

Schedule of important Events Relating to Communities of Japanese Immigrants and Descendants in Central and South America for 2017

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Month	Day	Event	Country	City	Host or Nikkei organizations involved	Event outline, size and characteristics	Participants (estimate)
Throughout the year		Event in Commemoration of the 120th Anniversary of Enomoto Immigrants	Mexico	Chiapas State and others	Japan-Mexico Association of Chiapas, Enomoto Association of Chiapas, Edomura Association of Acacoyagua, Japanese-Mexican Association etc.	Event to commemorate the 120th anniversary of Enomoto immigrants, the first organized Japanese immigrants to Central and South America. Details are being coordinated by Nikkei organizations in Chiapas.	
January	5~12	International Exchange Program for Nikkei Youths "Lidercambio 2017" (5th - 12th)	Peru	Lima	Asociación Estadio La Unión Nikkei Association of Peru International Federation of Nikkei Organizations Peru Branch of Pan-American Nikkei Association	Lidercambio is a group established by Association Estadio La Unión in October 1981 to offer a wide variety of activities outside school and home for Nikkei youth. It is an international exchange program hosted by Movimiento de Menores (aka Movi) and is intended for Nikkei youth over 14 years old to help foster social leaders among them, 2017 marks the 20th anniversary. The theme for Lidercambio 2017 is "unite towards dreams." About 100 people will participate in the event from Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Mexico, Paraguay, and Peru.	100
	8	Sports Day (8th)	Dominican Republic	Santo Domingo	Japanese School Administration Department, Nikkei Association of the Dominican Republic	Students from Japanese schools gather and compete against each other. Some matches are participated in by adults. Japanese Embassy and JICA also take part. About 100 people.	100
	17	New Year Party (17th)	Colombia	Cali City	Nikkei Association of Colombia	A New Year party	
	17~21	11th International Baseball Tournament (17th - 21st)	Peru	Lima City	Association Estadio La Unión	About 200 baseball players from Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Peru attend.	200
	25	New Year Party / Order and Decoration Presentation Ceremony	Brazil	Brasilia	Japanese-Brazilian Cultural Institute of Brasilia	With the hope of enhancing ties with the Nikkei community in Brasilia, the representatives of Nikkei organizations in the City are honored for helping spread the Japanese culture and language.	
	29	New Year Party / Coming-of-Age Party (29th)	Dominican Republic	Santo Domingo	Nikkei Association of the Dominican Republic / Japan-Dominican Friendship Club	Japanese Ambassador to the country hosts descendants of Japanese immigrants who turn 20 to the official residence to celebrate their coming-of-age, and other Japanese immigrants for a New Year party.	
		Nikkei Communities Joint New Year Party	Brazil	Belém	Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Pará / Amazonia Japanese-Brazilian Welfare Association / Consular Office in Belém	Every year about 200 to 300 people get together and enjoy Japanese drums, traditional dancing, and rice cake pounding to enhance cooperation with Nikkei organizations.	200-300
		Japan Week in Amapá State	Brazil	Macapa	Consular Office in Belém / AMCEL / Amapá Japanese-Brazilian Association / others	An event to introduce Japanese culture in the State of Amapá which has a relatively small Nikkei population. There will be workshops on Origami, Ikebana, old folk music, Anime and trying on Yukata. Approximately 2,000 visitors are estimated.	2,000
		New Year Party for Pan-Amazonia Japanese-Brazilian Association	Brazil	Belém	Pan-Amazonia Japanese-Brazilian Association	A New Year party hosted by the biggest Nikkei organization in Central and South America. Every year about 400 to 500 people attend the party and enjoy Japanese traditional dancing, harp, drums and modern dance etc.	400-500
		Inter-prefectural Karaoke Competition	Brazil	Belém	Northern Brazil Prefectural Association	About 300 guests will be invited to revitalize prefectural associations and to promote friendship.	300
		New Year Party	Brazil	São Paulo City, São Paulo State	Japanese Cultural and Social Assistance Association of Brazil and other major Nikkei organizations / Consulate General in São Paulo co-host	A New Year party historically held in the Nikkei community. 500 guests.	500
		La Plata Bon Dance Festival	Argentina	La Plata City	Japanese Association of La Plata	A Japanese cultural festival hosted by Japanese Association of La Plata. The festival attracts nearly 15,000 visitors in 1 day each year. Over 60% of visitors are said to be young non-Nikkei.	15,000
		Sarmiento Bon Dance Festival	Argentina	Sarmiento area by the Capital	Japanese Association of Sarmiento	A Japanese cultural festival hosted by Japanese Association of Sarmiento. About 5,000 people visit the festival each year.	5,000
		General Assembly of Japanese Association / New Year Party	Nicaragua	Managua City	Japanese Association of Nicaragua	A New Year party is held immediately after the next chairman of the Association is elected in a general assembly. Guests to the party are Japanese living in Nicaragua (including embassy staffs and JICA staffs).	
		Japanese Speech Contest	Nicaragua	Managua City	Japanese Embassy in Nicaragua / JICA in Nicaragua / University of Central America etc.	A speech contest participated mainly by students from the University of Central America, which has offered Japanese language education since the 1990s. The contest is anticipated to give the students an incentive.	
	New Year Party	Peru	Lima City	Nikkei Association of Peru	About 200 people from major Nikkei organizations attend the party to celebrate a new year and ensure continued cooperation.	200	
	Coming-of-Age Party	Bolivia	Where immigrants from Okinawa settled	Japanese-Bolivian Association of Okinawa	A Sumo tournament is held after the coming-of-age party.		
February	2	International exchange program for younger Nikkei DALE	Argentina	Buenos Aires	Centro Nikkei Argentino	Not only from Argentina, but also younger generations of Nikkei from other countries in the region attend this international exchange program. The program has 80 participants (including staffs) every year and it will celebrate the 10th anniversary in 2017.	80
	17~19	6th Minas Japan Festival	Brazil	Belo Horizonte	Honorary Consulate General in Minas is involved.	A large-scale Japan festival that attracts more than 20,000 people every year. The festival will mark its 6th anniversary in 2017. Anime singers or J-Pop groups will be sent to perform at the festival to promote young people to be interested in Japanese culture.	Over 20,000
	18,19	Boa Vista Japanese Culture Festival	Brazil	Boa Vista	Japanese-Brazilian Association of Roraima	A Japanese cultural event held with cooperation of the State of Roraima. It was first held last year. It is estimated that 5,000 people will visit the 2-day event (the City's population is 200,000), and most of them are non-Nikkei.	5,000
	26	Respect-for-Seniors Party (26th)	Dominican Republic	Santo Domingo	Association of Nikkei in the Dominican Republic Japanese-Dominican Friendship Club	Immigrants over the age of 70 are invited to the Ambassador's official residence. (This party is usually held in September, but it was postponed to February due to the Embassy's schedule.)	
	27	30th anniversary of the establishment of Paraguay Centro Nikkei	Paraguay	Itagua City	Paraguay Centro Nikkei	Many people with affiliations with Nikkei communities in Paraguay and Central and South America will be invited to this event on February 27 (Monday) from 5pm. (The size of the event is yet to be determined but about 300 to 400 are to be invited.)	300-400
		Karaoke competition	Brazil	Santa Isabel	Japanese-Brazilian Association of Santa Isabel	Approximately 200 will join the event.	200
		New Year's party	Argentina	Buenos Aires	Japanese Embassy in Argentina	A New Year party hosted by the Japanese embassy in Argentina inviting Nikkei and Japanese expats. At this year's party, the 100th anniversary of AJA will be celebrated and young Nikkei who excel in various quarters will be awarded by the head of the mission.	
