



Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Program Online Alumni Meeting (Theme: Cooperation in Development [1]) Report

1. Program Overview and Objectives

JICE conducted an online alumni meeting for participants from Latin America and the Caribbean that had visited Japan in the past as part of the “Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Program” to improve friendly relations between Japan and Latin America and the Caribbean, and strengthen cooperation and networking among alumni.

Participants learned about development cooperation and business development in Latin America and the Caribbean promoted by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The alumni also deepened their friendship with each other and discussed what they can do to help the development of both countries.

【Participants】 Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Program alumni (participants from FY2015 to FY2021)

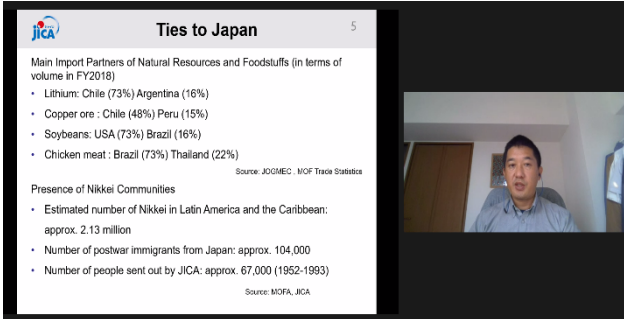
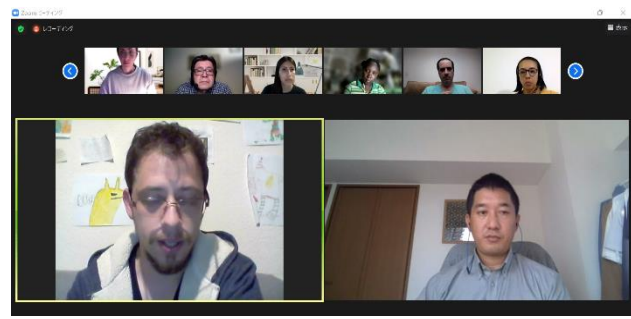
(undergraduate students, graduate students, and working youth, including alumni who had participated online, from the following countries: Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela) 35 participants

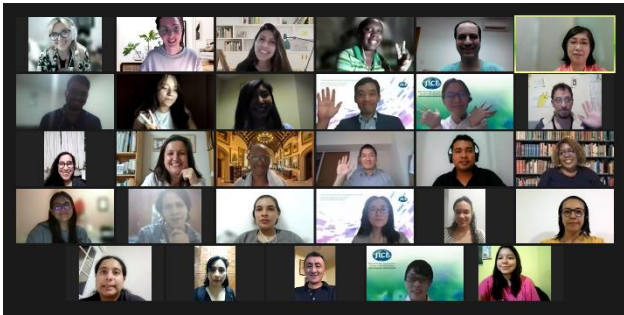

【Program Schedule】

Date Location	Program contents	Participants' questions and reactions
September 27, 2022 Tokyo	1. Opening remarks 2. Visit, Lecture “Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean” Lecturer: Mr. AKAMINE Kengo Director, Latin America and the Caribbean Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) 3. Q&A session 4. Group photo 5. Group programs (group discussions)	2. Lecture The participants seemed very intrigued by the project, as its existence and the purpose of its activities are widely known. There were many questions about specific project details, showing just how interested they were. 3. Q&A session Many questions were asked, such as "Does JICA's development cooperation include not only financial support but also technical support, such as monitoring?", "Does JICA

	<p>in six groups)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on what can you do to make the relationship among Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean more widely known? • Discussion on what can you do to activate alumni activities in your country? <p>6. Reporting session</p>	<p>provide support in advanced (scientific) technology?" and "How does Japan, which excels in technology related to disaster prevention, plan to bring this technology to Latin America and the Caribbean?"</p> <p>5. Group programs</p> <p>The participants engaged in a lively exchange of opinions on ways to deepen friendly relations between Japan and Latin America and the Caribbean, and came up with ideas such as doing cultural activities that are appealing to the general public.</p> <p>6. Reporting session</p> <p>Each group discussed and presented what approaches they could take to promote exchange and strengthen cooperation. (Reference: P4, 6. Presentations by each group at the Reporting Session)</p>
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2. Program Photos

	
Latin America and the Caribbean Department, JICA – Visit, Lecture	Latin America and the Caribbean Department, JICA – Q&A session with the Latin America and the Caribbean Department Director, Mr. Akamine at JICA

	
Group photo with the lecturer	Group discussions during the group programs

3. Voices from Participants (excerpt)

◆ Working Youth (Trinidad and Tobago)

I was able to learn more about Japan's activities in local communities by participating in the program. In the group discussions, we discussed ways to activate cooperation among Japan, Latin America, and the Caribbean. As a result, we were able to come up with some great ideas.

◆ Working Youth (Brazil)

I learned that it is possible to learn more about how to engage with nature in a sustainable and empathetic way from Japanese culture. During the group discussions, a team member was also enthusiastic about Japanese culture and its contribution to the development of sustainable science and technology. We had a great group discussion and learned a lot about each other's ideas and projects.

