



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

## Fukuoka youths visit the Columbia Fukuoka Kenjinkai

For 9 days from February 20th to 28th, 4 youths from Fukuoka Prefecture were dispatched to Cali city in the Republic of Colombia. This program aims to broaden the perspectives of youths in Fukuoka prefecture by visiting overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai to learn more about the history of migration and local industries. This program enters in its 6th year. Filled with excitement and nervousness, the youngsters departed Fukuoka, and upon arrival, they received a warm welcome from the local members of the Columbia Fukuoka Kenjinkai and psyched themselves for the upcoming program.

During their stay, they visited the Colombian Nikkei Association and talked with their host family and senior citizens to learn about the history of migration and visited coffee and sugarcane plantations. Through such first-hand experience, they learned a variety of things that they could not gain from books or the internet and realized the value of visiting these sites in person. They interacted with members of the Kenjinkai and others, discussed about various things, like each other's countries, families, and roots, it became an unforgettable experience for them. Through these valuable experiences, we hope that youths will be able to act as a bridge between Fukuoka Prefecture and Overseas Kenjinkai and be proactive in a global role.



( With Columbia Fukuoka Kenjin-kai )



( At Coffee Farm )



( At University of Javeriana Cali )

## Kenpi International Students Complete One-Year Study-Aboard



( we got through the 1 year together! )

A certificate ceremony was held for the 9 students who are part of the Exchange Students Program for Descendants of Immigrants from Fukuoka Prefecture on March 13. The students gave their thanks to the affiliated members who provided them guidance for their successful completion of a year of studying abroad. They gave presentations on what they learned during their stay. We hope from their various experiences, such as learning Japanese culture and history and have made them grown and will make them act in future roles in their home country's Kenjinkai.

\* Reports from the students (in Japanese only) are posted on our website. Please search for "子弟留学生" on the Japanese page.  
<https://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/>

## Lecture by a Fukuoka Native Who Is Active on the World Stage

In order to promote the globalization to the youth in Fukuoka, we invite globally active people from Fukuoka Prefecture as lecturers on various topics. It has entered in its 6th year since we started these lectures. Mr. Daisuke Watanabe, Chairman of the Hongkong Fukuoka Kenjinkai (Representative of "Watanabe Daisuke Co., Ltd." and "Cipangodb"), held lectures on December 18th and January 15th. In addition to his lecture at his alma mater Higashi Fukuoka High School (Fukuoka City), he did lectures at three different schools too: Meizen High School (Kurume City) and Nakamura Gakuen Girls' High School (Fukuoka City).

To more than 240 high school students with all three schools, Mr. Watanabe shared his stories about the reasons he moved to Hong Kong, the stories leading to entrepreneurship, and the significance of going to overseas from a young age, leaving a strong impression to the students. Through his lecture, we hope that as many young people will take a big step toward the world.



( At Higashi Fukuoka High School )



( At Meizen High School )