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The 10th Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention "Roots in Fukuoka, Dreams Beyond Worlds" - Bonding and Boundless-



【Welcome Reception (Nov. 6)】

The 10th worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai convention was held from November 6th to the 9th over the course of 4 days, and it was held in Fukuoka, which was 6 years since its was last held in Fukuoka. With over 350 participants from 29 Kenjinkais across 21 countries and regions from North and south Americas, Asia, and Europe. This convention had the highest number of participants of all time.

At the joint meeting they discussed about the future activities of the Kenjinkais and future exchanges with Fukuoka, during the convention.

There were prefectural tours and hometown visits (4 regions within the prefecture), Kenjinkai members got to visit their hometowns and interact with the locals in their towns/regions. At the Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai Fair was an opportunity for prefectural residents to know about the overseas Kenjinkai's presence.

There was a Fukuoka declaration at farewell party, to have future exchanges in youth education, strengthen each other network even more, and the announcement of the next worldwide convention's location that will take place in Peru 2022. The convention ended with everyone being dancing "Tankobushi" and singing "Furusato" together.



【Commemorative Ceremony (Nov.6)】



【Joint meeting (Nov.7)】



【Prefectural tour Okagaki town (Nov.7)】



【Hometown visit (Chikuhō tour) (Nov.8)】



【Kenjinkai Fair (Nov.9)】



【Fukuoka declaration (Nov.9)】



【Farewell party (Nov.9)】

50th Anniversary Ceremony of Exchange Student Scholarship

The Fukuoka descendants exchange program has entered in its 50th year anniversary since its establishment on 1966.

On November 7th (THU) during the 10th Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention, there was a memorial ceremony and a memorial reception with 125 participants, including 53 alumni from the program.

At the memorial ceremony there was a briefing session from 3 alumni and they gave their appreciation to the prefectural government for the continuation of this program. Additionally, at the memorial reception there were nostalgic pictures of the alumni spread through out the venue and sparked many lively conversations.



【Group photo】

Exchange Students Scholarships for Descendants of Emigrants from Fukuoka Prefecture Experience Japanese culture

On November 16th (SAT) the Fukuokaken Kaigaiju Kazokukai (Association of Families of Emigrants from Fukuoka) organized an event students got to experience wearing a kimono and tea ceremony. This was held at tea house in the Japanese garden at Ohori park in Fukuoka city.

The students in kimono, not only got to experience a tea ceremony, they also got taught about the beauty, knowledge and manners, and how the philosophy of tea ceremony values the heart of compassion and gratitude. This day's weather was a good autumn weather and they got to spend a marvelous time exploring the Japanese garden.



【Photo at Japanese garden】