

# Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Program Report of Online Inbound Program

# SICA and Cuba Group: Sustainable Environment and Disaster Countermeasures Including Disaster Prevention and the Novel Coronavirus Infectious Disease Control

### 1. Program Overview

[Objective] In addition to learning about the lessons learned from the earthquake and efforts related to reconstruction, Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Program was implemented to learn about examples of Japanese government and environmental businesses. The participants learned about the connections between Japanese companies and Latin America and the Caribbean countries online, and gained an opportunity to utilize this knowledge for environmental protection and disaster countermeasures in their home countries.

[Participants] A total of 22 participants including administrative officials, academic personnel, media personnel, etc. (Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama) \*In alphabetical order

[Location] Tokyo, Hokkaido, Miyagi Pref., Hyogo Pref.

### [Program Schedule]

Date and time		
(Japan time)	Program contents	Participants' questions and reactions
Location		
Pre-exchange Prog	ıram	
From March 2021	[Video Viewing]	Videos about Japan and the Pre-
to the end of the	1. Overview/Mission	exchange Program have been
Main Exchange	2. Message from Minamisanriku	distributed before the Pre-exchange
Program		Program period, and participants
		joined the Pre-exchange Program
		after watching these videos.
9:00am~9:45am,	[Webinar, Q&A session]	Some participants commented, "It
Tuesday,	Lecture Title: "Latin American	was an opportunity to think about the
March 30, 2021	Diplomacy in Japan"	bonds of friendship between Japan
Tokyo	Lecturer: Mr. MASAMOTO Kenichi,	and the Latin American region," and
	Director, Mexico, Central America and	their enthusiasm for future programs
	Caribbean Division, Latin American	were renewed.

	and Caribbean Affairs Bureau,	
	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	
	1. Lecture	
	2. Answers to questions	
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9:00am~	[Webinar/Q&A]	One participant said, "I was able to
10:00am	Japan Chamber of Commerce and	learn about the wonders of Japanese
Tuesday,	Industry/Tokyo Chamber of	culture and useful information to deal
April 27,2021	Commerce and Industry	with various issues, which led to the
Tokyo	1. Lecture	strengthening of the bonds of
	"Activities and Roles of the	friendship between the two
	Chamber of Commerce and	countries."
	Industry in Japan under the	
	Coronavirus Surge"	
	Lecturer: Mr. Go Ishii, Deputy	
	Manager	
	Industrial Policy Division	
	Yuta Himeno, Deputy Leader	
	2. Questions and answers	
	3. Exchange of opinions among	
	participants	
9:00am~	【Japanese Culture Experience】Zen	There were questions such as
10:00am,	meditation experience	whether the attire worn by the priests
Tuesday,	1. Introduction to "Houkouji-temple,"	had special meanings, and many
May 11, 2021	Address by instructor Mr. ONO	participants said that the Zen
Hokkaido	Ryuken, vice chief priest of	meditation experience was beautiful
	Houkouji-temple	and an opportunity to learn more
	2. Talks on Buddhism and Zen	about Japanese culture.
	meditation	
	3. Zen meditation tutorial and	
	demonstration	
	4. Zen meditation experience for	
	participants	
	5. Q & A session / Feedback	
9:00am~	【Minamisanriku Town (Exchange with	There were questions like, "didn't you
10:45am,	Disaster-Affected Areas)]	want to throw everything away and
Thursday,	1. Lecturers introductions	leave the town, after losing your
May 27, 2021	2. Outline of Minamisanriku Town and	home, friends, and family?", and
Minamisanriku	explanation on the situation at the	comments like, "the lesson of
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Town, Miyagi	time of the disaster by	'protecting yourself first' left an	
l rown, whyagi	Minamisanriku-cho Tourist	impression on me, on how that in turn	
	Association	helps your family, the people around	
	3. Opinion exchange session with	you."	
	lecturer	,	
	4. Sharing impressions		
From the end of	[Video Viewing]	Before the start of the main exchange	
the Pre-exchange	1. Lecture on Japan	program, a video about Japan and	
Program to the	2. Virtual Home Visit	the program was shared to the	
end of the Main	3. Study Japanese Culture in Kyoto	participants, who watched it before	
Exchange	4. Peace Tour in Hiroshima	participating in the main program.	
Program	5. Allure Aichi -Industry / Cutting-edge		
(Between June	technology -		
and August)			
Main Exchange Pro	ogram		
9:00am~	[Orientation]	It was an opportunity to reconfirm the	
10:30am	【Ice Break】	themes assigned to each team and	
Wednesday,	【Exchange of Opinions among	share information about the	
March 2, 2022	Participants]	program's issues.	
Tokyo		After the overall explanation, an	
		opportunity was given for self-	
		introduction among the participants	
		by each team, where they exchanged	
		opinions on their motivations for	
		participating the program and their	
		relationship with Japan.	
9:00am~	[Webinar/Q&A]	A company handling coffee	
11:30am	Sustainability Promotion Office, UCC	introduced examples of practicing	
Wednesday,	Holdings, Co., Ltd.	SDGs by linking them to the company	
March 9, 2022	1. Lecture	goals. The participants felt close to	
Hyogo Pref.	2. Questions and answers	this project as coffee is a key product	
	【Exchange with Japanese	in the Latin American region and is	
	Students]	familiar to them. The participants	
	Reviewing lecture	were enlightened to learn about	
	【 Exchange of Opinions among	Japan's achievement of the SDGs	
	Participants】Review	and its attitude toward achieving the	
		goals.	

