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## The 11<sup>th</sup> Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention held in Peru

From November 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, the 11<sup>th</sup> Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention was held in Lima, Peru. Participants from Fukuoka included Governor Hattori, Chairman Kiriake of the Prefectural Assembly, representatives of Fukuoka Prefectural Association of City Mayors, and Fukuoka Prefectural Association of Towns & Villages representatives. About 190 people from 9 kenjinkai in 9 countries across North, Central, and South America were part of this tournament.

Participants actively discussed exchange projects with the prefecture of Fukuoka, strengthening their networks, training of kenjinkai successors, among other topics.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Worldwide Convention will be held in Fukuoka Prefecture in 2025.

<Event Schedule>

November 16(Wed) 11<sup>th</sup> Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention Commemorative Ceremony, Welcome Party

November 17(Thur) Youth gathering, representatives meeting

November 18(Fri) Farewell Party

<Participating Kenjinkai>

Peru (sponsor), Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Paraguay, Toronto, Seattle-Tacoma



## Brazil Fukuoka Kenjinkai Ijyu 110<sup>th</sup> year anniversary · Kenjinkai Foundation 90<sup>th</sup> year anniversary memorial ceremony Prefectural visiting group dispatch

On October 23, the 110<sup>th</sup> year Brazil Fukuoka Kenjinkai Ijyu anniversary, as well as the 90<sup>th</sup> year Brazil Fukuoka Kenjinkai Foundation anniversary memorial ceremony was carried out in Sao Paulo. The attending group from Fukuoka Prefecture included Vice-Governor Shojima and Chair Representative Yoshimatsu. As for the ceremony, Vice-Governor Shojima expressed his gratitude and respect for the people of Brazil Fukuoka Kenjinkai for the continued bond that is shared with the Fukuoka Prefecture even with the difficulties that Corona Virus has brought until now. In his address, he said, "To the people of the Brazil Fukuoka Kenjinkai, we look forward to the bridges that will development through the relationship between Fukuoka and Brazil". During the celebration after the ceremony, attendees listened to a Taiko musical performance and a Brazilian music along with a Samba where everyone danced together. The ceremony came to a close with endless laughter that could not be diminished and a harmonious atmosphere. This visit, being Fukuoka Prefecture's first visit to the state of Paraná and with everything including the ceremony and exchange, the bond between Fukuoka Prefecture and Brazil Fukuoka Kenjinkai is, more than ever, continuing to grow stronger.



【Ceremony】



【Kenjinkai members, administration, business, and observation】

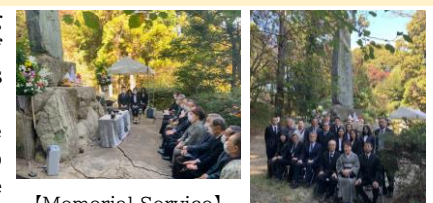


【State of Paraná, City of Assaí Asahi castle tree planting commemorative picture】

## The Holding of Reiwa Year 4 Fukuoka Prefecture Overseas Immigrant Passing Memorial Service

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Hirao cemetery (Fukuoka City) overseas fellowship passing memorial stone monument, with the attendance of the exchange students, descendants of Immigrants from Fukuoka Prefecture, as well as 23 persons, the Fukuoka Prefecture overseas immigrant passing memorial service commenced.

To console the spirits of the immigrants who passed in their countries, the memorial service has been held every 3 years from the Showa 39 year and this time, the 125 spirits of those who have passed from the first year of Reiwa, May 1<sup>st</sup> until Reiwa year 4, April 30<sup>th</sup> will be enshrined together.



【Memorial Service】