		Salta Summer Festival	Argentina	Salta	Hosted by Japanese Association of Salta	A Japanese cultural festival hosted by the Japanese Association of Salta. The festival attracts around 300 visitors each year.	300
		Okinawa Festival	Peru	Lima City	Okinawa Prefectural Association of Peru	Visitors can enjoy the music and dances of Okinawa, and Okinawan cuisine. The festival is open to the public, and the price of admission is low.	
		Mochi Pounding Event	Nicaragua	Managua City	Japanese Association of Nicaragua	Participants take part in pounding mochi with a wooden mortar and pestle. Participants are Japanese expats in Nicaragua (including embassy and JICA staff). The event is intended for fostering friendship among Japanese expats as well as passing Japanese traditions on to younger generations by performing mochi pounding before children.	
	Japanese Cultural day	Panama	Panama City	Host: Japanese Embassy in Panama Sponsor: Pro-Japan organizations (cultural, martial arts, art, Japanese language, and JICA members etc.)	This is a large Japanese cultural event held in February every year, and attracts several thousand visitors (2,500 visited last year). Most visitors are Panamanians. A wide variety of activities are planned in cooperation with organizations in the country relevant to Japan.	2,500	
	Carnival Party	Bolivia	La Paz	Japanese Association of La Paz	A costume party in association with a carnival in Bolivia, and approximately 300 people are expected to join the event.	300	
March	3~8	Liberdade Flower Festival	Brazil	São Paulo City, São Paulo State	Liberdade Japanese-Brazilian Cultural Welfare Association / Federation of Buddhism in Brazil and São Paulo City	A Japanese traditional culture event listed in the official event calendar of São Paulo City. 50,000 visitors are estimated.	50,000
	18,19	18th and 19th Porto Velho Japan Festival	Brazil	Porto Velho	Japanese-Brazilian Cultural Institute of Rondonia	Japanese cultural event hosted by Nikkei organizations. The 3-day festival attracts 20,000 visitors each year and most of them are non-Nikkei.	20,000
	24	Nikkei Festival in Commemoration of the 120th Anniversary "Japan's Four Seasons and Kimono" (24th)	Chile	Santiago	Central Japanese Association	An event that Central Japanese Association is hosting as one of the big opening events to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the establishment of friendship between Japan and Chile in 2017. It will be a Kimono fashion show with the concept of introducing Japan through four seasons in Japan. A theater in Santiago and the Japanese Embassy are co-hosting.	
		Bunkyo Cultural Festival	Brazil	São Paulo City, São Paulo State	Japanese Cultural and Social Assistance Association of Brazil	A Japanese cultural festival hosted by the Brazilian Society of Japanese Culture and Social Assistance, a leading organization in the Nikkei community. 5,000 visitors are expected.	5,000
		Japan Week in Maranhão State	Brazil	São Luís	Consular Office in Belém / CEMPO occupational Training School / Japanese-Brazilian Association of Maranhão / others	The only Japanese cultural event in Maranhão State. Origami, Ikebana, folk songs, Anime, martial arts, and seminars on putting Kimono will be available at the event. 1,600 visitors are expected.	1,600
		Celebratory gathering for people who have been conferred decorations	Peru	Lima City	Nikkei Association of Peru	A celebratory event for people who have been conferred decorations in the fall and spring of this fiscal year.	
		Higan Buddhist Memorial Service (Buddhist tradition to visit one's ancestor's grave during a 7-day period surround the spring and fall equinox.)	Peru	Cañete town	Nikkei Association of Cañete	A Buddhist memorial service for early immigrants who now rest in Japanese cemeteries etc. The service is attended by 150.	150
		Japanese Association of Burzaco Festival	Argentina	Burzaco City	Japanese Association of Burzaco	A Japanese cultural festival hosted by the Japanese Association of Burzaco. It attracts about 2,000 visitors each year.	2,000
	5th International Friendship Gateball (Japanese Croquet) Tournament (Slated for 2019)	Uruguay	Arapey City, Salto prefecture	Gateball Association of Uruguay / Japanese Association of Uruguay	A 3-day tournament hosted by the Gateball Association of Uruguay in cooperation with the Sports Bureau of Salto Prefecture. Men and women of all ages from Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Peru and other countries compete in the tournament. The Japanese embassy is invited to the tournament every year. No prizes are given.		

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		Japanese Association Sports Event	Uruguay	Montevideo	Japanese Association of Uruguay	About 50 Nikkei men and women of all ages compete against each other in matches like a sprint, tug of war, mock cavalry battle. Prizes are given by the Japanese Association to those who score high in the matches.	50
		Softball Tournament	Dominican Republic	Jarabacoa	Youth Group of the Nikkei Association of the Dominican Republic	Inter-regional softball tournament participated mainly by 2nd generation Nikkei. The Japanese Embassy and JICA also take part. About 80 people	80
		Japan Festival	Nicaragua	Managua City	Japanese Embassy in Nicaragua / JICA Nicaragua / Japanese Association of Nicaragua / Japanese-Nicaraguan Friendship Club etc.	The largest Japanese cultural event in Nicaragua at which many organizations relevant to Japan or Japanese culture come together. Over 1,500 people visit the event each year.	1,500
		Sado (tea ceremony)	Bolivia	Cochabamba City	Japanese-Bolivian Cultural Association of Cochabamba	Sado lessons are offered for the public.	
April	1,2,8,9	Mogi Fall Festival	Brazil	Mogi das Cruzes City, São Paulo State	Cultural Association of Mogi das Cruzes	A prominent Japan festival held in a region with a large Nikkei population. The event expects 100,000 visitors.	100,000
	3	Commemorative Event to Celebrate Japan-Peru Friendship Day	Peru	Lima	Nikkei Association of Peru	A commemorative event to celebrate the emigration of Japanese to Peru and Japan-Peru Friendship Day (April 3rd). Moreover, flowers are offered at Japan-Peru Friendship Bridge, and a Buddhist memorial service is held for deceased early immigrants.	
		Flower Festival	Brazil	Curitiba	Tomodachi Asia Center	A Japanese cultural festival hosted by Japanese language schools in Curitiba. The festival sees 20,000 during 2 days, and visitors vary in ages.	20,000
		Sushi Festival	Brazil	Castañal	Japanese-Brazilian Association of Castañal	200 to 300 people visit the festival and most of them are non-Nikkei.	200-300
		27th Policinico Peruano Japonés International Symposium and Seminar / 8th International Symposium and Seminar Hosted by Japanese Peruvian Centennial Clinic	Peru	Lima City	Nikkei Association of Peru Policinico Peruano Japonés Japanese Peruvian Centennial Clinic	Advance in medicine in general and technologies are shared at these events. 15 doctors from overseas including Japan will be invited as presenters at this year's event.	
