



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

Message from Governor Hattori

Following the resignation of former Governor Hiroshi Ogawa, an election for the prefectural governor was held on April 11, and former Vice Governor Seitaro Hattori was elected as governor for the first time. He is the first governor under Japan's Constitution with a public servant background from the Fukuoka Prefectural Government. Governor Hattori worked at the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation when it was first established, and he fully understands the importance of the Kenjinkai. We would like to introduce his speech upon assuming the office of governor.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for your continued support.

Thanks to the encouragement and kind support of the people of Fukuoka Prefecture and various sectors, I am inaugurated as the Government of Fukuoka Prefecture. I am very conscious of the weight of my responsibilities in leading the Fukuoka Prefectural Government under its mandate from the citizens of this prefecture.

The prefectural residents will be the core focus of this prefectural administration and hope to thoroughly and practically evaluate what I must do for the sake of prefectural residents. First and foremost, we must overcome the COVID-19 pandemic and restore society where all prefectural residents can live in peace.

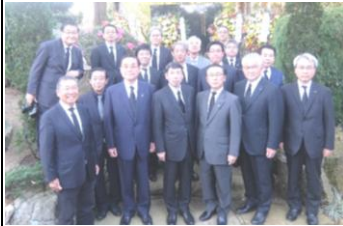
Moving forward in this new era of the prefectural government, I will address three new agendas, fostering the next-generation of leaders in various fields for the future of Fukuoka Prefecture, increasing the global presence and worldwide recognition of Fukuoka Prefecture, and promoting the One Health approach.

I would like to ask for your continued support for the development of Fukuoka Prefecture and to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to you.

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Governor Seitaro Hattori



Visit to the Memorial Cenotaph for the Pioneers (7/18/2018)



With Chairperson Hirayama of the Brazil Fukuoka Kenjinkai (7/18/2018)



Japan Matsuri Brazil Fukuoka Kenjinkai Booth (7/21/2018)



Fukuoka Kenjinkai Suzano Branch 50 year establishment anniversary (7/22/2018)

Introducing the students for the 2021 Exchange Student Program for Descendants of Immigrants from Fukuoka Prefecture!



Their first visit at the Foundation



I go to school every day to study photography. School life is very fun. My teachers and friends are all very kind, talking to me and helping me. Some of my classmates are foreign students from Colombia and Korea. I also made Japanese friends.

I am busy studying, but I would like to visit many places in Fukuoka! For example, I would like to visit famous places such as Fukuoka Tower, and meet my relatives, family members, and countrymen who live in Fukuoka.

Lissa Ayumi Egami (Brazil)



I am studying photography and visual media at university. It's difficult, but I'm doing my best. I have a lot of classmates and we get along well, attend classes together and have lunch together. The teachers are supportive and everyone is kind. In my private life, I sometimes go jogging at nearby Kashiihama Park. The other day, while jogging I was approached by a young Japanese man, although I couldn't speak well, I had a pleasant conversation with him. My goal for the year is to first learn Japanese, and then to apply everything I can learn at the university to my own experiences, and to publish those experiences on YouTube.

Toyomi Miyazono (Bolivia)



The two students visited the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation for the first time, leaving their home countries on April 21 and finally arriving in Fukuoka on May 8 after a two-week quarantine in Tokyo. Currently, Ayumi is studying at the Kyushu Sangyo University Zokei Junior College of Art and Design, and Toyomi is studying at the Kyushu Sangyo University Faculty of Art as a research student.

Change of Secretary-General at the Foundation

Yukiko Kamori the previous Secretary-General was transferred to the Kyushu National Museum/World Heritage Division and Ryuzo Yoshida the Multicultural and International Student director was chosen as the new Secretary-General.

New Kenjinkai Chairpersons

Belém Fukuoka Kenjinkai / Brazil Tsutsumi Gota, new chairperson
Nanka Fukuoka Kenjinkai / America Akaiwa Hirota, new chairperson