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## Short Term Visit Program for Descendants of Immigrants from Fukuoka Prefecture

### ■Schedule

Period: 8<sup>th</sup> (Friday) – 19<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) July 2016

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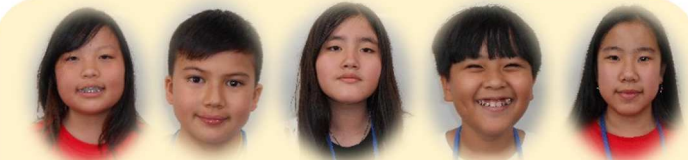
- (1) Communications between children within the same generation: Naka primary school, primary school students from Munakata-shi, Takeshitadaiko group;
- (2) Touch the beauty of Fukuoka: Inside the City of Fukuoka; Inside the City of Kitakyushyu; Internship at the Munakatataisha etc;
- (3) Searching for Roots: Relative, friend, family member, homestay at volunteer's house;
- (4) Japanese culture experience: Japanese Tea Ceremony, Japanese drum, try-out Japanese Yukata, hand make Sushi etc;


In the middle of this summer, participants including 19 children and 10 leaders from 8 countries and 13 Kenjinkai arrived in Fukuoka with excitement. Throughout the program which included primary school visitation, prefecture sightseeing, communication within the same generation, sleepover camp and homestay experiences etc, they have developed a deep understanding of Fukuoka/Japan. These participants will play an important role for future Kenjinkai events as they will be the core group to train their successors, so a good relationship can be maintained between Fukuoka Prefecture and their countries/Kenjinkai. Thus, the attempt for an active Kenjinkai could be achieved.



### ■The number of participant

Name of Kenjinkai	Children	Leaders
Brazil	3	2
Belém	1	0
Tomé-Açu	1	0
Bolivia	1	1
Paraguay	1	1
Columbia	1	1
Mexico	2	1
Peru	2	1
Argentina	1	1
Nanka	2	1
Hawaii	2	1
Hawaiishima	1	0
Kona	1	0
Total	19	10



 It was very interesting that there were a lot of things which we cannot see in Brazil. I enjoyed the visit to the Naka primary school the most. I am also glad that I learned how to play Japanese drum. (Brazil)

Food in Fukuoka was very delicious. (Bolivia)



 I was very pleased that my hostfamily took me to a lot of places, they even took me to meet their relatives. (Paraguay)



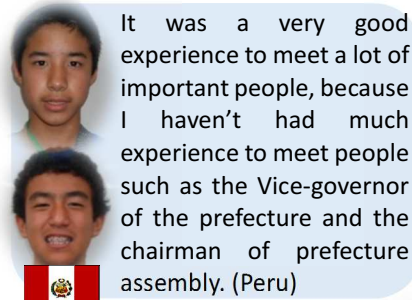
I made a lot of friends, then I started to want to learn more about linguistics. (Mexico)



I am so glad that I can experience the culture of wearing Yukata. (Columbia)



The people in Fukuoka are very kind, and the streets are very beautiful. (Argentina)



It was a very good experience to meet a lot of important people, because I haven't had much experience to meet people such as the Vice-governor of the prefecture and the chairman of prefecture assembly. (Peru)



Homestay was very fun. The internship at Toyota factory was very interesting. Sights and life in Japan are the best. (U.S.A.)



Kokura Castle



Hakata Gion Yamakasa

Experience Japanese Yukata



Learning Japanese Taiko



## Sending our congratulations to 114 senior members of Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai

Fukuoka Prefecture Governor Ogawa sent letters and souvenirs of congratulations as recognition of the longevity of 114 members from 15 kenjinkai, who are Fukuoka-born or their descendants. We pray for your ongoing health and happiness.

<Breakdown of 2016 senior member commendations >

Senju (Age80) : 45 members    Hakaju (Age 99) : 3 members  
 Beiju (Age 88) : 46 members    Momoga (Age 100 or above) : 6 members  
 Chinju (Age 95) : 14 members