◆ Working Youth (Brazil)


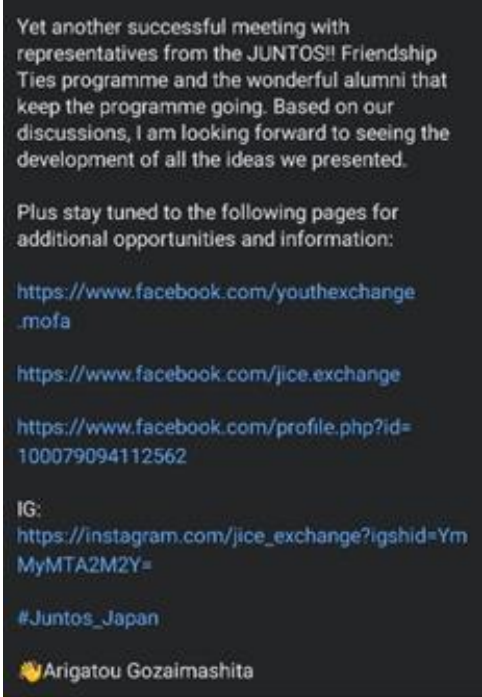
It was very beneficial for me to have attended the lecture on international cooperation in Japan. For example, as a Brazilian national, I never knew that Japan had been involved in such activities as the monitoring of deforestation in the Amazon by satellite.

4. Voices from the Receiving Parties (excerpt)

◆ Lecturer

The participants were very engaged. I think a little more time for the Q&A session would have helped the participants to further deepen their understanding.

5. Disseminations by the Participants

	
<p>September 27, 2022 (WhatsApp)</p> <p>Participants taking part in the Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Program</p>	<p>September 27, 2022 (Facebook)</p> <p>Yet another successful meeting with representatives from the Juntos!! Friendship Ties programme and the wonderful alumni that keep the programme going. Based on our discussions, I am looking forward to seeing the development of all the ideas we presented. Plus stay tuned to the following pages for additional opportunities and information:</p> <p>...</p>

6. Presentations at the Reporting Session (excerpt)

■ Spanish speaking group

“What can you do to make the relationship among Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean more widely known?”

Discuss the following topics⁴²

1. What can you do to make the relationship among Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean more widely known?⁴²

- a. Ampliar la convocatoria a todos los que estén dispuestos a participar, no solo a personas que están dentro del círculo.⁴²
- b. Conocer los resultados de los programas en cada país para poder compartirlos. Podemos compartir esta información y ser parte de los resultados si se nos permite.⁴²
- c. Establecer canales presenciales para las actividades y relaciones que se logran en los programas.⁴²
- d. Que las actividades presenciales sean también en el interior del país.⁴²
- e. Actividades de vinculación social para el público. Actividades culturales que sean atractivas al público en general.⁴²
- f. Recibir invitaciones de programas en específico (temas más enfocados en un tema específico).⁴²
- g. Enfoque a la protección de data.⁴²
- h. Hacer publicaciones y ya que nosotros tenemos el conocimiento, compartir a nuestro círculo sobre las actividades.⁴²

2. Creación de una red de embajadores japon-latinoamérica con el objetivo de fortalecer las relaciones entre LATAM y JP. Create a network of ambassadors (with the alumni)⁴²

3. Ser instructores (con capacitación previa) sobre temas o áreas que tengan que ver con la relación.⁴²

4. Coordinación junto con las embajadas para lograr este tipo de actividades.⁴²

Create a network of ambassadors (with the alumni) so we can be volunteers and instructors in areas that we know well or that we have been taught to us by you (topics about Japan or that have to do with the programs in our countries). To get to this point we need to be a part of the program (mostly as volunteers) to spread the word, know about the activities, participate in them and invite other people to do so.⁴²

-Widen the recruitment range to include all kinds of people, and not just alumni (when recruiting participants for alumni meetings).

-Share the results of the program in each country (among the participants). Share the information so that each participant is aware that they are part of the program (strengthening cooperation).

-Form networks to conduct face-to-face activities and to build relationships (strengthening cooperation)

-Conduct face-to-face activities in local cities (promoting activities).

-Conduct activities that can create social connections between the general public (and program participants and Japanese counterparts). Implement cultural activities that are appealing to the general public (exchange promotion).

-Share and disseminate knowledge about activities within the alumni association (exchange promotion).

■ English speaking group

“What can you do to make the relationship among Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean more widely known?”

1) What can you do to make the relationship among Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean more widely known?

Plan:

- Through social media, the embassy's or the cooperational organizations can promote their accomplishments or plans to the massive community.
- JICA's personnel to be more involved with the overall society, to a person-to-person level.
- More cultural events in order to promote cultural exchange through artistic performance.
- JICA's should contact organizations or businesses that promote Japan's culture/history in order to create a network and help them to extend their activities to a much wider public.

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- More cultural events in order to promote cultural exchange though artistic performance. (PR promotion)

- Collaborate with JICA and organizations and companies that promote Japanese culture and history to expand activities to a wider public.

Implementation agency: Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)