		Great Sports Day	Peru	Lima City	Asociación Estadio La Unión	A joint sports day event participated by Nikkei organizations such as prefectural associations, schools, and Japanese schools. About 1,000 will join the event.	1,000
		Autumn Festival	Argentina	Buenos Aires City	Federation of Nikkei Organizations in Argentina Buenos Aires City	A joint Japanese cultural event hosted by Buenos Aires City and the Federation of Nikkei Organizations in Argentina. The event sees 6000 visitors each year.	6,000
May	22~28	Commemorative Event for the 50th Anniversary of the Founding of the Japanese-Peruvian Cultural Center (22nd - 28th)	Peru	Lima City	Nikkei Association of Peru Anniversary Event Committee of Nikkei Association of Peru	Events in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Japanese-Peruvian Cultural Center where facilities of the Nikkei Association of Peru are located will take place. The commemorative ceremony is on the 24th.	
	Mid May (2nd week)	Brasilia Japan Festival	Brazil	Brasilia	Federation of Japanese-Brazilian Associations of Midwestern Brazil	A Japanese cultural festival co-hosted by the Federation of Mid-Western Brazil Japanese-Brazilian Association and the Japanese Embassy. Last year the festival was attended by 40,000 visitors over 2 days. The Japanese Embassy also had a booth at which the Japanese culture and study abroad in Japan were briefed.	40,000
		Nikkei Association Cultural Festival	Brazil	Belém	Nikkei Association of Belém	A cultural festival held by a Japanese language school administered by Nikkei Association of Belém. Students at the school prepare various performances. 300 visitors are expected.	300
		Miss Nikkei Contest	Brazil	Belém	Pan-Amazonia Japanese-Brazilian Association	About 200 participants.	200
		Summer Festival at Welfare Home	Brazil	Belém	Amazonia Japanese-Brazilian Welfare Association	An event hosted elders by Amazonia Japanese-Brazilian Welfare Association at the Welfare Home. 100 to 200 participants.	100-200
		Piedade Persimmon Festival	Brazil	Piedade City, São Paulo State	Piedade City and Culture and Sports Association of Piedade	Well-known event as a festival to celebrate the Fuyu persimmon, a local specialty. 10,000 visitors are expected.	10,000
		Respect-for-Seniors Party	Peru	Lima City	Nikkei Women Club of Peru	An event hosted for senior Nikkei citizens. About 700 people will attend the event.	700
		Respect-for-Seniors Party	Peru	Lima City	Okinawan Women Club of Peru	An event hosted for senior members of the Okinawa Prefectural Association of Peru (the largest prefectural association in Peru). About 500 members will attend the event.	500
		Florencio Varela Festival	Argentina	Florencio Varela City	Japanese Association of Florencio Varela	Japanese cultural festival hosted by the Japanese Association of Florencio Varela. The event usually attracts 5,000 visitors each year.	5,000
		Comicon	Argentina	Buenos Aires City	Yamato Corporation (private corporation founded by a Nikkei Brazilian.)	A large-scale Anime event held twice a year in May and December.	
		Japanese Traditional Dance Show	Argentina	Buenos Aires City	Federation of Nikkei Organizations in Argentina	A Japanese cultural event hosted by the Federation of Nikkei Organizations in Argentina. The event expects about 500 visitors every year.	500
		Friendship Party Hosted by All Paraguay Senior Citizens Club	Paraguay	Iguazu City	Federation of Senior Citizens Club of Paraguay	A friendship party intended for all members of senior citizens clubs in various settlements. (Participants can enjoy shows and deepen friendship with other members while eating meals.) The event is usually attended by 150 members. (Settlements take turns in hosting the event and this year it is scheduled in Iguazu)	150
		Larga Noche de Museos (A long night at the museum)	Bolivia	La Paz City	Co-hosted by La Paz City / Material room of the Japanese Association of La Paz will be on display	Display of the material room. This is a joint event with La Paz City and all the museums in the City. About 3,000 to 4,000 visit the event overnight and most of the visitors are general public. The date is to be determined	3,000-4,000
		Bon Dancing Festival	Bolivia	Cochabamba City	Japanese-Bolivian Cultural Association of Cochabamba	A Bon dancing festival held as a farewell to Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers of JICA. 50 staff at the Embassy will join the event.	50
	Children's Day Event	Mexico	Mexico City	Japanese-Mexican Association	An event the Japanese-Mexican Association hosts for children every year. Children's art show and introduction of Japanese culture (performance of Japanese drums and tea ceremony) are main part of the event.		
June	8~11	Cherry Blossoms Festival (8th - 11th)	Brazil	Apucarana	Culture and Sports Association of Apucarana	A Japanese cultural festival hosted by Nikkei organizations in Apucarana City. The festival is held around the same time as the cherry blossoms bloom and attracts 30,000 visitors over 4 days each year. It is enjoyed by a wide range of generations.	30,000
	24 (scheduled)	53rd Respect-for-Senior Party (planned for the 24th)	Colombia	Cali City	Nikkei Association of Colombia	Respect-for-Seniors party hosted by members of the association. Men and women of all age groups get together and approximately 200 members attend the event.	200
		Japanese Cultural Festival in Ubatuba	Brazil	Ubatuba City, São Paulo State	Ubatuba City and Japanese-Brazilian Association of Ubatuba	An event held in a coastal tourist area with a low Nikkei population that is getting a lot of attention. 10,000 visitors are expected.	10,000
		Japan Week in Cambo Grande	Brazil	Cambo Grande City, Mato Grosso do Sul State	Japanese-Brazilian Culture and Sports Association of Cambo Grande and neighboring organizations	A prominent Japanese festival held in a region with a high Nikkei population. 50,000 visitors are expected.	50,000
		Japan Festival in Campinas	Brazil	Campinas City, São Paulo State	Campinas City and Japanese-Brazilian Cultural Association of Campinas	A famous Japanese festival held in Campinas and its surrounding neighborhoods where industry and commerce are significantly growing. 10,000 visitors are expected.	10,000
		Japan Festival in Osasco	Brazil	Osasco City, São Paulo State	Osasco City and Japanese-Brazilian Culture and Sports Association of Osasco	One of the well-known Japan festivals in the greater São Paulo region. It attracts about 30,000 visitors.	30,000
		Memorial Mass for Early Japanese Settlers in Brazil	Brazil	São Paulo City, São Paulo State	Japanese Cultural and Social Assistance Association of Brazil and other Nikkei organizations	Christian mass for the souls of early Japanese settlers. It is attended by 200 people approximately.	200
		Buddhist Memorial Service for Early Japanese Settlers in Brazil	Brazil	São Paulo City, São Paulo State	Federation of Japanese Prefectural Associations in Brazil, prefectural associations, and other Nikkei organizations	Buddhist memorial service joined by 200 people at the cenotaph for early settlers for the souls of Japanese immigrants.	200
		Buddhist Memorial Service and Ceremony for Japanese Settlers in Brazil	Brazil	São Paulo City, São Paulo State	Japanese Cultural and Social Assistance Association of Brazil and other Nikkei organizations	Buddhist memorial service and ceremony for the souls of Japanese immigrants held at the grand auditorium of the Japanese-Brazilian Cultural and Social Assistance Association of Brazil. 800 attendees.	800
		Japanese Immigrants Festival in São Bernardo do Campo	Brazil	São Bernardo do Campo City, São Paulo State	São Bernardo do Campo City and Federation of Japanese-Brazilian Cultural Associations of São Bernardo do Campo	One of the well-known Japan festivals in the greater São Paulo region. 30,000 visitors are expected.	30,000
		Colonia Performing Art Festival	Brazil	São Paulo City, São Paulo State	Japanese Cultural and Social Assistance Association of Brazil and other Nikkei organizations	A historical Japanese performing arts festival in the Nikkei community. 1,200 visitors are expected.	1,200
		Immigration Festival	Brazil	Curitiba	Japanese-Brazilian Cultural and Welfare Association of Curitiba	A Japanese festival hosted by Nikkei organizations in Curitiba. The festival usually attracts 20,000 visitors of all ages over 2 days. It is held in a large exhibition hall in a park in the City.	20,000
		EXPO JAPAN	Brazil	Londrina	Cultural and Sports Association of Londrina	A Japanese cultural festival and agricultural festival held by Nikkei organizations in Londrina. A notable point about the festivals is that they have a make-shift tea ceremony room. The events attract 20,000 visitors over a 5 day period each year.	20,000
		Sushi Festival	Brazil	Santa Isabel	Japanese-Brazilian Association of Santa Isabel	About 200 to 300 visit the festival and most of them are non-Nikkei.	200-300
	Valença Japan Festival	Brazil	Valença	Nikkei Association of Valença	This festival is held in Valença City, which is a suburban city about 250km away from Rio de Janeiro City. The festival exhibits performances of Japanese martial arts (Karate, Judo, Kendo), and hosts workshops on Origami, Japanese paper collage, Kanji characters, putting on Kimono, and cooking Japanese cuisine.		

