



**Information about Exchange Projects between the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation and Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai**

**Descendants of Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai Visit Fukuoka, Learn History and Culture of Ancestral Home**

In July 2023, 10 children and 6 adult leaders from 7 Kenjinkais across 5 countries took part in the Short Term Visit Program for Descendants of Immigrants from Fukuoka Prefecture. The goal of this yearly project is for the participants to deepen their understanding of their ancestral home, whilst also instilling them with the values of future leaders who will proactively encourage exchange activities between their countries, Fukuoka, and Japan for years to come. During this year's visit, the children visited elementary schools across Fukuoka and interacted with children their own age, and had a chance to experience the prefecture's nature, history, and culture, as well as having chance to learn programming. The visit lasted for around 2 weeks in total, and through these activities, the visitors deepened their connection to their roots in Fukuoka Prefecture.

**■ Schedule - 7th July 2023 (Fri) to 18th July 2023 (Tue)**

- (1) Mutual exchange between elementary schoolers: Nango Elementary School (Munakata City), Naka Elementary School (Fukuoka City)
- (2) Experiencing Fukuoka: Dazaifu Tenmangu, Fukuoka Tower, Kokura Castle, Hakata Gion Yamakasa
- (3) Exploring one's roots: Homestays with relatives, friends, family associations, and volunteers
- (4) Japanese culture experience: Making uchiwa fans, trying on yukata

Participants for 2023		
Kenjin-kai	Child	Leaders
Brazil	3	1
Tomé-Açu	1	1
Columbia	1	1
Nanka	1	0
Seattle-Tacoma	0	1
Peru	1	1
Paraguay	3	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>



【Visit elementary school】



【Kokura Castle】



【Making uchiwa fans】



【Lalaport Fukuoka】



【Courtesy call at the FIEF】



【Fukuoka Citizens Disaster Prevention Center】



【Trying on yukata】

**First Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai Web Meeting of the Fiscal Year Held**

On the 14th June, 2023, the first Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai Web Meeting of the fiscal year was held. It was the first meeting for the new Japanese team, including President Takenami, but the atmosphere was warm and friendly from start to finish as each Kenjinkai shared their latest updates. Thank you to all our attendees! At the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation, we hold these Web Meetings regularly as one important way of strengthening our connection with each Kenjinkai. We would love to include as many attendees from as many Kenjinkais as possible, so please do join us in the future.

Meeting Part 1 (Japanese): 12 participants  
 Meeting Part 2 (English, with interpreter): 9 participants  
 【Agenda】

- ① Greetings from President Takenami
- ② Status Update from the Kenjinkais
- ③ Announcements from the Foundation



**The Foundation's New Chairperson**

The Fukuoka International Foundation (FIEF)'s Chairperson has changed as of September 2023.

(Retired) 1st June 2023 -  
 Kenichi Fujinaga



(New) 1st September 2023 -  
 Akie Oomagari  
 (Vice Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture)

