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(公財)福岡県国際交流センターの最新の移住事業をお伝えします

Ten Youth from Fukuoka Prefecture Dispatched to Mexico

From February 23rd to March 5th, a group of young people under the Fukuoka Youth Mission Program were dispatched to Mexico. Filled with excitement and nervousness, the youngsters departed Fukuoka, and upon arrival, they received a warm welcome from the local members of the Mexico Fukuoka Kenjinkai and psyched themselves for the upcoming program. During their stay, they had a courtesy visit to the Japanese embassy in Mexico and learned about the history of immigration at the Japan Mexico Hall. They visited different facilities and companies where Nikkei people and Japanese people worked such as vocational schools and Japanese automotive plants. Through such first-hand experiences, the youngsters deepened their understanding of Mexico in various respects. Also, the youngsters capitalized on their time through discussions with members from the local Fukuoka Kenjinkai, host families, and students from the University of Guanajuato. Topics included home countries, ancestors, families, etc. Through this precious experience, these young hopefuls will go on playing active roles in bridging the Fukuoka Prefecture and overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai in the future.



(Warm Welcome party)



(Teotihuacan Pyramids)

(At University of Guanajuato)

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Eight Kenpi International Students Complete One-Year Study-Aboard





(All Kenpi students at farewell Ceremony)

Eight international students who are descendants of emigrants from Fukuoka Prefecture have completed their year-long study-abroad and have returned to their respective countries. During their stay, besides continuing their field of studies, the students learned about Japanese culture and participated in various events and festivals around the prefecture. On March 16th, the students presented their learnings and experiences at their farewell party where they were awarded study abroad certificates. Teachers and guests were invited to the event, and everyone fondly reminisced on the year-long journey that they've spent together.

Lecture by a Fukuoka Native Who Is Active on the World Stage



To globalize the minds of Fukuoka youth, we invite Fukuoka natives who are playing an active on the world stage to present various topics as lecturers, marking the fifth year of this event. This time, we are fortunate to be joined by Mr. Takayuki Hori from the Nanka Fukuoka Kenjinkai (US lawyer / certified public accountant). On February 20th, Mr. Hori visited Chikushigaoka High School (Fukuoka city), his old school, and on the next day, Tobata High School (Kitakyushu city), giving lectures at both schools. Standing in front of more than 1,400

high school students totalling from both schools, he passionately told his story, including his motive for moving to the USA, the effort he put into acquiring professional qualifications in the USA, the hardships he endured, and the beauty of working overseas. The speaker hopes that through the lecture on this day, students, no matter the number, have been inspired to make a big leap into the world stage.





(Lecture at Chikushigaoka & Tobata High School)