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		Sukiyaki Party	Argentina	Buenos Aires City	Federation of Okinawa Prefectural Associations of Argentina	A Japanese cultural event hosted by the Federation of Okinawa Prefectural Associations of Argentina where participants can enjoy Sukiyaki and a Japanese drum performance. It is attended by 300 people most of whom are Nikkei.	300
		Commemorative Event for the 85th Anniversary of Japanese Association of Córdoba	Argentina	Córdoba City, Córdoba State	Japanese Association of Córdoba	Date is yet to be determined. About 400 guests are expected.	400
		Student Performance	Dominican Republic	Santo Domingo	Japanese Language School Administration Department of the Nikkei Association of the Dominican Republic	Students in Japanese language schools and supplementary Japanese schools throughout the area perform their learning achievements (theater production and singing) at the event. There will be a graduation and completion ceremony at this year's event (biannual). There will be about 70 attendees including the audience.	70
		25th Ekiden Tournament and 15th Walking Tournament	Bolivia	Okinawa City	Japanese-Bolivian Association of Okinawa	Families in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd settlements in Okinawa get together. About 500 are expected to take part.	500
July	1,2 or 15,16	Liberdade Tanabata Festival (Star Festival)	Brazil	São Paulo City, São Paulo State	Japanese-Brazilian Cultural and Social Assistance Association of Liberdade and São Paulo City	A Japanese traditional event listed in the official event calendar of São Paulo City. The event attracts about 180,000 visitors over a 1 week time period.	180,000
	5,6	Cherry Blossoms Festival in Carmo Park	Brazil	São Paulo City, São Paulo State	Brazilian Federation of Cherry Blossoms and Ipe / São Paulo City	One of the largest cherry blossoms festivals in São Paulo City. About 50,000 visitors are expected.	50,000
	7~9	Japan Festival in São Paulo (7th - 9th)	Brazil	São Paulo City, São Paulo State	Hosted by Brazilian Federation of Japanese Prefectural Associations / Nikkei organizations / São Paulo State / São Paulo City / São Paulo 州	The largest Japan festival overseas and it has a significant influence in Brazil. The festival in 2016 had more than 180,000 visitors.	180,000
	22	Karaoke Tournament (22nd)	Bolivia	Santa Cruz City	Japanese Association of Central Santa Cruz	An event attended by members of the community and their family.	
	28	Celebratory Ceremony for Peru's Independence Day	Peru	Lima City	Nikkei Association of Peru	A ceremony to celebrate Peru's Independence Day (July 28th). Approximately 1,000 people will attend the ceremony.	1,000
	30	40th Colonia Okinawa Sports Day (30th)	Bolivia	Okinawa City	Japanese-Bolivian Association of Okinawa	Families in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd settlements in Okinawa get together. About 500 are expected to take part.	500
		Garça Cherry Blossoms Festival	Brazil	Garça City, São Paulo State	Garça City and Nikkei Cultural and Sports Association of Garça	A festival to enjoy the cherry blossoms planted in the parks in Garça City. It has become a well-known flower festival in Garça and its surrounding areas. 10,000 visitors are expected.	10,000
		Children's Home Festival	Brazil	São Paulo City, São Paulo State	Social Welfare Corporation Children's Home and other Nikkei organizations	A charity boot fair and Japanese cultural festival hosted by the social welfare corporation. 10,000 visitors are expected.	10,000
		Bunkyo Cherry Blossoms Festival	Brazil	São Roque City, São Paulo State	Japanese Cultural and Social Assistance Association of Brazil	A cherry blossom festival held at Kokushikan Sports Center of the Japanese Cultural and Social Assistance Association of Brazil. 10,000 visitors are expected.	10,000
		Festival in Commemoration of Immigration into Guataparã Settlement	Brazil	Guataparã City, São Paulo State	Agricultural and Sports Association of Guataparã	A memorial service and Japanese festival held in an area immigrants settled in after WW2. 2,000 visitors are expected.	2,000
		Álvares Machado Memorial Service	Brazil	Álvares Machado City, São Paulo州	Japanese-Brazilian Agricultural and Sports Association of Álvares Machado / Pan-Solo Cabana Federation of Japanese-Brazilian Culture / Álvares Machado City	The oldest Nikkei memorial service that is well-established in the area. The event can expect 5,000 visitors and many of them are non-Nikkei.	5,000
		Bastos Egg Festival	Brazil	Bastos City, São Paulo State	Bastos City / Bastos Cultural Sports Nikkei Association	Bastos is known for being where Japanese immigrants settled before WW2. An agricultural seminar on poultry raising will be also held alongside a Japan festival. 30,000 visitors are expected.	30,000
		Arujá Flower Festival	Brazil	Arujá City, São Paulo State	Pan-Dutra Floriculture Association / Arujá City	A festival held by the Union of Nikkei Floriculture Farmers along the Dutra Highway. 40,000 visitors are expected.	40,000
		Bon Dancing Festival	Brazil	Tomé-açu	Tomé-açu Cultural and Agriculture Promotional Association	Most of the participants (400 to 500) are non-Nikkei.	400-500
		Animazon Convention	Brazil	Belém	Animazon Cultural Association etc.	A 2-3 day Anime and Manga event held at school and that attracts more than 5,000 visitors each year. Programs of the convention include costume playing, karaoke contest, "Miss Kawaii Pará" beauty pageant which was proposed by the Consular Office in Belém, and games.	5,000
		Sports Day	Brazil	Tomé-açu	Tomé-açu Cultural and Agriculture Promotional Association	200 to 300 participants.	200-300
		Tanabata Festival (Star Festival)	Brazil	Florianópolis	Nippo Catarinense Association	A Japanese cultural festival hosted by Nikkei organizations in Florianópolis. The festival is attended by 10,000 visitors over 2 days. It is held outdoors and has Tanabata decorations.	10,000
		Japanese-Peruvian Friendship Long-Distance Walking Contest (Caminata de la Amistad)	Peru	Lima City	Nikkei Association of Peru	Round trip on foot between the Nikkei Association of Peru and the Japanese-Peruvian Friendship Bridge inside Campo de Marte Park (about 8km). 600 participants are expected.	600
		Anime Friends	Argentina	Buenos Aires City	Yamato Corporation (Private corporation founded by a Nikkei in Brazil)	A large-scale Anime event focused on Japanese Anime. It is held twice a year in May and December and expects 25000 visitors.	25,000
		Party to Celebrate Hakuju (age of 99) at Nichiaso House	Argentina	Buenos Aires City	Nichiaso House	A celebratory event for residents at "Nichiaso House" hosted by the Japanese-Argentinian Welfare Center. A few dozen people will attend the event.	Few dozens
	Sports Day (Date to be determined)	Colombia	Cali City	Nikkei Association of Colombia	A sports event participated in by members of the association. Every year about 150 members take part in the event.	150	
	Sports Day at Asunción Japanese Language School	Paraguay	Asunción City	Japanese Association of Asunción	A sports event hosted every year by the Japanese Association of Asunción. Not only the students of the school but also Japanese schools and the Paraguayan-Japanese School take part in the event. There are about 300 participants. Staff from the Embassy join the event as judges.	300	
	12th Vivra Joven (mid August)	Mexico	Morelos	Youth Group of Japanese-Mexican Association	An event intended to encourage younger generations of Nikkei in Mexico and Central and South America to develop cooperation through various activities, to think about the future for them and Nikkei communities, and to foster leaders for the next generation among them.		
