

Monthly Glocal News

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Local Partnership Cooperation Division
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan



Juntos!! Beyond far distance from each other (Host Towns in Kagoshima Prefecture and member states of Caribbean Community (CARICOM))



At the online exchange event
(March 2021)



Exchange event between the local residents of
Host Towns and visitors from their counterpart
countries (August 2019)

On March 17, 2021, young diplomats and government officials from the member states of CARICOM and local citizen from their Host Towns in Kagoshima Prefecture participated in an online exchange event under the "Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange program". In this event, they visited together their Host Towns (Osaki, Tokunoshima, Amagi, Wadamari, China and Yoron) on the screen and found various local charms such as beautiful nature, traditional culture and local foods. Both participants from CARICOM and the Host Towns share common awareness of the issues on the coastal environmental problem. They had fruitful discussions at the Q&A session on the coastal cleanup activities in Yoron Island.

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Short movies about the charms of Host Towns posted by high-profile influencers

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To watch them

Global Business Seminar ~City of Sendai and Kyoto prefecture present their advantages as an investment destination~



Presentation by City of Sendai



Presentation by Kyoto Prefecture

On March 19, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry co-sponsored the "Global Business Seminar Achieving Greater Investments in the Digital Era" for embassies in Tokyo, foreign-affiliated companies, Japanese companies, economic and industrial organizations in Japan, local governments, etc. With the participation of about 190 people, discussions focused on expanding investment in the field of digital innovation business were held among government officials, experts and business representatives. In addition, City of Sendai and Kyoto Prefecture gave a presentations on efforts to attract foreign capital to create open innovation, and disseminated the attractiveness as an investment destination.

Worldwide Uchina Network (Okinawa Prefecture)

The history of the emigration from Okinawa goes back in 1899. In the first place, twenty six "Uchinanchu" (people originally from Okinawa) headed from Okinawa to Hawaii. Many years have passed since then, and now about 420,000 Uchinanchu spread throughout all the five continents. Various efforts are being made to activate this world-wide network, namely "Uchina Network", and hand it down to the next generation.



The Bridge of Nations Bell
(Okinawa Prefectural Museum & Art Museum)



October 30, World Uchinanchu Day

Training program for officials from the Japanese local governments - Visit to the Embassy of Finland in Japan -



Lecture



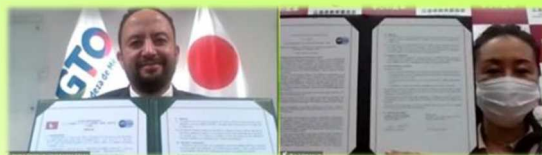
Group photo in front of Metsä Pavilion

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA) has implemented the personnel exchange program with local governments of Japan over the past years. In this program, officials from local governments work OJT at MOFA in Tokyo and Embassies or Consulates abroad for several years. On March 23, 2021, 16 trainees currently working at MOFA visited Embassy of Finland in Japan and took lectures on the work of the embassy and bilateral relations between Finland and Japan. The lectures were held in Mezza Pavilion, which was newly established last year in the occasion of the Tokyo 2020. In the sessions, they participated in the discussions with great interest, feeling the real Finnish atmosphere. It was a meaningful opportunity for them to have a practical image of the work in a diplomatic mission abroad.

Academic exchanges between Hiroshima Prefecture and Estado de Guanajuato, Mexico



Interaction between students and local residents



Friendship collaboration between Board of Education of Hiroshima Pref. and EDUCAFIN

The relationship between Hiroshima Pref. and Guanajuato started from the business interaction in the automobile industry. Now, it has largely developed and come into broader exchanges in sports, culture and academics, as well as government and various business sector.

Ms. Beatriz Yamamoto Cázares, a third-generation Japanese Mexican, devoted herself to enhancing ties between the two countries. Unfortunately, she passed away on February 8 this year. Extend our deepest gratitude and condolences to her. May she rest in peace.

Promotion for Tourist information utilizing the YouTube channel "Oita Hot Place" -Looking ahead to future inbound recovery from the coronavirus pandemic- (Oita Prefecture)

Oita Prefecture keeps delivering the charms of Oita to many people in Japan and overseas! The YouTube channel "Oita Hot Place" was launched in October 2020. Selecting your convenient languages, you'll be navigated to attractive spots in Oita and have experiences in exciting atmosphere. The appearances of many citizens of the prefecture give us a lot of warmth. Now, let's watch the video and catch full of charms of Oita!



Oita Road Trip part & Ontayaki Pottery Village part



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TWEET THE BEST from @LocalMofa MAR. 16 TO APR. 15

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A 300-year-old giant tree "Matabei Sakura" is in full bloom in #UdaCity, #Nara. It stands on the site of the famous #samurai Goto Matabei's residence. It reminds us of his brave figure.

樹齡300年! #奈良 #宇陀市 の一本桜"又兵衛桜"
後藤又兵衛の屋敷跡で咲き誇る姿はまるで名將の勇姿



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A breathtaking spectacular in this beautiful season in Japan!
The tweet inviting the noble tree "Matabei Zakura" in Uda City, Nara Prefecture, gained the most attention this month. This 300-year-old weeping cherry tree stands on the site of the residence of Goto Matabei, who was a famous Samurai during the Warring States period (Sengoku-Jidai, 15-16 centuries), spent his retirement life. The majestic standing posture of a single cherry tree is reminiscent of brave figure of the great Samurai. "Sengoku romance" is scented from each piece of falling petals.