



Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Program

Report of Online Inbound Program

The Pacific Alliance Group (Theme: ICT Utilization)

1. Program Overview

【Objective】 Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Program was implemented for the main purpose of learning about the history, traditional culture, and cutting-edge technology of Japan and deepening interest in Japan. In the online program, participants learned about Japan's ICT assistance and had the opportunity to examine the use of Japanese technology in each country and future cooperation.

【Participants】 A total of 9 working youth from the Pacific Alliance countries (Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru) *In alphabetical order

【Location】 Tokyo, Hokkaido, Miyagi Pref., Hyogo Pref.

【Program Schedule】

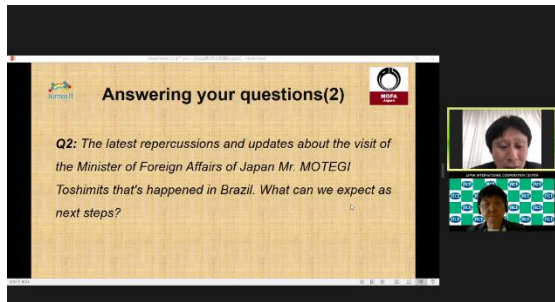
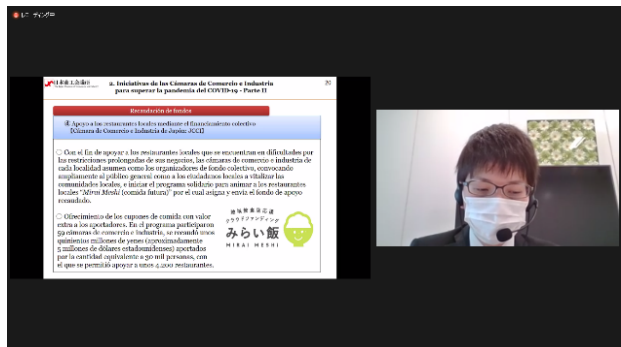

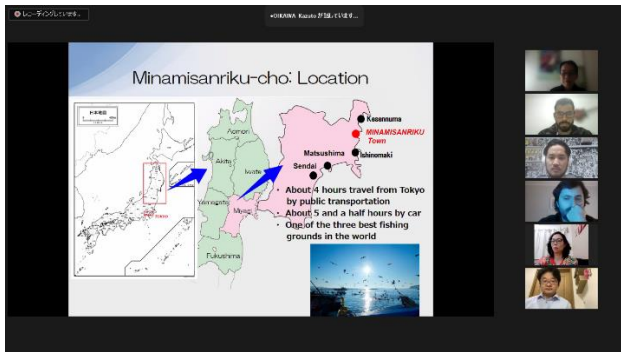
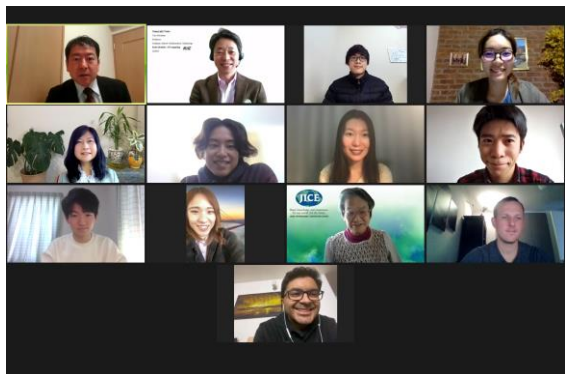
Date and time (Japan time) Location	Program contents	Participants' questions and reactions
Pre-exchange Program		
From March 2021 to the end of the Main Exchange Program	【Video Viewing】 1. Overview/Mission 2. Message from Minamisanriku	Videos about Japan and the Pre-exchange Program have been distributed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