August	9~11	Campo Grande Soba (buckwheat noodles) Festival	Brazil	Campo Grande City, Mato Grosso do Sul State	Campo Grande Central Market / Japanese-Brazilian Cultural and Sports Association of Campo Grande / Campo Grande City	Central Market mainly serving Okinawa Soba is set up permanently by Campo Grande City. Japanese culture is promoted at this festival and 100,000 visitors are expected throughout the event.	100,000
	19,20	6th Japan Festival in RS State	Brazil	Porto Alegre	Japan Festival Administration Committee	This festival is held on a weekend in mid August to celebrate August 18, 1956, which is the day the first ship carrying immigrants arrived at Rio Grande. The festival has gained more visitors each year and last year it had roughly 70,000 visitors over 2 days over the weekend. It is becoming an event people look forward to in August. Most visitors to the festival are young non-Nikkei.	70,000
	26,27	Japan Festival in Salvador	Brazil	Salvador	Japanese-Brazilian Cultural Association of Salvador	An event hosted by Nikkei organizations in Salvador with the cooperation of the Federal, State and City governments. 40,000 people visit each year.	40,000
		Tosa Festival	Brazil	São Paulo City, São Paulo State	Kochi Prefectural Association of Brazil / São Paulo City	Younger members of the Kochi Prefectural Association of Brazil plan and carry out this festival. This festival attracts 15000 visitors and is acknowledged as an official event of São Paulo City.	15,000
		16th Japan Festival in Flamengo	Brazil	Rio de Janeiro	Japanese-Brazilian Cultural and Sports Federation of Rio de Janeiro / Japanese-Brazilian Cultural Association / Nikkei Association of Rio	A Japanese cultural festival that attracts over 20000 visitors each year. Workshops on Origami, Japanese paper collage, demonstrations of Japanese martial arts (Aikido, Kendo, Iai), and cosplay shows are held. Moreover, Japanese folk dancing, Japanese drums and folk songs are performed at the festival.	20,000
		Japan Festival in Petrópolis	Brazil	Petrópolis	Nikkei Association of Petrópolis	The festival will have Ikebana displays and workshops, demonstration of Japanese martial arts (Aikido, Kendo, Iai and Sumo), a cosplay show, performance of Japanese drums and folk songs. By introducing the traditional culture and pop culture of Japan at the same time, it is anticipated that people will develop a multi-layered understanding about Japan. The festival serves as a rare opportunity for citizens of the City to be exposed to new dimensions of Japanese culture as there are no other Ikebana schools in the City.	
		Japan Week in Piauí	Brazil	Teresina	Consular Office in Belém / Japanese Cultural Center of Piauí etc.	A comprehensive Japanese culture promotional event in Piauí State. Events include Origami, Ikebana, Japanese folk songs, Anime, martial arts and a workshop on putting on Kimono. 2,500 visitors are expected.	2,500
		Bon Dancing Festival	Brazil	Santa Isabel	Japanese-Brazilian Association of Santa Isabel	Roughly 200 to 300 people are expected to join the event.	200-300
		Urabon Memorial Service (Ghost Festival)	Peru	Cañete	Nikkei Association of Cañete	Buddhist memorial service for Japanese immigrants who now rest in the Japanese cemeteries. The service is attended by about 150 guests.	150
		Commemorative Event for the 25th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jinnai Center	Peru	Lima City	Nikkei Association of Peru	The Jinnai Center is a recreational facility established for Nikkei elderly in 1992. On average about 170 people (100 of them are 1st and 2nd generation Nikkei aged over 78 years and the rest are between 68 and 77) visit the facility daily from Monday through Friday. Persons need to be enrolled in the facility's registration system and can use the facility once a week for the cost of services used.	
	Song Festival in La Plata	Argentina	La Plata City	Japanese Association of La Plata	A Japanese cultural festival hosted by the Japanese Association of La Plata. The festival attracts about 500 visitors every year. Nikkei communities in the neighboring countries also join the event.	500	

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		Commemorative Event in Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Migration from Hokkaido to Argentina	Argentina	Escobar City	Hokkaido Prefectural Association	Hokkaido Prefectural Association of Argentina hosts this event to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the migration from Hokkaido to Argentina. Hokkaido Prefectural Association sends an invitation to the Governor of Hokkaido.	
		Comprehensive Introduction to Japanese Culture "Wind from Japan"	Argentina	Buenos Aires City	Hosted by Japanese Association of Argentina	An event hosted by the Japanese Association of Argentina to introduce various aspects of Japanese culture. The event attracts about 1,500 visitors in 1 month.	1,500
		Bon Event in Youth Island	Cuba	Nueva Gerona City	Nikkei Communication Group of Youth Island	A Japanese cultural festival hosted by the Nikkei Association of Youth Island. It is attended by about 200 visitors each year. The proactive participation of young non-Nikkei indicates the depth of Cuban people's understanding of Japanese culture.	200
		Bingo Udon	Chile	Santiago	Japanese Association of Central	This is a bingo game at which participants can foster friendship while eating Udon noodles. Approximately 100 people join the event each year.	100
		Photo Exhibition on Migration	Chile	Santiago	Japanese Association of Central	Photos of immigrants to Chile are displayed to look back on the history.	
