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Graduation Ceremony for Exchange Student Program for Descendants of Immigrants from Fukuoka Prefecture and Japanese Cultural Experience

On March 15th, we held a graduation ceremony for the students from the Exchange Student Program for Descendants of Immigrants from Fukuoka Prefecture (kenpi). Due to COVID-19, only limited people were able to attend the ceremony, but the students used a PowerPoint presentation to talk about what they had learned at the university over the past year and how they interacted with their friends.

Prior to the presentation, the students paid a courtesy call to the Vice Governor, Masaru Eguchi, and thanked him for their successful completion of their study abroad and talked about their study abroad experience. Vice Governor Eguchi encouraged them to do their best in their home countries.

A kimono dressing and tea ceremony experience for them was held at Shofuen in Fukuoka City, organized by the Fukuokaken Kaigai Ijyu Kazokukai. The two students wearing kimonos performed a tea ceremony for the members. While enjoying tea and sweets, they learned about the etiquette, history, and culture of the tea ceremony. On the day of the event, former prefectural governor Aso, who was enthusiastic about these programs, also joined the event.

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Graduation ceremony



Courtesy call with VG Eguchi



Kimono dressing and tea

We made a video introducing Fukuoka Prefecture for children

Let's get to know Fukuoka
Introduction to Fukuoka Prefecture

The Four regions in Fukuoka Prefecture

There are 29 cities, 29 towns, and 2 villages in Fukuoka Prefecture, and these 60 cities, towns, and villages are divided into four regions, "Kitakyushu," "Fukuoka," "Chikuho," and "Chikugo," based on geographical, historical, and economic characteristics.

Due to COVID-19, the Short Term Visit Program for Descendants of Immigrants from Fukuoka Prefecture was cancelled for the second year in a row. With the cooperation of many people in Fukuoka Prefecture, we made a video introducing Fukuoka Prefecture, "Let's get to know Fukuoka!"

This video introduces Fukuoka Prefecture's sightseeing spots, food, traditional crafts, festivals, etc. Even children who do not understand Japanese can enjoy watching the video. Subtitles are available in four languages (Japanese, English, Spanish, and Portuguese).

The videos will be used as teaching materials for participants for the Exchange Student Program for Descendants of Immigrants from Fukuoka Prefecture and Short Term Visit Program for Descendants of Immigrants from Fukuoka Prefecture to learn about Japan before coming to here.

A lecture from a Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai member was held

On January 23 (Sun.), we invited Yasushi Odahara, a member of the Fukuoka Kenjinkai in Thailand, to give an online lecture from Thailand. On the theme of "Becoming a Globally Active Person: How I, a High School Student in Fukuoka, Started a Business to Support Japanese People in Thailand" to mostly youth participants. In the survey after the lecture, the following comments were made: "I was able to set a more concrete goal of what I want to be" (Teen), "I felt again that I should actively visit foreign countries at an early age" (Teen), "I think I was able to hear the reality of Japan, which I heard about" (50s), "I wanted the lecture to be heard not only by the youth but also by their parents. (50s), "I think I heard about the reality of Japan that we hear about on the street and are left behind" (50s), "I would like not only the youth but also their guardians to listen to this lecture" (50s). On March 16 (Wed.), another lecture was held at Chikushidai High School in Dazaifu City to about 530 students.

This year, we had three lecturers for the youth seminar utilizing the network of Fukuoka Prefecture residents who are active overseas. Thank you very much for all your cooperation.