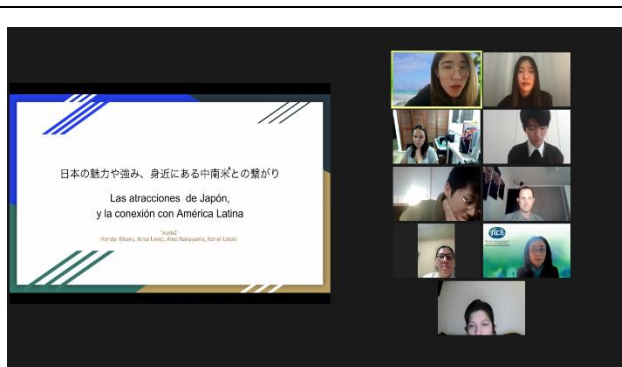
9:00am~ 10:00am Tuesday, April 27,2021 Tokyo	【Webinar/Q&A】 Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry/Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry 1. Lecture “Activities and Roles of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Japan under the Coronavirus Surge” Lecturer: Mr. Go Ishii, Deputy Manager, Industrial Policy Division I Yuta Himeno, Deputy Leader 2. Q & A session 3. Exchange of opinions among participants	One participant said, “I was able to learn about the wonders of Japanese culture and useful information to deal with various issues, which led to the strengthening of the bonds of friendship between the two countries.”
9:00am~ 10:00am, Tuesday, May 11, 2021 Hokkaido	【Japanese Culture Experience】 Zen meditation experience 1. Introduction to “Houkouji-temple,” Address by instructor Mr. ONO Ryuken, vice chief priest of Houkouji-temple 2. Talks on Buddhism and Zen meditation 3. Zen meditation tutorial and demonstration 4. Zen meditation experience for participants 5. Q & A session / Feedback	There were questions such as whether the attire worn by the priests had special meanings, and many participants said that the Zen meditation experience was beautiful and an opportunity to learn more about Japanese culture.
9:00am~ 10:45am, Thursday, May 27, 2021 Minamisanriku Town, Miyagi Pref.	【Minamisanriku Town (Exchange with Disaster-Affected Areas)】 1. Lecturers introductions 2. Outline of Minamisanriku Town and explanation on the situation at the time of the disaster by Minamisanriku-cho Tourist Association 3. Opinion exchange session with	There were questions like, “didn’t you want to throw everything away and leave the town, after losing your home, friends, and family?”, and comments like, “the lesson of ‘protecting yourself first’ left an impression on me, on how that in turn helps your family, the people around you.”

	lecturer 4. Sharing impressions	
From the end of the Pre-exchange Program to the end of the Main Exchange Program (Between June and August)	【Video Viewing】 1. Lecture on Japan 2. Virtual Home Visit 3. Study Japanese Culture in Kyoto 4. Peace Tour in Hiroshima 5. Allure Aichi -Industry / Cutting-edge technology -	Before the start of the main exchange program, a video about Japan and the program was shared to the participants, who watched it before participating in the main program.
Main Exchange Program		
9:00am~ 10:30am Wednesday, March 2, 2022 Tokyo	【Orientation】 【Ice Break】 【Exchange of Opinions among Participants】	After the overall explanation, an opportunity was given for exchange among the participants by each group, where they actively exchanged opinions on their motivations for participating the program and their relationship with Japan.
9:00~11:30 Tuesday, March 8, 2022 Hyogo Pref.	【Webinar/Q&A】 “Importance of ICT exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic: Implication to Japan and Latin America countries/regions” Lecturer: Prof. NAITO Tomoyuki, Vice President, Kobe Institute of Computing (KIC) 【Review among Participants】 1. Lecture 2. Q&A 3. Review of lecture among participants	In addition to the need to determine what can and cannot be done on the Internet, the lecture provided an opportunity for the participants to think about the focal points of conducting business in the future.
9:00am~ 11:30am Thursday, March 10, 2022 Tokyo	【Workshop/Exchange with Japanese Students】 1. Announcement of presentation "Japan's Attractiveness and Strengths and Close Links with Latin America"	Participants were inspired by the introduction of Japan's attractiveness by Japanese university and graduate students. After the Japanese students' presentation, a participant asked, "Whether there is a difference