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9:00am~	[Workshop/Exchange with Japanese	The Japanese participants who had a	
11:30am	Students]	high level of language ability	
Thursday, 1. Announcement of presentation		sometimes had direct conversations	
March 10, 2022	"Japan's Attractiveness and	with Latin American participants.	
Tokyo	Strengths and Close Links with	They discussed wide range of topics,	
	Latin America"	and some participants said, "We	
	2. Presentation of impressions and	would like to see more opportunities	
	exchange of opinions	for this kind of exchange in which all	
	【Exchange of Opinions among	aspects of modern Japan can be	
	Participants]	heard in the voices of young	
	Preparation for presenting an action	Japanese."	
	plan		
9:00am~	[Webinar/Q&A, Exchange]	It was the first time for the participants	
10:40am	1. Opening session	to see production process of Ukiyo-e,	
Friday,	2. Lecture "Edo woodblock print"	and they were interested in the	
March 11, 2022	(Demonstration of Ukiyo-e, studio	information they could read from the	
Tokyo	tour and introduction of Ukiyo-e	finished work as well as the work that	
	works)	required skill.	
	Lecturer: Ms. TAKAHASHI Yukiko,	During the virtual viewing event,	
	Owner, Ukiyo-e studio "Takahashi	which was held in groups, the	
	Kobo"	participants exchanged opinions on	
	3. Group discussion	the interpretation of Ukiyo-e works	
	4. Questions and answers	with other participants in the group,	
	5. Summary and commentary	enjoyed Ukiyo-e appreciation and	
		deepened their understanding of	
		traditional Japanese culture.	
9:00am~	[Workshop]	Each group made a presentation on	
11:00am	【Reporting Session】	what they examined about an action	
Saturday,	1. Presentation by participants	plan to be implemented within three	
March 12, 2022	2. Commentary	months after participation in the	
Tokyo		program. On this day, the South	
		America Group and SICA/Cuba	
		Group made presentations.	
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## 2. Program Photos

### Pre-exchange Program

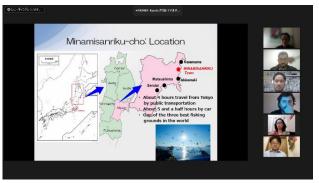




March 30, 2021 [Overview of Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Program]

April 27, 2021 [Webinar/Q&A] Lecture by the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry

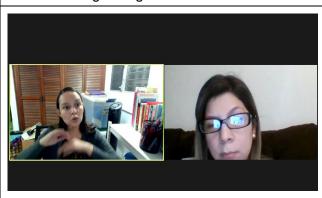




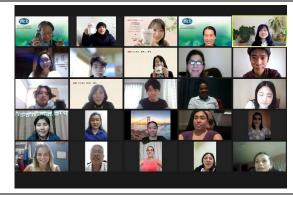
May 11, 2021 【Zen meditation experience】 Talks on Buddhism and Zen meditation

May 27, 2021 [Minamisanriku Town (Exchange with Disaster-Affected Areas)] Outline of Minamisanriku Town and explanation on the situation at the time of the disaster

### Main Exchange Program



March 2, 2022 [ Orientation ] Participants introducing themselves in the same team



March 9, 2022 [ Webinar/Q&A ] Participants making a toast with coffee

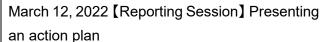




March 10, 2022 [Workshop/Exchange among Participants] Participants exchanging by dividing into groups

March 11, 2022 [Webinar/Q&A] Appreciating Ukiyo-e works by dividing into small groups







March 12, 2022 [Reporting Session] Group photo after presenting action plan

## 3. Voices from Participants (excerpt)

### **♦** Dominican Republic, Working youth

It was a wonderful program as I had meaningful cultural exchange and shared experiences.

