



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

Passing away of Hiroshi Ogawa, former Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture

Former Fukuoka Prefecture Governor Hiroshi Ogawa passed away on the morning of November 2nd. He resigned from the governorship in March this year in the middle of his third term in order to concentrate on the treatment of lung adenocarcinoma. We would like to express our deepest condolences. Here are some photos of the interaction between the late former Governor Hiroshi Ogawa and the Overseas Kenjinkai.



Kenpi students Brazil Fukuoka Kenjinkai Ceremony to commemorate the establishment of the Alumni Association (2012)

Welcome Dinner hosted by Brazil Fukuoka Kenjinkai Dinner Party (2015)

Argentina Fukuoka Kenjinkai 50th Anniversary Celebration, Paraguay Fukuoka Kenjinkai 55th Anniversary Celebration (2015)

Welcome Dinner hosted by Seattle-Tacoma Fukuoka Kenjinkai (2015)

Hawaii Fukuoka Kenjinkai 60th Anniversary Celebration, Hawaii Shima Fukuoka Kenjinkai 50th Anniversary Celebration, Kona Fukuoka Kenjinkai 50th Anniversary Celebration (2016)

Celebration of the 120th Anniversary of Japanese Emigration to Bolivia (2019)

The 10th Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention (2019)

Utilizing the Kenjinkai Network: "Youth Seminar by Fukuoka Prefecture Residents Active Overseas"

Utilizing the network of Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai and other Fukuoka Kenjinkai members, an online seminar was held for young people aiming to be active overseas, inviting members of the Kenjinkai who are active overseas as lecturers.

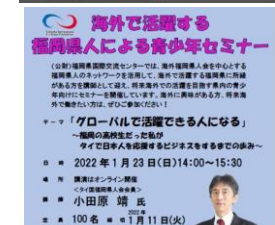
On Monday, November 1, we invited Ren Yano, a member of the Fukuoka Kenjinkai in Sydney, as a lecturer and held an online seminar titled "Thinking about your future from the perspective of the 'place'" for 254 first-year students of Seiho High School, his alma mater in Buzen City, along with 20 teachers and others. The seminar was held online from Sydney. The students, who had never been interested in foreign countries before, felt more interested with foreign countries after listening to Mr. Yano's talk.

On Saturday, November 27, we invited Masaharu Koga, a member of the Delhi Fukuoka Kenjinkai, as a lecturer and held an online seminar from India titled "Living Abroad: What Makes You Valuable" for the general public including students and working adults who applied in advance. Comments included that it was a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the participants about their experiences and attitudes overseas, and that the words "the value lies in the fact that you are different from others" left a deep impression on them.

On Thursday, December 9, we again invited Mr. Koga as a lecturer and held an online seminar for about 120 first, second, and third-year students of the International Culture Course at Genkai Prefectural High School in Koga City. In the acknowledgments on behalf of the students, he said, "It was very informative because there are many students who want to be active in the world in the future. We, too, would like to do our best to enhance our own value and lead a life where we can demonstrate it."

On Sunday, January 23, Yasushi Odahara, a member of the Fukuoka Kenjinkai in Thailand, will give an online lecture from Thailand to the general public on the theme of "Becoming a person who can play an active role in the global community: How I, a high school student in Fukuoka, started a business supporting Japanese people in Thailand. For more information, please visit the Foundation's website.

<https://kokusaihiroba.or.jp/event/kenjinkai-network-youthlecture2022-1-23/>



Respect-for-Senior-Citizens Celebration for the Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai to 109 people.

In celebration of the longevity of immigrants and their descendants from Fukuoka Prefecture, 109 members of 17 kenjinkais received congratulatory letters and gifts from the Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture this year.

Due to COVID-19, we have not been able to send congratulatory letters and gifts to the prefectural associations where postal services have not been normalized. We plan to send them in order as we monitor the situation.

We wish for your continued good health and happiness.

The following is the number of the Respect-for-the-Aged Awards for 2021.

- 80th birthday: 49 people
- 88th birthday: 30 people
- 95th birthday: 10 people
- 99th birthday: 8 people
- Over 100 years old: 12 people