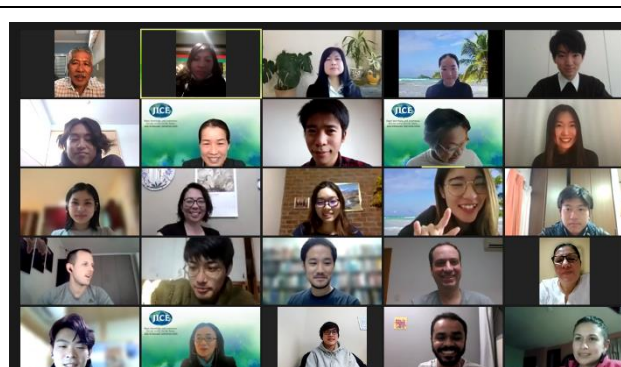
	2. Presentation of impressions and exchange of opinions 【Exchange of Opinions among Participants】 3. Preparation for presenting an action plan	in the consciousness among generations about the coexistence of modern cartoon animation culture including animation works directed by MIYAZAKI Hayao and Japanese traditional culture.”
9:00am～ 10:40am Friday, March 11, 2022 Tokyo	【Webinar/Q&A, Exchange】 1. Opening session 2. Lecture “Edo woodblock print” (Demonstration of Ukiyo-e, studio tour and introduction of Ukiyo-e works) Lecturer: Ms. TAKAHASHI Yukiko, Owner, Ukiyo-e studio “Takahashi Kobo” 3. Group discussion 4. Q & A session 5. Summary and commentary	There was a high level of interest in the work processes of the printer in the studio and the works, and participants listened intently to the explanation of the printer while looking at the screen. During group viewing, the participants analyzed the elements printed while being conscious of reading as much information as possible from a single woodblock print. Participants deepened their understanding of Japanese traditional culture through appreciation of Ukiyo-e.
9:00am～ 11:00am Monday, March 14, 2022 Tokyo	【Workshop】 【Reporting Session】 1. Presentation by participants 2. Commentary Ms. YOSHIZAKI Maya Assistant Director Mexico, Central America and Caribbean Division Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau Office	Each group made a presentation about an action plan to be implemented within three months after participation in the program. The presentation was held in the form of joint reporting session with a total of four groups including Spanish-speaking and Portuguese-speaking groups of the Nikkei community groups, the Pacific Alliance group, and the Brazil group.

2. Program Photos

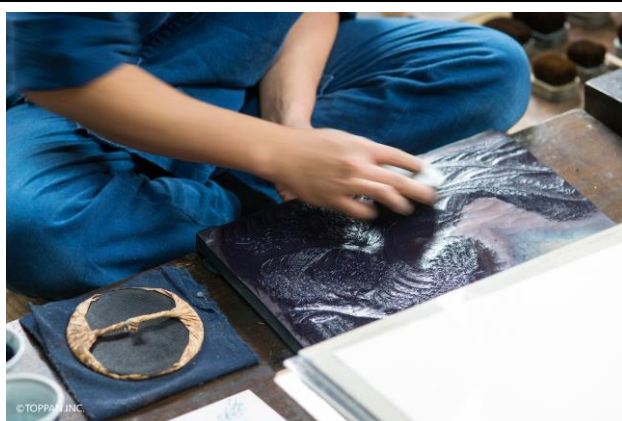
Pre-exchange Program	
	
March 30, 2021 【Webinar, Q&A session】 Q&A session	April 27, 2021 【Webinar, Q&A session】 Lecture by the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry
	
May 11, 2021 【Zen meditation experience】 Talks on Buddhism and Zen meditation	May 27, 2021 【Minamisanriku Town (Exchange with Disaster-Affected Areas)】 Outline of Minamisanriku Town and explanation on the situation at the time of the disaster
Main Exchange Program	
	
March 2, 2022 【Orientation】 Self-introduction among small number of participants	March 8, 2022 【Theme-related lecture】 Participants taking a commemorative photo with the lecturer



March 10, 2022 【Exchange among Participants】
Participants listening to a presentation by a Japanese student



March 10, 2022 【Exchange among Participants】
Taking a group photo at the end of the program



March 11, 2022 【Japanese Culture Experience】
A virtual tour of printing work of Ukiyo-e “The Great Wave”



March 11, 2022 【Japanese Culture Experience】
Taking a commemorative photo with an instructor of Ukiyoe studio with a smile

Mi Plan de Acción

Grupo: C Nombre de país: Chile Nombre: Alejandro Cea

Nombre del proyecto: Participación y difusión de la cultura japonesa

Por qué : Incorporación a un grupo relacionado con Japón, participación en un evento organizado por dicho grupo y posterior difusión de la actividad en redes sociales.

