



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

#### Congratulatory Delegation Attends the Commemoration Ceremony for the 110th Anniversary of Japanese Emigrants to Brazil in Sao Paulo City in Brazil

This year marks the 110th anniversary when group migration from Japan to Brazil began, various places in Brazil held commemorative events to celebrate this anniversary. Her Imperial Highnesses Princess Mako of Akishino attended the ceremony held in Sao Paulo on Saturday, July 21. She thanked the Brazilian government and the Brazilian people who warmly accepted the immigrants from Japan. She paid her respect to the immigrants and their descendants by expressing her appreciation to the efforts that they've put into building and supporting the development of today's Nikkei society. From Fukuoka prefecture, a delegation composed of Vice-Governor, Seitaro Hattori, Chairman of the Prefectural Assembly, Shingo Inoue, and representatives from each prefectural assembly were dispatched to the ceremony. At the ceremony, members from the Kazokukai were also present. During the three days from July 20th to 22nd, the Japan Festival, which is the world's largest Nikkei festival promoting Japanese food and culture, was held concurrently with the commemoration ceremony. Fukuoka Prefecture also set up a booth and offered Yame tea tasting and displayed local specialties from different municipalities in the prefecture. In addition, we displayed and offered "plum wine" and "umegae mochi" from Dazaifu, and carried out a tourism promotion of Dazaifu.



[110th Anniversary]



[Delegation Attending the Commemoration Ceremony]



[Fukuoka Prefecture booth at the Japan Festival]

#### The Children from Overseas Kenjinkai (Descendants of Japanese emigrants from Fukuoka) visited Fukuoka and experienced the history and culture of their mother prefecture

On July 2018, 21 children and 11 leaders from 10 Kenjinkai in 8 countries came to Fukuoka Prefecture. This project aims to invite children and leaders from different Kenjinkai to deepen their understanding of their mother prefecture and to raise them as leaders so they will play a role in the exchanges between different countries and Fukuoka/Japan. For the 11th time of this project, including this year, 212 children and 106 leaders have visited Fukuoka prefecture so far. Participants deepened their understanding of their roots in Japan and in Fukuoka prefecture through experiencing Japanese culture and exchanging opinion with children of the same generation.

##### ■Schedule: 6<sup>th</sup> July (Fri) 2018 – 17<sup>th</sup> July (Tues) 2018

- (1) Interaction with Peers: Naka Elementary School, Koyanose Elementary School, elementary school students from Munakata City
- (2) Visiting Attractions in Fukuoka: Munakata Taisha, Disaster Prevention Center, Fukuoka Science Museum, Chikugotzedzukuri-mura (Ramen noodle making workshop)
- (3) Exploring One's Roots: Homestay with relatives, acquaintances, Kazokukai, and volunteers.
- (4) Experiencing Japanese Culture: Tea ceremony, taiko drums, yukata dress-on, flowing somen, bamboo work

##### Tea ceremony experience



I learned to be polite and say thank you to everyone. I am honored to be able to learn about my roots in this special year when my great-grandmother became a centenarian.  
 Tapper Jordan Emi (Hawaii)

##### Yukata dress-on



I learned to think and act independently without the help of my parents. I will never forget the experiences shared between me and the friends that I have made through this program.  
 Shanti Sora Katayama (Vancouver)

I'm working hard to study Japanese after I return home.  
 Nagahama Maddox (Peru)

##### Courtesy visit to the Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture, Ogawa Hiroshi



##### ■Number of Participants

Kenjinkai	Children	Leaders
Brazil	4	1
Bolivia	2	1
Columbia	2	1
Nanka	2	0
Seattle Tacoma	1	1
Hawaii	3	1
Kona	1	0
Mexico	1	1
Peru	2	1
Paraguay	1	1
Vancouver	1	1
Toronto	1	1
Total	21	10