		All Paraguay Speech Contest	Paraguay	Asunción City	Education Promotional Committee of Paraguay	Nikkei and Paraguayan studying Japanese participate in this event. About 300 attendees.	300
		Karaoke competition	Bolivia	La Paz City	Japanese Association of La Paz	Members of the Community, Nikkei who live in La Paz, and students at schools where Japanese is taught take part in the event. About 400 people are expected to attend.	400
		Festival in Commemoration of Immigration (sports day, expo of agricultural products and Bon dancing)	Bolivia	San Juan City	Japanese-Bolivian Association of San Juan	A festival in commemoration of immigration allocates 1 day for sports day which is attended by 800 people, including 300 students. The following day is an expo of agricultural products (morning) and Bon dancing (7pm to 11pm). The second day of the festival attracts more than 2,000 visitors from neighboring Santa Cruz City and Okinawa City.	Over 2000
		Harvest Festival in the First Settlement	Bolivia	Okinawa City	Japanese-Bolivian Association of Okinawa	Festival held around the time of harvest. Agricultural products are sold at the festival besides Bon dancing. It attracts over 2,000 visitors.	Over 2000
		Summer Festival	Mexico	Mexico City	Japanese-Mexican Association	First held in 2016. Japanese restaurants and vendors selling Japanese products will be at the event. Programs to introduce Japanese pop culture are also planned.	
September	Saturdays and Sundays of January, July and September	Flower and Strawberry Festival in Atibaia	Brazil	Atibaia City, São Paulo State	Atibaia-Hortolândia Association / Japanese-Brazilian Cultural and Sports Association of Atibaia / local Nikkei associations / Atibaia City	A well-established festival to celebrate the floriculture and strawberry farms which were mainly promoted by Nikkei. About 50,000 visitors are expected.	50,000
	2~11	Japanese-Brazilian Cultural Festival in Maringá	Brazil	Maringá	Cultural and Sports Association of Maringá	Four Nikkei organizations in Maringá City co-host this Japanese culture festival, which is one of the largest in Paraná State. The festival has a wide variety of Japanese foods. It attracts 100,000 of all age groups over 10 days each year. Japanese companies are also present at the event.	100,000
	8~10	Conference on Japanese Language Education in Spanish-Speaking Countries in South America (8th - 10th)	Peru	Lima City	Nikkei Association of Peru	People engaged in Japanese language education in the Spanish-speaking countries in South American (Argentina, Uruguay, Ecuador, Colombia, Chile, Paraguay, Venezuela, Peru and Bolivia participated in 2016) gather and discuss challenges in their field.	
	24	Festival (24th)	Bolivia	La Paz City	Japanese Association of La Paz	A Japanese cultural festival with 5,000 visitors.	5,000
		All Brazil Nikkei Associations Leader Forum for Young Nikkei	Brazil	São Roque City, São Paulo State	Japanese Cultural and Social Assistance Association of Brazil / Nikkei organizations	A program administered by younger generations of Nikkei to foster leaders. 200 attendees are expected.	200
		Green Festival	Brazil	Itaquaquecetuba City, São Paulo State	Social Welfare Association House of Hope	A Japanese culture festival as part of a charity event hosted by a Nikkei social welfare organization. 20,000 visitors are expected.	20,000
		Mato Grosso Festival de Japan	Brazil	Cuyabá City, Mato Grosso State	Japanese-Brazilian Cultural Association of Cuyabá and Várzea Grande / Nikkei organizations in Mato Grosso State / Mato Grosso State / Cuyabá City	The only Japan festival held in Mato Grosso State. 30,000 visitors expected.	30,000
		Londrina Festival	Brazil	Londrina	Sansei Group	A Japanese cultural festival planned and operated mainly by the third generation Nikkei in Londrina City. The 2-day event attracts 20,000 visitors many of whom are young people.	20,000
		Spring Festival	Brazil	Paranavaí	Cultural and Sports Association of Paranavaí	A Japanese cultural festival hosted by Nikkei organizations in Paranavaí. This 2-day event attracts 20,000 visitors from all age groups.	20,000
		Japan Week in Belém	Brazil	Belém	Pan-Amazonia Japanese-Brazilian Association	One of the largest Japanese cultural festivals in the area. 5,000 people visit the festival each year and most of them are non-Nikkei.	5,000
		TBD 30th Ikebana Show	Brazil	Brasilia	Federation of Japanese-Brazilian Associations of Midwestern Brazil	A Japanese cultural festival hosted by the Federation of Japanese-Brazilian Associations of Midwestern Brazil and the Japanese embassy. The festival attracted about 40000 over 2 days in 2016. The Japanese Embassy will have a booth to introduce Japanese culture and study abroad in Japan.	40,000
		Japan Week in Belém	Brazil	Belém	Pan-Amazonia Japanese-Brazilian Association	One of the largest Japanese culture festival in the area. 5,000 people visit the festival each year and most of them are non-Nikkei.	5,000
		Respect-for-Seniors Party	Brazil	Belém	Pan-Amazonia Japanese-Brazilian Association	About 150 guests are invited.	150
		Bon Dancing	Brazil	Castañal	Castañal Japanese-Brazilian Association	About 200 to 300 people attend the event.	200-300
		Joint Respect-for-Seniors Party	Argentina	Buenos Aires City	Prefectural associations in Argentina / Federation of Nikkei Organizations in Argentina	Respect-for-Seniors party co-hosted by the prefectural associations in Argentina and Federation of Nikkei Organizations in Argentina. About 200 guests are invited each year.	200
		Spring Festival in Florencio Varela	Argentina	Florencio Varela City	Japanese Association of Florencio Varela	A Japanese cultural event hosted by Florencio Varela City. It attracts roughly 5,000 visitors every year.	5,000
		Japanese Association Boot Fair	Uruguay	Montevideo City	Japanese Associations in Uruguay	200 Nikkei and Uruguayans come to this boot fair. A lottery and exhibitions of Japanese culture such as drum performance are held besides a boot fair. This is also the only source of income for Japanese Communities other than membership fees. The Japanese Embassy donates things staffs who moved back to Japan left.	200
		Events in relation to the Expansion of the Japanese Garden in Santiago	Chile	Santiago	Japanese Association of Central	Park Bureau of Santiago City and Japanese Association of Central are slated to work together to expand the Japanese garden in the City. Cherry blossom trees are also to be planted.	
		Events in relation to the establishment of a Japanese garden in Viña del Mar Botanical Garden	Chile	Viña del Mar	Nikkei Association of Valparaíso	Viña del Mar Botanical Garden which is a sister park of the Jindai Botanical Garden in Tokyo and Nikkei Association of Valparaíso plan to cooperate to create a Japanese garden in the botanical garden. Tokyo Metropolitan Park Association offers technical cooperation.	
		Bon Dancing Festival	Dominican Republic	Santo Domingo	Japanese School Administration Department, Nikkei Association of the Dominican Republic	The festival is held at Santo Domingo Japanese Language School and it also has vendors. The Japanese Embassy has a booth and holds a boot fair. Profits from the boot fair will go to the school. Not only Nikkei but also Dominicans learning Japanese visit the festival. 500 visitors are expected.	500
	Respect-for-Seniors Party	Dominican Republic	Santo Domingo	Nikkei Association of Dominican Republic Japanese-Dominican Friendship Club	Immigrants over the age of 70 are invited to the Ambassador's official residence.		
