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## Attending commemorative ceremonies for 35th Anniversary of Sister Collaboration Relationship with Hawaii State, and the Anniversary of 3 Kenjinkais in Hawaii States

The Commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hawaii Fukuoka Kenjinkai, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hawaiiishima Fukuoka Kenjinkai, and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kona Fukuoka Kenjinkai were held in January 2017. Fukuoka Prefecture Governor Ogawa, Prefectural Assembly Chairman Nakao, representative council members of each party from Fukuoka Prefectural Assembly, as well as members from Fukuokaken Kaigaiju Kazokukai participated in the ceremony. The Kenjinkai associates have gathered together for the grand ceremonies with 70 people participated in Hawaii Fukuoka Kenjinkai ceremony, 170 people participated in Hawaiiishima Fukuoka Kenjinkai ceremony, and 180 people participated in Kona Fukuoka Kenjinkai ceremony. The Fukuoka Prefecture and the Hawaii State have also welcomed the 35th year anniversary of their sister collaboration relationship in 2016 since its conclusion in 1981. Various commemoration events were held for 3 days between 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January.



[Hawaii Kenjinkai]



[Hawaiiishima Kenjinkai]



[Kona Kenjinkai]

## Global Stage Fukuoka ~Prominent Fukuokans Around the World~ Seminars

Two guest speakers from Overseas Kenjinkai took seminars towards the youth, their presentations with themes including "The meaning and interest of aiming for overseas", "Preparations for overseas expansions" were based on their years of personal experiences. We would like to thank the Kenjinkai members for their cooperation.

**Speaker: Thai Fukuoka Kenjinkai, Former President Mr. Koji Egashira**  
**(Representative of Asia Solutions)**

- 1) Date: Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 Venue: Kashii High school  
Theme: "The fascination of working in Southeast Asia"
- 2) Date: Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017 Venue: Fukuoka City Start up Café  
Theme: "Start up in Southeast Asia"

**Speaker: Toronto Fukuoka Kenjinkai, Mr. Mitsuru Yamashita**  
**(Vice President of Phoenix Geophysics)**

- 1) Date: Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 Venue: Meizen High school  
Theme: "It has been 49 years since I went to Canada thoughtlessly as a graduate from Meizen"
- 2) Date: Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 Venue: Kokusai Hiroba  
Theme: "It has been 49 years since I went to Canada thoughtlessly as a Kurume resident"



Mr. Egashira



Mr. Yamashita

## 2016 Global Stage in BRAZIL!

This year, 7 young participants from Fukuoka Prefecture were sent to Brazil Fukuoka Kenjinkai. They received warm welcome from Kenjinkai members and learned various things through different kinds of experiences including immigration history studies, homestay experience, enterprises visitation, as well as exchanged their opinions with the Kenjinkai members. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Brazil Kenjinkai and furthermore desiring these youth to become a bridge between Fukuoka Prefecture and Overseas Kenjinkai, we look forward to their active cooperation for future exchange projects.

**Host Kenjinkai:** Brazil Fukuoka Kenjinkai **Schedule:** 4th to 14th March 2017

**Major Destinations:** Museum of Japanese Immigration, JICA, Nikkei Primary School, Nikkei Hospital, Sao Paulo University, JETRO, The Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Rio de Janeiro, Tozan farm etc.



## 7 participants of the 2016 Exchange Students Program for Descendants of Immigrants.



The 7 prefectural scholarship exchange students for 2016 were safely set off for their home countries after completing their year studying abroad in Fukuoka. Over the course of the year, the students not only furthered their individual studies but also experienced various aspects of Japanese culture. Prior to their departure, the students' university professors and others involved with the program were invited to a Certificate Award Ceremony/Farewell Party on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March, where the students made presentations on what they have learned in Fukuoka and the memories they made together with those in attendance that they looked back over the past year. A full report of the 2016 exchange students' time in Fukuoka is on our homepage, please take a look. <http://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/>