Cuándo : En un plazo máximo de 3 meses (fecha límite 13 de junio 2022).

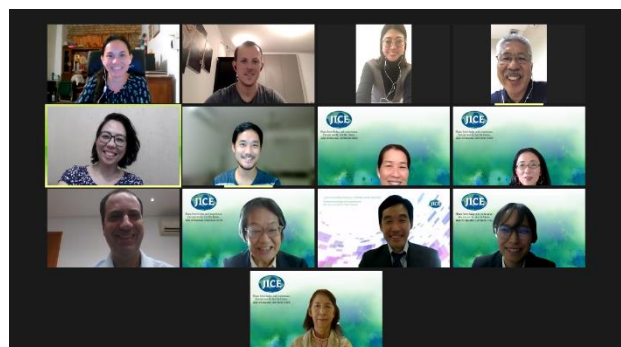
Quién : Alejandro Cea

Para quién : La incorporación al grupo y la participación en una actividad será individual, la difusión de lo aprendido tendrá como público objetivo mis seguidores en redes sociales (amigos, familiares, compañeros de trabajo, ex compañeros de universidad, profesores universitarios, autoridades, etc).

Qué : Existe una red social enfocada en personas vinculadas al mundo internacional (<https://www.facebook.com/japaneseculturegroup/>). En dicha red, existe un grupo denominado "Santiago de Chile Japanese Culture Group" que está conformado por más de 400 personas. Me incorporaré a este grupo y participaré de alguna de las actividades culturales que organizan periódicamente.

Cómo : Buscaré alguna actividad relacionada con lo aprendido en Juntos!, con el objetivo de profundizar en ella y conocer a personas que viven en Chile y que conocen de esta cultura. Luego, difundiré la actividad a través de mis redes sociales, aportando conocimientos adicionales adquiridos en el programa Juntos! y realizando, además, un llamado a incorporarse al "Santiago de Chile Japanese Culture Group" a más personas que pudieran estar interesadas en estrechar lazos con la cultura de Japón.

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March 14, 2022 【Reporting Session】
Participants presenting an action plan

March 14, 2022 【Reporting Session】
Taking the last group photo after the presentation

3. Voices from Participants (excerpt)

◆ Peru, Working youth

Online Pre-exchange Program is important because I can prepare and learn about Japan (culture, economics, history, and relation with Latin American countries). Also, the explanations and contents on the platform are easy to understand and helpful.

◆ Peru, Working youth

The topic of the online program was very interesting. I was able to learn about the measures being taken in Japan to support SMEs. I was also able to share information and experiences with people of other Latin American countries.

◆ Chile, Working youth

The content of the program was very interesting, and it made me want to visit Japan and understand its culture.

4. Voices from Japanese Locals (excerpt)

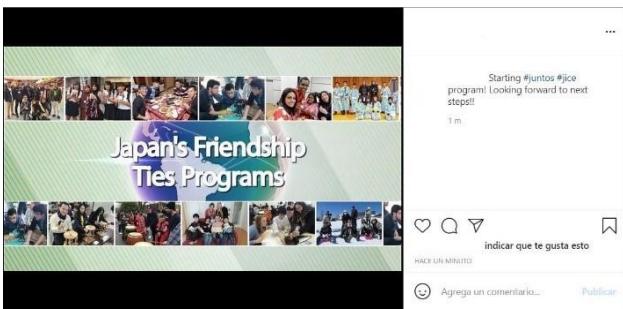

◆ Minamisanriku-cho Tourism Agency, General Incorporated Foundation


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.

◆ 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.