	Japanese Association of Honduras Softball Tournament. (TBD)	Honduras	Tegucigalpa City	Japanese Association of Honduras	About 50 participants. Most of them are Embassy and JICA staff.	50	
	1	2nd Culture Festival	Bolivia	Santa Cruz City	Japanese Association Central Santa Cruz	A flea market and other activities are held for members of the club and Nikkei.	
	14	13th Okinawa Friendship Softball Tournament	Bolivia	Okinawa City	Japanese-Bolivian Association of Okinawa	Participated by 200 members of the association and their families.	200
	14	13th Culture Festival	Bolivia	Okinawa City	Japanese-Bolivian Association of Okinawa	An exhibition of craft items and stage performance	
	28	Bon Dancing Festival	Bolivia	Santa Cruz City	Japanese Association of Central Santa Cruz	An event attended by Nikkei and Bolivians in Santa Cruz City and surrounding neighborhoods. 80% of the visitors are Bolivians who come to the event for vendors of Japanese restaurants. The event attracts more than 2,000 visitors.	Over 2,000
	30~11/5	Commemorative Event for the Centennial Anniversary of the Establishment of Nikkei Association of Peru (October 30th - November 5th)	Peru	Lima City	Nikkei Association of Peru Centennial Anniversary Event Committee of the Association	An event to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the Nikkei Association of Peru. It is scheduled to be held in sync with Japan Week and the 19th Pan-American Nikkei Convention (COPANI). A commemorative ceremony is scheduled on November 3rd.	
	30~11/5	Japanese Culture Week (October 30 - November 5)	Peru	Lima City	Co-hosted by Nikkei Association of Peru and Japanese Embassy	Events to introduce modern and traditional Japanese culture are held intensively.	
		Karaoke Competition	Brazil	Santa Isabel	Santa Isabel Japanese-Brazilian Association	About 200 participants.	200
		Sports Day	Brazil	Belém	Amazon Country Club	About 500 participants most of whom are non-Nikkei.	500
		Memorial Service for Japanese Settlers	Brazil	Tomé-açu	Cultural and Agricultural Promotional Association of Tomé-açu	Memorial service for immigrants who came to the country after WW2.	

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October		JAPAN FEST	Brazil	Londrina	Federation of Japanese-Brazilian Culture of Parana	A Japanese cultural festival hosted by the Federation of Japanese-Brazilian Culture of Parana. The event usually attracts 20,000 visitors from all age groups over 2 days.	20,000
		Prefectural Association Sports Day	Peru	Lima City	Nikkei Association of Peru Asociación Estadio La Unión	A sports event intended for fostering friendship among prefectural associations of Lima City and other suburban cities.	
		Higan Buddhist Memorial Service	Peru	Barranca town	Nikkei Association of Barranca	A Buddhist memorial service for early Japanese settlers who now rest in Japanese cemeteries. About 150 people attend the event.	150
		Escobar Flower Festival	Argentina	Escobar City	Japanese Association of Escobar Escobar City	A flower festival co-hosted by Escobar City and the Japanese Association of Escobar. (* Nikkei community in Escobar is known for floriculture.) Exhibitions of flowers, a parade and a fair will be held. It attracts 60,000 visitors each year.	60,000
		27th Speech Contest (scheduled for 2017)	Uruguay	Montevideo City	Japanese Associations in Uruguay	The contest consists of 2 parts: Reading and oration. There are about 20 participants. Prizes are offered by the Japan Foundation Japanese Language Education Assistance program and Japanese companies in Uruguay.	20
		Speech Contest (TBD)	Colombia	Cali City	Nikkei Association of Colombia	A speech contest participated in by Nikkei and Colombian students of Hikari, the Japanese language school at the Association.	
		Flower Viewing in Santiago	Chile	Santiago	Japanese Association of Central	An annual event participated in by about 700 visitors.	700
		Flower Viewing in Valparaíso	Chile	Viña del Mar City	Nikkei Association of Valparaíso	An annual event participated in by about 3,000 visitors.	3,000
		Japanese Speech Contest	Chile	Santiago	Japanese Association of Central / Japanese-Chilean Cultural Association etc.	An annual speech contest held in cooperation with the Japanese Embassy and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry. About 20 people participate in the contest and 80 people observe the contest each year.	100
		Memorial Service	Dominican Republic	Santo Domingo	Nikkei Association of the Dominican Republic	The cenotaph for Japanese immigrants is visited. JICA volunteers also take part in the service following the first and second generation Nikkei. About 50 attendees.	50
		Softball Tournament	Dominican Republic	Jarabacoa	Youth Group of Nikkei Association of the Dominican Republic	Inter-area softball tournament participated in mainly by second generation Nikkei. The Japanese Embassy and JICA staffs also join the tournament. About 80 participants.	80
		Bon Dancing Festival Hosted by Japanese Association of Asunción	Paraguay	Asunción City	Japanese Association of Asunción	An annual Bon dancing festival held at the site of the Japanese Association of Asunción. About 300 people join the event. There are vendors that serve Japanese food.	300
	Autumn Festival	Mexico	Mexico City	Japanese-Mexican Association	An annual event which had over 5,000 visitors in 2016. Japanese restaurants, Japanese product stores, prefectural associations, JICA and others set up a booth. Events are also held to introduce Japanese culture.	Over 5,000	
November	2~5	19th Pan-American Nikkei Convention (COPAND)(2nd - 5th)	Peru	Lima City	Nikkei Association of Peru Asociación Estadio La Unión Peru Office of Nikkei Association of Pan-American	Pan-American Nikkei Convention is a biennial international convention with participants from Nikkei representatives in North and South America. About 500 people attend the convention.	500
	4	MATSURI (4th)	Peru	Lima City	Asociación Estadio La Unión	Ending ceremony of Japanese Culture Week. One of the main events in which Nikkei organizations, prefectural associations, Japanese schools, and others carry a hand-made Mikoshi (portable shrine). About 30,000 people, including Peruvians, visit the event.	30,000
	13~19	Japanese Culture Week (13th - 19th)	Bolivia	La Paz City	Japanese Association of La Paz	Martial arts, Origami, Japanese calendars are on display. About 2,000 visit the event over a 1 week period.	2,000
		Introducing Japanese Culture in Annapolis (early November)	Brazil	Brasilia	Japanese-Brazilian Cultural Association of Annapolis	An event co-hosted by Japanese-Brazilian Cultural Association of Annapolis and the Japanese Embassy. The 2016 event showed Japanese movies and included seminars on study abroad in Japan over 2 days.	
		Dourados Japan Festival	Brazil	Dourados City, Mato Grosso State	Federation of Nikkei Organizations in South Mato Grosso State / Japanese-Brazilian Cultural and Sports Association of Dourados / Dourados City	A Japanese culture festival held in southern Mato Grosso State that attracts 20,000 visitors.	20,000
		Japanese Culture Festival in Santos	Brazil	Santos City, São Paulo State	Japanese Association of Santos / Santos City	A Japanese cultural festival held in the Santos region. A lot of tourists also visit the festival. About 30,000 visitors are expected.	30,000
		Okinawa Festival in Vila Carrão	Brazil	São Paulo City, São Paulo State	Okinawa Prefectural Association of Vila Carrão / Okinawa Prefectural Association of Brazil / São Paulo City	The largest Okinawa festival in Brazil which attracts about 50,000 visitors.	50,000
		Furusato (Home) Festival in Cocuera	Brazil	Mogi das Cruzes City, São Paulo State	Agricultural Product Association of Cocuera / Mogi das Cruzes City	An expo of agricultural products and Japanese cultural festival in an area with a large Nikkei population. 20,000 visitors can be expected.	20,000
		Japan Market in Recife (Sunday in late November)	Brazil	Recife	Japanese Cultural Association of Recife	Hosted by Nikkei organizations in Recife with support from the Recife City government. The market attracts 20,000 visitors each year.	20,000
		Memorial Service for Japanese Settlers	Brazil	Belém	Amazonia Japanese-Brazilian Welfare Association	Memorial service for immigrants who came to Brazil after WW2.	
