



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

Notice Regarding the Resignation of Fukuoka Governor Ogawa

On February 9, Governor Ogawa announced the name of his condition of lung cancer and announced that he would devote himself to treatment to make a fast recovery. However, due to the prolonged treatment, it has become difficult to expect a fast recovery, and he has decided that a prolonged absence of the governor will cause stagnation in the management of the prefectural government. He submitted his resignation letter to the prefectural assembly on February 22. His resignation date is March 24, which is after assuming responsibility until the budget is approved.

Governor Ogawa has always believed that the existence of the Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai is an asset and plays an important role for our prefecture to actively conduct exchanges with foreign countries in the globalized international society. Immediately after the news broke, we received many messages of encouragement for Governor Ogawa's recovery from people in the Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkais. It is with great regret to announce Governor Ogawa's resignation. This time, we would like to post a summary of his resignation (message to everyone) and the exchanges between Governor Ogawa and the Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai.

【 Regarding to My Resignation (Message to All) 】

I am Hiroshi Ogawa, Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture.

Today, I came to a decision to resign as Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture and have informed the Chairperson of the Fukuoka Prefectural Assembly.

I have been diagnosed with adenocarcinoma of the lung and have been undergoing treatment at Kyushu University Hospital to return to work as soon as possible, but the results have not been as effective as I had hoped.

Many prefectural residents believed in my fast recovery and were encouraging me. Nevertheless, given my condition and physical strength, I will not be able to fulfill my responsibilities and role as governor as I have done in the past, and so I have come to this decision with a sincere heart. I am sincerely sorry to all of you, and I myself feel disappointed and regretful of this decision.

Dear residents of Fukuoka Prefecture, since I was elected in 2011, I have been doing my best for the development of our hometown. Although there have been many difficult times, such as multiple natural disasters and the spread of COVID-19, Fukuoka Prefecture has developed much more vigorously than before. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all residents for their understanding, cooperation, support, and efforts. I would like to thank you once again.

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Commemorate the establishment of the Brazilian Fukuoka Kenjinkai alumni association for Kenpi students (2012)



Visit to the 55th Anniversary of the Fukuoka Kenjinkai in Paraguay and the 50th Anniversary of the Fukuoka Kenjinkai in Argentina (2015)



Welcome Dinner hosted by Seattle-Tacoma Kenjinkai (2015)



Hawaii Fukuoka Kenjinkai 60th Anniversary (2016)



Hawaii Island Fukuoka Kenjinkai 50th Anniversary and Kona Fukuoka Kenjinkai 50th Anniversary Celebration (2016)



120th Anniversary of Japanese Emigration to Bolivia (2019)



Fukuoka Pref. Gov sponsored Exchange Party in Brazil (2019)



The 10th Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai World Wide Convention (2019)

Kenpi Kimono Experience

On January 17, the students wore kimonos and walked around Gokoku Shrine and Ohori Park's Japanese Garden as part of a kimono experience organized by the Kenjinkai of Families of Overseas Migrants. At Maizuru Park, they were featured in a local newspaper as riding horses in hakama.



Kenpi Courtesy Call



On March 15, they had a courtesy call with Vice Governor Eguchi and reported on their year in Fukuoka. They talked about their experiences in Fukuoka and about their home countries, and the Vice Governor asked them to come back to Fukuoka.

On March 23, the graduation ceremony was held, and the students gave a presentation about their year in Fukuoka.

Youth Seminar by active overseas Fukuoka residents

On March 20, an online seminar for young people in the prefecture who aim to work overseas in the future. This time, Mr. Akihito, a member of the Nanka Fukuoka Kenjinkai, was invited as a lecturer and gave a fun lecture on the theme of "How to watch Hollywood movies 100 times more fun" about the appeal of working overseas and in special makeup.

