

# Monthly Glocal News

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Mother's Day

### Saga Prefecture PR event "THE SIGHTS, SOUNDS AND TASTES OF SAGA" in the Philippines



appointment as Saga-Japan International Goodwill Ambassadors



Tasting of Saga's sake

On February 8, "THE SIGHTS, SOUNDS AND TASTES OF SAGA" was held at the residence of Japanese Ambassador in Philippines in cooperation with the governor of Saga Prefecture. Through promoting filming locations, Saga Prefecture has attracted Philippine tourists. In this event, Secretary of Finance Carlos G. Dominguez III and his spouse, Mrs. Cynthia A. Dominguez were appointed to Saga-Japan International Goodwill Ambassadors. Saga Prefecture hopes to further deepen relationships with the Philippine people.

### Diplomats' Study Tour to Iizuka City, Fukuoka Prefecture



Courtesy visit to Mr. Makoto Katamine, Mayor of Iizuka City



With the students of course specialized in cake-making, Iizuka High school

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and Iizuka City held a Diplomats' Study Tour to Iizuka City for the diplomatic corps in Japan from April 22 to 23. They watched 'Japan Open' - Iizuka International Wheelchair Tennis Championships, prior to 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo. They also visited Kaho Theater and Iizuka High School, and deepened their understanding of Iizuka City's history and culture. In Dazaifu Tenmangu, known as a place associated with the new era 'Reiwa', the diplomats experienced its traditional atmosphere through the shrine's ancient architecture and garden.

### Diplomats' Study Tour to Ibaraki Prefecture



Kodokan



Kashima Stadium

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and Ibaraki Prefecture held a Diplomats' Study Tour to Ibaraki for the diplomatic corps in Japan on February 22. In this tour, they visited Ibaraki's historical and cultural sites and facilities such as Kodokan, Namegata Farmers Village, in addition to Kashima Stadium, the venue of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

### From the Seminar

Learn more about the regions participated in our Regional Promotion Seminar on December 5, 2018

### 53 Stations of the Tokaido Road Shizuoka Prefecture

**T**okaido has been a main artery of Japan since the olden days. In the Edo period, Tokaido linked Edo, the center of political power under the Shogunate, and Kyoto, the formal capital. Pictures of "the 53 Stations of the Tokaido" drawn by Utagaw Hiroshige describe scenes of each post town along the ancient Tokaido. 22 of these, almost half of them, are preserved in Shizuoka.

Since the start of operation of Tokaido Shinkansen (bullet train) between Tokyo and Shin-Osaka in 1964, Tokaido has played more important role in Japan's travel and transportation.



53 Stations of the Tokaido by Hiroshige



Tokaido Shinkansen and Mt. Fuji