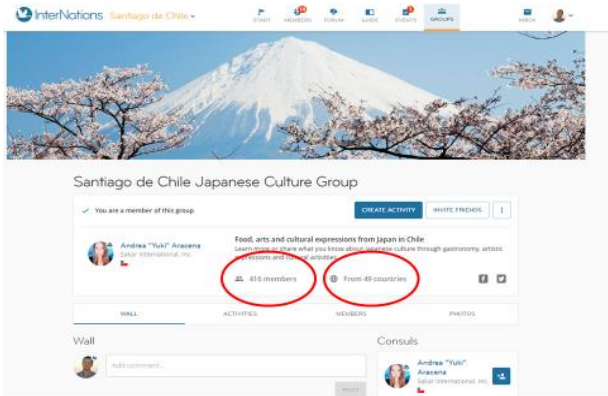
5. Dissemination by the participants, articles, etc.

	
<p>March 30, 2021 (Instagram)</p> <p># jice's # juntos program starts! I look forward to the next step!!</p>	<p>May 13, 2021 (Twitter)</p> <p>The other day, I had a virtual Zen meditation experience as part of the Juntos!! Japan-Latin</p>

	<p>America and the Caribbean Exchange Program. I got a glimpse of Zen meditation, which is known worldwide for its positive spiritual, physical and mental impact.</p>
<div data-bbox="204 792 778 1590"> <p>HOME > 体験レポート > 「Juntos!!中南米対日理解促進交流プログラム」実施レポート</p> <p>■ 2021年6月14日</p> <p>「Juntos!!中南米対日理解促進交流プログラム」実施レポート</p> <p>■ 実施概要</p> <p>【団体】 外務省が推進し、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」参加者の皆様</p> <p>【日時】 2021年5月27日 9:00～10:45</p> <p>【人数】 47名</p> <p>■ Juntos!!リアルタイム交流会の様子</p> <p>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。</p> <p>今回、一般財団法人日本国際協力センター（以下JICE）様主催の下、中南米にお住まいの方々や南三陸町の復興の担い手たちが、ZOOMを使ったリアルタイム交流会を行いました。</p> <p>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。英語に翻訳したデータや写真を共有し、南三陸町の震災時の状況や復興の様子をお伝えしました。</p> <div data-bbox="225 1317 730 1473">  </div> <p>その後、10グループに分かれて交流を行いました。今回、南三陸町の講師として参加されたのは行政、観光、福祉など、それぞれの分野で活躍されている10名の方々。講師の方から、自身の震災時の経験や現在行っている活動について説明していただいたり、意見交換に入りました。</p> </div>	<p>June 14, 2021 Minamisanriku Tourism Association</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>

	<p>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 are being used to disseminate disaster prevention messages?" and there was a lively opinion exchange throughout the session.</p> <p>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."</p>
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6. Action plan presentations at the final reporting session

Participant from Chile	
	<p>"Participation in Japanese Culture and Its Dissemination"</p> <p>■ Why:</p> <p>I would like to join a group related to Japan, participate in an event organized by that group, and spread my activities through SNS in the future.</p> <p>■ When:</p> <p>Within 3 months (by June 13, 2022)</p> <p>■ Who (Who will do it?):</p> <p>Myself</p> <p>■ Who (To whom?):</p> <p>I will join a group (consisting of people interested in Japan) as an individual and participate in the activities of that group. The target people disseminating what I learned from such activities are followers of my SNS</p>

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(friends, family members, colleagues, schoolmates, mentors, authorities, etc.).

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

There is a social network (<https://www.internations.org/>) focused on people who are active in the international community.

Within this network, there is an organization called the “Japanese Culture Group in Santiago, Chile” consisting of more than 400 participants. I plan to join this group and participate in cultural activities held regularly.

■ How:

I will look for activities related to what I learned in “Juntos!,” deepen my knowledge, and start from getting to know people who are familiar with Japanese culture living in Chile. And then, I will promote dissemination activities through my SNS by incorporating knowledge I learned from Juntos!! In addition, I plan to conduct activities to encourage more people who want to experience Japanese culture to participate in the “Japanese Culture Group in Santiago, Chile.”

Implementation agency: Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)