I really like that the program always sticks to the schedule and that we get to discuss with other participants.

### ◆ Costa Rica, Working youth

The video was very useful. Seeing the videos of the areas affected by the tsunami, I was impressed by the reconstruction and I had high hopes of visiting Japan. I think the live lecture was fun overall and I could get useful information.

#### Guatemala, Working youth

The exchange of experiences between the participants is enriching, the last exercise allows us to see the similarities that our countries face with global issues.

## ♦ Nicaragua, Working youth

I am very happy to be part of the exchange program "Juntos", since it allows us to know the wonderfulness of Japanese culture and the response capacity of the population to adverse events. Likewise, the strengthening of the ties of friendship between our countries

## ♦ El Salvador, Working youth

I found it a complete, interesting and motivating program. The desire to know Japan has increased with all the information that has been included in the program, especially the last program where we received the Zen class. I think they are an impressive, rich, millenary culture that deserves to be known by the whole world.

## **♦** Costa Rica, Working youth

I like it very much. Honestly, I am very disappointed that I cannot go to Japan to meet the wonderful people I met through the Juntos!! program, but this wonderful program has made me even more eager to learn more about Japan and to visit Japan one day. My knowledge has deepened and it has been very meaningful to share my knowledge and experiences with people who are different geographically and in their lives. Now, Japan has been a special part of my heart.

### 4. Voice from Japanese Locals(excerpt)

#### Minamisanriku-cho Tourism Agency, General Incorporated Foundation

Time was limited, but I believe we were able to convey how much of a disaster the Great East Japan Earthquake was, and share how the residents have felt as well as about the reconstruction efforts.

#### **♦** Lecturer from a company

Latin American countries are deeply involved in coffee, and I am very pleased to hear directly from participants from such countries and Japanese students interested in such countries.

## **♦** Person in charge of cooperating organization

In the group discussion on the subject of Ukiyo-e, I was very impressed that I was able to get to know a point of view that Japanese people would not notice. It was also impressive to see the participants actively communicating with the lecturer.

### 5. Dissemination by the participants, articles, etc.



April 1, 2021 (Facebook)

#Juntos!! #juntosjapon

Do you know people in your country who have roots in Japan? Communities of Japanese descent (Nikkei) in Latin America began to form between 1880 and 1960. Today, about 2.2 million Nikkei act as bridges between Japan and Latin America.

Japón nos deja muchas enseñanzas de colectividad, unión y solidaridad ante el covid-19. Ayer, reflexionaba con colegas de Centroamérica y República Dominicana, sobre la respuesta rápida que dio el gobierno, el sector empresarial y civil para auxiliar a las empresas en problemas en Japón, mientras aquí nos llegó un poco tarde. La Cámara de Comercio e Industria de Japón (JCCI) nos compartió experiencias de respuesta y de unión empresarial en esos momentos y nos inspiró a reflexionar sobre medidas innovadoras en nuestros países, más allá del sector de alimentos, artesanía y turismo, los más afectados. Al final, todo está interconectado y nuestros conocimientos y experiencias son valiosos para muchas personas que necesitan sobrevivir ante este contexto. Una sesión rica donde aprendemos que #Juntos podemos superar nuestras limitaciones. Espero con ansias nuestra próxima sesión.

April 28, 2021 (Facebook)

Japan teaches us many lessons about collectivity, cohesiveness and solidarity.

Yesterday, I, jointly with other participants from Central America and the Dominican Republic in my team, reviewed how, in Japan, governments, the business sector, and civil society responded quickly to the challenges faced by companies, while at the same time discussing how we were a little late in responding in our region. The Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) shared with us the response and experience of unity in the business sector during such difficult time. The lecture gave us an opportunity to think about not only food, handicraft and tourism sectors that have been most affected but also other innovative measures that may be adopted in our home countries.

Finally, everything is interconnected, and our knowledge and experience are valuable to many people who must live within it. It was a great session where we learned that we could break through limits if we are #together (Juntos). I'm looking forward to the next session.



Como parte del Programa de Intercambio "Juntos!! Japón - Latinoamérica y El Caribe" hace unos días tuvimos la oportunidad de compartir con personas de Minamisanriku, pueblo que fue devastado por el terremoto y tsunami de 2011 en Japón.

May 11, 2021 (Facebook) Zen meditation after work

May 27, 2021 (Facebook)

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As part of the "Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Program," I had the opportunity to exchange with the people of Minamisanriku Town that was damaged by the 2011 earthquake and tsunami.



