



## **Juntos!! Online Alumni Event 2020 Implementation Report**

### **1. Overview**

An online alumni event was held on December 10, 2020 for 21 alumni that had participated in the Japan's Friendship Ties Programs, Juntos!! (Latin America and the Caribbean) conducted in 2018 and 2019. The event began with remarks by the Jamaican Ambassador to Japan and representatives of the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), the sponsor of the program, followed by presentations by two ex-participants of the program. The presentations were given in English by two Juntos!! ex-participants on their memories of the program, and how their experiences in the program had influenced their lives since, and what activities they are currently involved in. The participants were then divided into small groups to share their experiences in the program and to discuss what they can do as Juntos!! alumni to strengthen relations between Japan and Latin America during the pandemic. The participants expressed their desire to "promote cultural exchange, eco-tourism, and economic cooperation between Japan and Latin American countries while listening to the voices of the younger generation," and "learn from each other's experiences in dealing with COVID-19, natural disasters, and risk management in Japan and the participating countries." This dialogue renewed their motivation to build strong ties among alumni.

**2. Date:** Thursday, December 10, 2020, 09:00~10:30 (Japan Standard Time)

**3. Implementation agency:** Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)

**4. Communication system:** Zoom Meeting

### **5. Participants:**

21 participants from the Japan's Friendship Ties Programs, Juntos!!

14 stakeholders

Total: 35 participants

### **6. Program contents**

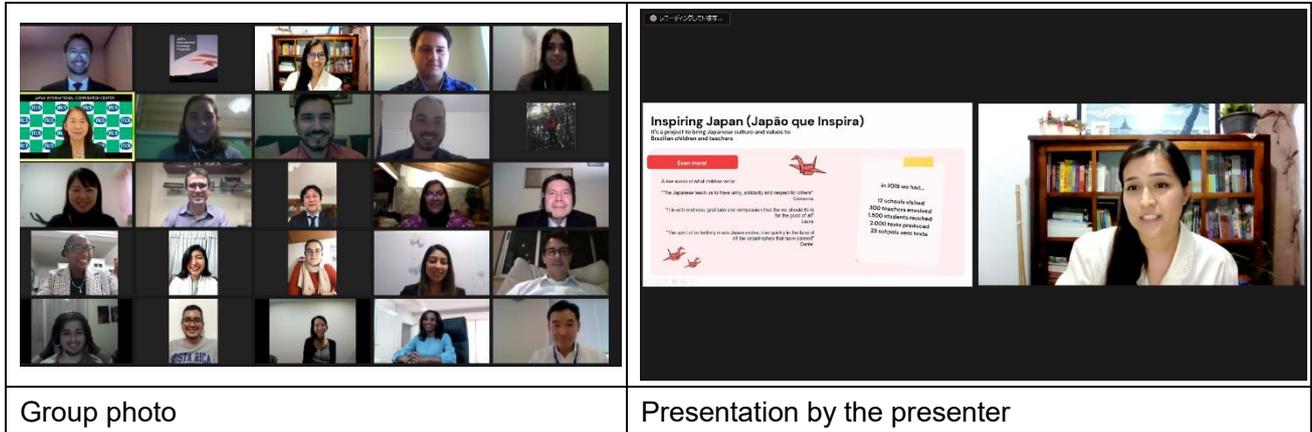
1. Achievements and overview of the Japan's Friendship Ties Programs, Juntos!!
2. Greetings from the Ambassador of Jamaica to Japan
3. Greetings from the sponsor (FLACSO)
4. Presentation by ex-participants (Experiences and subsequent activities by participants from Cuba and Brazil)
5. Information exchange and discussion by participants

Theme: "What we can do as Juntos! alumni to strengthen relations between Japan and the Latin

American region amidst COVID-19"

6. Presentation of discussion summaries by each small group
7. Greeting from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
8. Commemorative photo, etc.

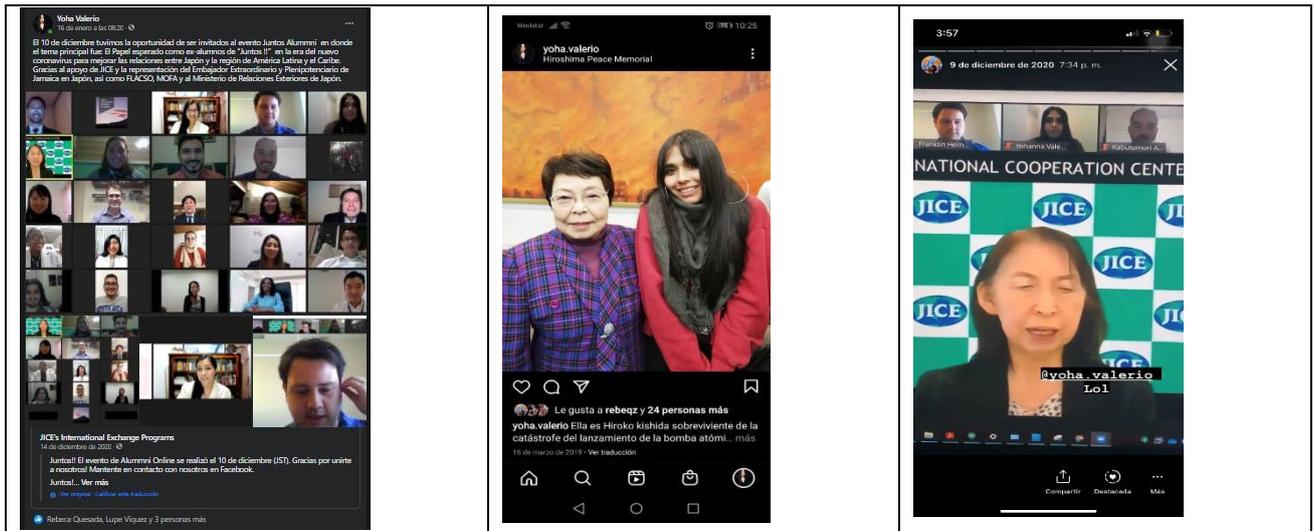
## 7. Program Photos



## 8. Voice from Participants(abstract)

- It seemed to me that the organization was excellent, the chosen theme reflects the priorities that we are currently experiencing and I liked that a lot because it is a global issue that has impacted all regions on different scales and at the Latin American level, it is very helpful to have such important support as that of the Japanese government that has a long history in their governmental system and that can help us a lot to have new knowledge to propose improvements in different areas that today are fragile according to the particularity of each country. (Participant from Panama)
- The event was a great opportunity to interact with the participants of other groups and to see again some of the participants of my group. It was very interesting to know about other experiences and ideas to continue working. (Participant from Panama)
- Online meeting is a good idea to connect people from all over the world, especially during a pandemic. I was happy to meet more people with the same interest as mine. (Participant from Brazil)

## 9. Dissemination by the participants



### Note:

In January 2021, after this alumni event, the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), the sponsor, and the Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE), the implementing organization, conducted an online meeting to strengthen their follow-up activities. They exchanged opinions on specific activities and are working to build a cooperative framework for the future.

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