



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

### Postponement of the Anniversary Celebrations and The 11th Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention

Due to the world wide spread of the COVID-19 infections in various countries, it is not possible to hold events safely and securely, and the immigration situation is changing day by day. Therefore, based on the requests of each kenjinkai, we have decided that it is difficult to hold the anniversary events and will postpone them to FY2022.

- Commemorative Ceremony for the 110th Anniversary of Fukuoka Kenjin's Emigration to Brazil and the 90th Anniversary of the Brazil Fukuoka Kenjinkai
- The 50th anniversary of the Zai-Bolivia Fukuoka Kenjinkai
- The 70th anniversary of the México Fukuoka Kenjinkai

The 11th Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention will be held in Peru in 2022, and we are currently working with Fukuoka Prefectural Government on the schedule. We will inform the Kenjinkai as soon as the details are finalized.

We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and have discussions with each Kenjinkai to prepare.

### Notice of cancellation of this year's Short Term Visit Program

We had postponed the Short Term Visit Program for Descendants of Immigrants from Fukuoka Prefecture to January 2022, but due to the unabated spread of COVID-19, we have decided to cancel the program for this year.

We regret to inform you that we will not be able to hold the event for the second year in a row, and we would like to ask for your understanding and the children who were looking forward to participating the program.

We are considering offering an alternate online event for children (video introduction of Fukuoka Prefecture's history, sightseeing, food, culture, etc.), Japanese cultural experience (origami), and exchange with exchange students (kenpi). Participants of the online Japanese language classes and upper grade elementary school students are those who can participant the event. The event will be held from mid-January to mid-February 2022 and is scheduled to last about an hour. We will announce the details as soon as they are finalized.

### Exchange students introduced Fukuoka to Kenjinkai kids!

In the Kenjinkai Online Japanese Class, exchange students (kenpi) from Brazil and Bolivia served as teachers and introduced the charms of Japan and Fukuoka to the kenjinkai children.

Since coming to Japan in April, the exchange students have not been able to enjoy going out as much as they would like due to the spread of COVID-19 but they gave presentations in Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish, and English about the places they visited, the delicious food they ate, and their school life.

The children were excited when they saw pictures of foods they knew, and asked questions like "Is it hot in Japan in summer?" "What do you think is the most interesting thing about Fukuoka? What do you think is the most interesting thing about Fukuoka? When the exchange students introduced

yukata, the Paraguayan children showed us their own yukata. An student asked, "Where would you like to go when you

come to Fukuoka? One child said, "Fukuoka Tower" and another said, "I want to visit the hedgehog café where the exchange students went! "



Left: Toyomi Miyazono (Zai-Bolivia Fukuoka Kenjinkai)  
 Right: Lissa Ayumi Egami (Brazil Fukuoka Kenjinkai)