Conviviendo con jóvenes japoneses.
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Programs Grupo E #guatemala!
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March 11, 2022 (Facebook)

I learned about the impact of anime among young Japanese. It was a very interesting.

March 11, 2022 (Facebook)

I'm spending time with young Japanese people.

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■実施概要

「団体】 外務官が推進し、JICE(一般財団法人日本国際協力センター)が実施する
「Juntos!! 中南米対日理解促進交流プログラム」 参加者の音様
「日利」 2021年5月27日 9:00~10:45
【人数】 47名

■ Juntos!! リアルタイム交流会の様子

南三陸町では、日本国内にかかわらず、海外の方々とも交流を行い、多くの縁を繋いできました。

今回、一般財団法人日本国際協力センター(以下JICE)様主備の下、中南米にお住まいの方々と南三陸町の復興の担い手たちが、200Mを使ったリアルタイム交流会を行いました。

初めに一般社団法人南三陸町観光協会事務局長の及川より、南三陸町の概要をご説明しました。 美活に顧択したデータや写真を共有し、南三陸町の概要をご説明しました。 美活に顧択したデータや写真を共有し、南三陸町の概要をご説明しました。 美活に顧択したデータや写真を共有し、南三陸町の概要とご説明しました。 美術に顧びしたデータを写真を共有し、南三陸町の概要とご説明しました。 美術に顧びしたデータを写真を共有し、南三陸町の概要とご説明しました。 美術に顧びしたデータを写真を共有し、南三陸町の概要とご説明しました。 長衛の復興の様子をお伝えしました。 最後の表記を呼ばれる は、最後をと、それぞれの対策で活動するようないよりに対していたいためないた。 最後の意义等の経路や現在することに対していただいたり、泉田文

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June 14, 2021 Minamisanriku Tourism Association

(Snip) The people who participated in the exchange meeting hosted by JICE are those who are involved in administration, education and news reporting in Latin America. Therefore, they seemed to be listening to the story from the viewpoint of how they could make use of the disaster prevention measures and administrative efforts in Minamisanriku in their own countries.

Kenji Endo, who was the deputy mayor of Minamisanriku at the time of the earthquake, and his group exchanged opinions on disaster prevention. Mr. Endo has been involved in the response and recovery of disaster victims as a town official. Minamisanriku town experienced the tsunami of the Chile earthquake in 1960, so the government has taken disaster prevention measures at a very high level. However, in the Great East Japan earthquake, he said, the tsunami was much higher than they had expected, so he felt that a natural disaster was something unexpected.

In response, one question, "A tsunami can occur in Costa Rica. What can the government do in case of a tsunami?" was raised. In response, Mr. Endo says it is important to inform the public of the disaster risk in the area using hazard maps and so on. Mr. Endo felt that there were many things that could not be prevented by the power of the administration, and that the administration itself could be struck by disasters, and that it was important for all residents to understand the disaster risk they were living in and to be conscious of protecting their own lives. Other questions covered specific areas such as "What technologies being used are

disseminate disaster prevention messages?" and there was a lively opinion exchange throughout the session.

Participants commented, "I was very impressed by the experience of the people in the disaster-stricken area and was able to gain a lot of motivation." and "Because of the coronavirus, we were not able to have face-to-face interactions, but after the earthquake, I felt that just by connecting with people who are alive and talking about our experiences, the strength to unite and bond is strengthened, and a sense of empathy is born."

March 18, 2022 (Kobe Shimbun)

UCC Holdings (HD, Chuo-ku, Kobe) is focusing on online seminars for students to familiarize them with activities related to the SDGs through coffee.

The seminars aim to disseminate the industry's efforts for SDGs and deepen understanding among young people who will lead the next generation. (Omitted) On the 9th, the Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE) implemented the program as an international exchange program commissioned by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Simultaneous interpretation was offered in English and Spanish. In addition to Japanese students, 25 people, such as Ministry of Foreign Affairs employees and media workers, from 7 Latin American countries participated.

Ms. Chie Ganno (31 years old), an employee of UCC, introduced general knowledge of coffee and the efforts to solve poverty and environmental problems in producing countries with quizzes and videos. She appealed, "I want to contribute to the development of the coffee industry and make the world smile." The



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participants asked questions, reported on circumstances of local coffee cultivation and exchanged their impressions, etc.