		Boot Fair at Welfare Home	Brazil	Belém	Amazonia Japanese-Brazilian Welfare Association	An event for senior citizens hosted by Japanese-Brazilian Welfare Association at Welfare House. 100 to 200 participants.	100-200
		Sumo Competition	Brazil	Belém	Amazonia Japanese-Brazilian Welfare Association	About 50 participants most of whom are non-Nikkei.	50
		Sports Day	Brazil	Castañal	Castañal Japanese-Brazilian Association	About 200 participants most of whom are non-Nikkei.	200
		4th Japanese Culture Festival in Manaus (late November)	Brazil	Manaus City	Japanese-Brazilian Association of Western Amazon	A cultural event gradually becoming increasingly well known as the year end event in Manaus, the capital of Amazonas State, where a variety of Nikkei events are held throughout the year. The festival is hosted by Nikkei organizations and it attracts 1,000 visitors over the course of 1 day.	1,000
		Ambassador's Cup Gateball (Japanese croquet)	Peru	Lima City	Gateball Association of Peru	A national tournament participated by gateball teams in Peru. About 150 players join the tournament.	150
		"Japan Geek" School festival at Japanese-Argentinian	Argentina	Buenos Aires City	Japanese-Argentinian School	A Japanese cultural festival held by the trilingual Japanese-Argentinian School. The festival attracts 3,000 visitors.	3,000
		Memorial Service for Nikkei in Colon Cemetery	Cuba	Havana City	Nikkei Communication Group	Nikkei gather at the cenotaph in the Colon Cemetery for a memorial service for their ancestors. A few dozen Nikkei join the service each year.	Few dozens
		Memorial Service (Date undetermined)	Colombia	Cali City	Nikkei Association of Colombia	A gathering to remember the deceased.	
		Japanese Food Fair	Chile	Santiago	Japanese Association of Central	Vendors set up stalls to introduce Japanese food to Chileans and Nikkei.	
		Respect-for-Seniors Party	Chile	Santiago	Japanese Association of Central	A gathering to celebrate Japanese immigrants to Chile who are over 75 years old.	
	Speech Contest at Japanese Language School	Dominican Republic	Santo Domingo	Nikkei Association of the Dominican Republic	Students from Japanese language schools in the country compete against each other in this speech contest. Japanese Embassy staff take part as judges. 60 participants including audiences.	50	
December	8	Emperor's Birthday Reception and Members' Festival (8th)	Colombia	Cali City	Nikkei Association of Colombia	A reception to celebrate the Emperor's birthday and to appreciate everyone's work in the past year.	
	9,10	Oriental Festival	Brazil	São Paulo City, São Paulo State	Japanese-Brazilian Cultural and Social Assistance Association of Liberdade and São Paulo City	This festival is listed in São Paulo's official event calendar as a Japanese and oriental cultural event. 130,000 visitors can be expected.	130,000
	31	Mochi Pounding Event	Brazil	São Paulo City, São Paulo State	Japanese-Brazilian Cultural and Social Assistance Association of Liberdade and São Paulo City	An annual event in Nikkei communities. 50,000 visitors are expected.	50,000
		Charity Dinner hosted by 4 Nikkei Welfare Organizations	Brazil	São Paulo City, São Paulo State	Social Welfare Corporation Relief Society "Place of Relief" / Social Welfare Corporation "Children's Home" / Welfare Association "House of Hope" / Japanese-Brazilian Welfare Association of São Paulo	A charity dinner hosted by the 4 Nikkei welfare organizations. VIPs from Nikkei communities are invited. 1,200 guests are invited.	1,200
		Nikkei Golf Tournament in Brazil	Brazil	Arujá City, São Paulo State	Nikkei Golf Federation of Brazil	A leading golf tournament that attracts golfers from all over the country. 500 people join the tournament.	500
		Bunkyo Joint Forum (FIB)	Brazil	São Paulo State (Place of event changes each year)	Japanese Cultural and Social Assistance Association of Brazil / major Nikkei organizations	Recognized as an important joint meeting in Nikkei communities where various Nikkei organizations participate and exchange ideas. 300 people are expected.	300
		Year-End Party	Brazil	Belém	Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Pará	A year-end party hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Half of the 200 guests are representatives from Brazilian companies.	200
		Chocolatada de EMMANUEL (Giving out Christmas presents for children from underprivileged families)	Peru	Lima City	Nikkei Association of Peru Emmanuel Association Many other Nikkei organizations and Japanese corporations sponsor	A charity event to give out Christmas presents (food and toys) to children from poor families who live in the neighborhood of a Nikkei charity organization, Emmanuel Association. Some of the relief supplies are sent to charity organizations in other suburban cities as well.	
		Centro Nikkei Argentino Award Ceremony for Younger Nikkei	Argentina	Buenos Aires City	Centro Nikkei Argentino	An award ceremony for young Nikkei who demonstrate excellence in Argentinian society. 3 to 4 young Nikkei are given awards each year. 100 participants are expected.	100

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		Okinawa Festival	Argentina	Buenos Aires City	Federation of Okinawa Prefectural Associations in Argentina	A Japanese cultural festival hosted by the Federation of Okinawa Prefectural Associations of Argentina. The festival includes programs such as performance of Japanese drums and singing by Nikkei singers. It attracts about 5,000 visitors each year.	5,000
		Comicon	Argentina	Buenos Aires City	Yamato Corporation (Private corporation founded by a Nikkei in Brazil)	A large-scale Anime event held in Argentina. This event is held twice a year in May and December.	
		Mochi Pounding Event	Chile	Santiago	Japanese Association of Central	An event to continue Japanese tradition through mochi pounding	
		FENIX (15th Exchange Forum for Nikkei Youth in Paraguay / 13th International Exchange Forum for Nikkei Youth)	Paraguay	Itaiguá City	Paraguay Centro Nikkei	An exchange forum where young Nikkei from Paraguay and other Central and South American countries can gather and foster friendship. Meals are served. About 70 participants.	70
Feb-18		Confraternidad Deportiva Internacional Nikkei (International Nikkei Sports Tournament. A sports tournament for Nikkei in Latin America with 10 events: Baseball, futsal, golf, Judo, swimming, tennis, table tennis, volleyball.)	Chile	Santiago	Japanese Association of Central etc.	A sports tournament for Nikkei held biennially in Latin America. It was held in Mexico in September and 30 Nikkei youths participated from Chile as representatives. The tournament is scheduled to be held in Chile in 2018. About 1000 Nikkei athletes from the American Continent participate in the tournament, and Brazil sends a few hundred athletes each year.	1,000