



Bringing you news about the Foundation's immigration-related activities

8 participants of the 2017 Exchange Students Program for Descendants of Immigrants start their new life in Fukuoka!

This year, 8 participants of the Fukuoka Prefecture Descendants of Immigrants Program have arrived in Japan to begin their one year study as exchange students. The students are helping each other to vigorously enjoy their first experiences of school life in Fukuoka. On 25th of May, they paid a courtesy visit to Fukuoka Prefecture Vice Governor Eguchi, where they received some words of encouragement: "I look forward to witness your great improvements since all 8 of you will be studying and competing with each other. I am also hoping to see your active performances acting as the exchange bridge that will connect Fukuoka Prefecture with different regions in the future."



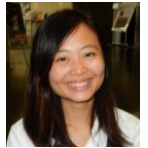
【Commemorative photo with Vice Governor Eguchi】

Introduction of the Prefecture Scholarship Students



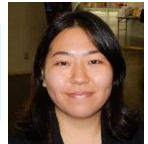
My primary goal of the year will be successfully graduate from school and obtain my chef license. I think I will also do something like sightseeing various places in Fukuoka, visiting places where my grandmother used to live, and to meet my relative uncles if possible. **(Zai-Bolivia: Alejandro Yuichi Tokunaga)**

A lot of exciting new things appearing every day in my school life. I was very touched by the kindness of my professor and classmates in my research center, as well as the beautiful environment of the university. I wish that I can make a good use of my study abroad experience, since I have learned things that can only be studied in the Japanese universities and had an opportunity to feel the Japanese culture, I will also participate exchange events with people who supported me during my time studying abroad, I do not think I will forget my gratitude even after when I return to Brazil. **(Brazil: Mai Fukuyama)**



It is very pleasant to learn new things every day in university. Whenever there are things I do not understand in university, my friends and teacher are always willing to help me. I want to take the Japanese Language Proficiency Test N2 in order to increase my Japanese conversational ability. **(Brazil: Mariana Eri Towata Ota)**

I would like to know more about my roots since my grandparents have always been teaching me Japanese culture. I would also want to study more Japanese language and read books regarding to architecture. I wish to challenge the Japanese Language Proficiency Test as well. I will study Japanese language and urban planning in school, however, architecture terms are quite difficult, and I have to learn bits by bits. **(Brazil: Marcia Yurie Yano)**



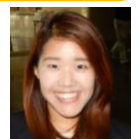
I have participated the Japanese Tea Ceremony hosted for international students in the university. I was very happy that I was able to see where tea was made, furthermore tasted Matcha thanks to the tea teacher. I would like to challenge my reading and writing practise skills, as well as to increase my Japanese conversational ability. **(Hawaiiishima: Kellie Kaori Iwasaki)**

I am very happy that I was able to experience the atmosphere of the my grandfather's hometown in Fukuoka, thanks to the dormitory, other prefecture scholarship students, the sight and the various people living in the city. I want to challenge the Japanese language Proficiency Test and find my roots while I am in Fukuoka, as well as to successfully complete my academic goals while studying in the university. **(Mexico: Juan Carlos Tanikawa Flores)**



I was very surprised by the big scale of the streets and the still developing city since this was my first time came to Fukuoka. People here also left me an impression that they take care of their culture and tradition very seriously. I am having a very fulfilling day every day. I have always been interested in photography, I will be learning a lot of things during this one year. My teachers and classmates are all very good people. **(Peru: Kenny Takeshita)**

Fukuoka is less crowded and there are lots of cheap delicious food, it is a very liveable friendly environment. I feel the studies in the university are quite difficult. I am trying to learn Japanese history now in order to study economics from Japanese perspective. **(Toronto: Sachi Godo)**



Announcement of Personnel Changes

As of 1st April 2017, the Senior Executive Director of FIEF has been replaced.

Senior Executive Director of Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

(Former) Shunta Tanaka → (Current) Akihiko Fukushima