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Local Partnership Cooperation Division
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Reception co-hosted by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan and the Governor of Tochigi Prefecture “TOCHIGI and its international tourist destination NIKKO”



Opening remarks by Foreign Minister HAYASHI



Ceremonial opening of sake barrels



Foreign Minister HAYASHI visited the booth of local dumplings with Governor FUKUDA

On March 24, Foreign Minister HAYASHI and Governor FUKUDA of Tochigi Prefecture co-hosted a reception to promote the diverse attractions of Tochigi Prefecture, inviting diplomatic corps to Japan and other guests. The reception featured booths introducing Tochigi Prefecture's specialty products, tourism, and the G7 Ministerial Meeting on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment to be held in Nikko, as well as the court music of ancient Japan “Gagaku” by Nikko Toshogu Shrine.

PR activity by local governments in the reception celebrating the birthday of His Majesty the Emperor (Embassy of Japan in Thailand)



Booth of the Bangkok Office
of the Japan National Tourism Organization



Booth introducing Fukuoka Prefecture



Booth introducing Okinawa Prefecture

On February 21, the Embassy of Japan in Thailand held the "2022 Emperor's Birthday Celebration Reception" at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center. At the reception, the Bangkok Office of the Japan National Tourism Organization and 10 local governments exhibited booths to actively promote the attractions of Japan.

Friendship with Guatemala through sports exchange(Tawaramoto Town, Nara Prefecture, Eniwa City, Hokkaido and the Republic of Guatemala)



Badminton goods donation ceremony
(with badminton player Mr. Kevin Haroldo Cordón Buezo)



Donation ceremony of sports equipment from Eniwa City, Hokkaido
(Photo by CDAG Guatemala)

Tawaramoto Town in Nara Prefecture and Eniwa City in Hokkaido have Host Town relationships with the Republic of Guatemala. In this context, Tawaramoto Town donated badminton equipment to Guatemala in January. Also in March, an online exchange between Eniwa City and Guatemala and a sports equipment's donation ceremony to Guatemala were held, and Ambassador YAMAMOTO of Japan in Guatemala visited Eniwa City.

An annual meeting celebrating 480th anniversary of friendship between Japan and Portugal (Embassy of Japan in Portugal)



The logo of the 480th anniversary between Japan and Portugal



Photo of the meeting held at the Embassy of Japan in Portugal



Photo of the reception after the meeting

On February 28th, the Japanese Embassy in Portugal held an annual meeting in a face-to-face style for the first time in three years. In the meeting, participants, while celebrating the 480th anniversary of friendship between Japan and Portugal, exchanged views on their resumption of interaction between Portuguese government and Japanese culture-related organizations after COVID-19.

The academic symposium of 5th anniversary of friendship between Nagasaki and Quảng Nam, Viet Nam



Replica of "Goshuinsen" ship (a trading ship authorized by the shogunate) which Nagasaki donated to Hoi An City, Quang Nam



The photo of the academic symposium



The exhibition of Mikawachi ware, Hasami ware, and Shimabara Japanese candles at "the House of Japanese culture" in Hoi An City

Nagasaki prefecture and Quang Nam province have continued their exchange since 2017, triggered by historical ties. This year, an academic symposium to discuss mutual exchange and a visit by Ambassador YAMADA of Japan to Vietnam to Nagasaki Prefecture have taken place. Nagasaki Prefecture will continue to make efforts to further promote friendly exchange with Viet Nam.