials, Japanese-decent affiliated organizations attended the commemoration ceremony. From Fukuoka Prefecture a delegation lead by Governor Ogawa attended. This was Governor Ogawa's first time visit to Bolivia. At the reception Governor Ogawa, in his congratulatory speech he showed his respects saying "I look forward everyone in the Japanese decedent's society, who has their varying homes and Bolivia, to becoming the bridge for the development of the relationship between Japan and Bolivia." to the immigrants and their decedents who have overcome many obstacles and contributed to Bolivia's development. In this visit, there was an exchange with Bolivian Kenjin-kai, and there was also a tour at the San Juan emigration site where many Fukuoka natives occupied.



【Santa Cruz Viru Viru Airport】



【Commemoration】



【Discussion at San Juan emigration site】

The Children from Overseas Kenjinkai visited Fukuoka and experienced the history and culture of their mother prefecture

On July 2019, 19 children and 12 leaders from 12 Kenjinkai in 9 countries came to Fukuoka Prefecture. This project aims to invite children and leaders from different Kenjinkai to deepen their understanding of their mother prefecture and to raise them as leaders so they will play a role in the exchanges between different countries and Fukuoka/Japan. For the 12th time of this project, participants deepened their understanding of their roots in Japan and in Fukuoka prefecture through experiencing Japanese culture and exchanging opinion with children of the same generation.

■ Schedule July 5th (FRI) – 16th (TUE) 2019

- (1) Interaction with Peers: Satonomai Elementary School, Ayamegaoka Elementary School, elementary school students from Munakata City
- (2) Visiting Attractions in Fukuoka: Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine, Disaster Prevention Center, Fukuoka Tower, Yame Traditional Craftwork Center, Kokura Castle, and such
- (3) Exploring One's Roots: Homestay with relatives, acquaintances, Kazokukai, and volunteer homestay.
- (4) Experiencing Japanese Culture: flowing somen, bamboo work, Umegae-mochi baking activities and such.

【Participants for 2019】

Kenjin-kai	Child	Leaders
Brazil	4	1
Zai-Bolivia	2	1
Peru	2	1
Nanka	2	1
Vancouver	2	1
Paraguay	1	1
Argentina	1	1
Mexico	1	1
Columbia	1	1
Hawaii	1	1
Seattle/Tacoma	1	1
Toronto	1	1
Total	19	12



Elementary School Exchange(Ayamegaoka ES & Mainosat ES)

~Thoughts from the participants~

• Japanese elementary school kids were very polite and cute. I got to see the school and play Japanese activities with the kids. If I can I would like to come back to Fukuoka.

Kawakami Sophie Manami (Nanka)

• I become in love with Fukuoka. I am happy to learn Japanese culture in Fukuoka. The food, games, and friends were all great! Morita Saki (Boliva)

• It was very fun. I got to learn a lot of important things. Momiy Nakama Akio Andres Alejandro (Peru)



Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine



Kokura Castle



Courtesy call at the Fukuoka International Foundation

• Elementary School visit was something I can't experience again. I got to make my own Uchiwa fan and was very happy about it. It was as if I was an actual Uchiwa maker and it was very fun.

Hirano Koga Rafaela (Brazil)