## 6. Action plan presentations at the final reporting session

Action plan as the group

"Sustainable

Relations"
■ Why:
There are many similarities between Japan and

Japan-Guatemala

**Environment:** 

There are many similarities between Japan and Latin American countries. Guatemala is no exception. Based on the similarities between the two countries, the two governments decided to work together to promote environmental conservation projects in order to transform the environment into a sustainable one. As a result of acquiring knowledge related to culture, politics, economics, and the sustainable environment from the content of the program, we believe it is worth disseminating that knowledge in our home country.

#### ■ When:

In the next three months, we will produce a documentary program and broadcast it on government channels, personal social networks and web pages.

■ Who (Who will do it?):

The content of SNS of one of the participants will be disseminated through Guatemala's broadcasting station and government channels.

■ Who (To whom?):

It will be distributed to the general public who watch the relevant media, as well as to friends and family members, so that they can deepen their knowledge of Japan.

■ How:

We start our activities with preliminary research to





Por que: Existen muchas similitudes entre los países y la relación con Japón. Gran parte de los contenidos provistos a lo largo del programa no lustraron acerca de temas de sostenibilidad y medio ambiente así como aspectos culturales, políticos y económicos que son validos par idificion y expandir el conoccimiento de Japon en nueros respectivos países.

Cuándo: De hecho ya se ha comenzado a difundir en nuestras redes sociales, pero a largo plazo en periodos de marzo a mayo

A quién: Estudiantes y sociedad en general en nuestros países. A traves de las redes llegamos no solo a nuestros circulos tambien podemos extendemos y empleando recursos como canales gubernamentales, periodicos podemos abarcar mas receptores incluso fuera de nuestros

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create audio-visual materials, distribute them on national channels and SNS, and broadcast them on a news station.

## Individual action plan

[In case of Panama, Working youth]

"Dissemination of activities"

#### ■ Why:

I will disseminate what I learned during the program in relation to my own role, and support various initiatives concerning Japanese culture in which I am also involved. The goal is to deliver the learning from the program to many people.

■ When:

Start of university classes (April to May)

■ Who (Who will do it?):

## Myself

■ Target:

Teachers, students and the general public

■ What (What are you planning to do?):

In addition to supporting the search of subjects and materials for newspaper articles, and supporting the establishment of the Japan Research Center (with JICA cooperation) within the Department of Architectural Design of the University of Panama, I will disseminate information on cultural, economic, and food of Japan through SNS as well as on-campus lectures for teachers and students.

#### ■ How:

I am already working on writing of newspaper articles about Japanese culture and a project to establish Japanese Culture and Research Center. In the future, I plan to increase communications by utilizing media channels such as SNS and lectures.

 Japón ha tenido un apoyo a los tres países en relación con temas sobre medioambiente sostenible.

 En este sentido, JICA definió el tema "Corredor Biológico y la Conservación de Humedales" como uno de los temas prioritarios de cooperación con SICA en 2015.

 CCAD y JICA firmaron el Registro de Discusión en junio de 2018 y acordaron la ejecución del "Proyecto de Desarrollo de Capacidad para la Gestión y Conservación Integrada de la Biodiversidad a nivel regional en la Región del SICA".

 Con este corredor biológico, se busca fortalecer el mecanismo de gobernanza de la zonas transfronterizas importantes para la conservación.



Apoyo de Japón

medioambiente sostenible

para temas de

#### El café

- Debido a que el café es el cultivo común en los tres países, por eso se dispuso a tener un plan de acción en el cual se hable sobre el tema y los usos que se pueden dar a sus residuos.
- Su cultivo llegó a nuestros países a mediados del siglo XIX.



Mi Plan de Acción				
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os provectos relacionados a la cultura	través del programa en el entorno donde me desempeño y dar apoyo en japonesa con los que colaboro. El objetivo principal seria lograr difundir jados por mi cuenta de los contenidos del programa			
Cuándo: En principio cuando inicien la	as clases en la universidad (abril-mayo)			
Quién: Yo lo implementaria directame	nte			
<b>Para quién</b> : Para profesores y estudian	ites, así como publico en general.			
apoyo de JICA Chair)  Difusión a través de redes sociales de conter  Difusión a través de conferencias / charlas e  Cómes Actualmento ya so esta trabajando en o aconesa, así como en el plan del centro de estu	are la elaboración de extrustes en periodicos.  Los laponeses en la Facultad de Apoptectaria y Ostellos de la toloversidad de Panamá (con el  interpresente en la Facultad de Apoptectaria y Ostellos de la toloversidad de Panamá (con el  interpresente de la  interpresente de termas relacionados con la  colhera  interpresente de termas relacionados con la  colhera  interpresente de termas relacionados con  interpresente de  interpresente de termas relacionados con  interpresente de  interpresente			
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Implementation agency: Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)