

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

## The descendants of Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai have visited Fukuoka Prefecture.

In July 2017, there are 20 children and 10 adult leaders who has the family roots in Fukuoka visited Fukuoka prefecture to know their mother country. The participants are from 11 Fukuoka Kenjinkai in 8 countries this time. The purpose of this program was to make them to become a bridge between Fukuoka and their country in the future. All participants have a great exchange experience with local children and deepened their understanding of Fukuoka prefecture.

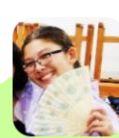
### The number of participant

Kenjinkai	Children	Leaders
Brazil	4	1
Bolivia	2	1
Colombia	1	1
Nanka	2	1
Seattle Tacoma	1	1
Hawaii	3	1
Hawaiishima	1	0
Mexico	2	1
Peru	2	1
Paraguay	1	1
Vancouver	1	1
Total	20	10

### Schedule 7th (Fri.) – 18th (Tues.) July 2017

- (1) Cultural Exchange: Naka Primary School, Munakata-City Primary school and more
- (2) Get to know Fukuoka: Munakata Taisha (Shirine), Fukuoka Disaster Prevention Center and more
- (3) Searching for our roots: Home Stay at their kin, kazokukai or volunteers
- (4) Japanese Culture Experience: Tea Ceremony, Traditional Drums, Calligraphy and more

"I made new friends and great memories. I want to keep this friendship forever." [Vancouver]



"The cultural experiences that we went on were terrific and made me appreciate where my ancestors came from." [Hawaii]



"Even though we are all from different countries, we have a lot in common like age 11, the roots of Fukuoka and more." [Seattle-Tacoma]

"I want to study Japanese more and come back here as an international student or a leader of this program." [Brazil]



## Congratulations on Fukuoka Kenjinkai Anniversary of 110th Seattle-Tacoma & 35th Vancouver!!

Both of Fukuoka Kenjinkai Anniversary ceremonies were held on Aug 19th in Seattle-Tacoma, and on Aug 20th in Vancouver.

Many guests from Fukuoka prefecture visited there to celebrate, Vice Governor Omagari, Vice Chairman of Fukuoka Prefectural Assembly Moriya, Chairman of Fukuoka Kaigaiju Kazokukai Muto, and many more. It was almost 70 participants to attend for each ceremonies including members of local Kenjinkai. The both ceremonies had a great atmosphere, having a special speeches from the guests, celebrating seniors, meeting young Kenjinkai members and more. At the last, we danced all together with the one of Fukuoka's classic song called "Tankou bushi". We can ensure that our Kenjinkai and Fukuoka Prefecture has a great relationship and effort to the future from now on.



【Commemorative Ceremony in Seattle-Tacoma】



【Commemorative Ceremony in Vancouver】



【Tankou bushi】