

# Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Program Online Alumni Meeting (Theme: recycling) Report

#### 1. Program Overview

[Objective] This online alumni meeting was implemented primarily for the alumni who participated in the Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Program in the past to focus on the presence of Japanese-affiliated companies and recycling in the Latin America and Caribbean region and to deepen their understanding of cooperation between Japan and the region by learning about the efforts by Japanese-affiliated companies in the region.

Participants listened to a lecture on the recycling business and human resource development by Kaiho Industry Co., Ltd., which aims to create a recycling-oriented society by establishing the venous industry through automobile recycling and the export and sale of used automobile parts. After that, the participants discussed and shared regional and global environmental issues to be addressed in the future.

[Participants] Alumni of Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Program (participants of FY2015 to FY2021)

Total of 9 alumni (including undergraduate and graduate students and working youth from Argentina, Chile, Trinidad and Tobago, Brazil, and Mexico)

### [Program Schedule]

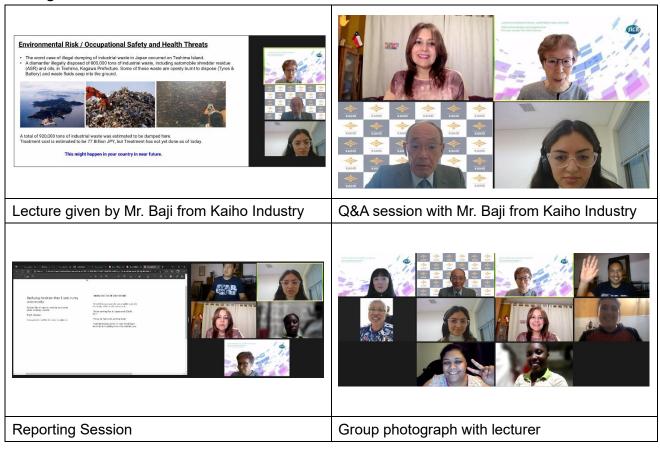
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Date	Program contents	Participants' questions and reactions
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Novemb	(1) Introduction to the program	(2) Lecture
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2022,	"Promoting Circular Economy &	aims to create a recycling-oriented
Ishikawa	Environmental Management -	society by establishing the venous
Pref.	Establishing Vehicle Recycling-"	industry through automobile recycling
	Mr. BAJI Katsuya, Executive Director,	and the export and sale of used
	Kaiho Industry Co., Ltd	automobile parts, gave a lecture on the
	(3) Q&A Session	recycling business and human
	(4) Commemorative Photo	resource development for the
	(5) Programs by Group (Divided into two	business.
	groups for group discussions)	(3) Q&A session
	Theme	We had some questions as follows,

- Discuss the recycling initiatives you see in your area
- After participating in the Lecture, discuss what you would like to do in the future for the proper disposal of waste.
- (6) Reporting Session

and we could see that the participants listened to the lecture enthusiastically.

- 1) How to apply the success story of waste disposal on a small island to other regions
- 2) Recycling initiatives that are feasible to be carried out in areas that have been already reclaimed and contaminated
- 3) Process necessary to have people take waste disposal issues more seriously in the world
- 4) Effective disposal methods of engine oil
- 5) The need for recycling when the original material is cheaper than the recycled material

#### 2. Program Photos



#### 3. Voices from Participants (excerpt)

#### Working Youth (Trinidad and Tobago)

I learned a lot about other countries' experiences with automobile recycling. Consequently, I felt that my country had to make an effort as well.

#### Working Youth (Mexico)

It was a very good program. I think I could have learned more if we had a simultaneous interpreter in my native language (Spanish).

#### Working Youth (Argentine)

I was surprised that the theme was automobile recycling, but it was interesting.

#### 4. Disseminations by the participants

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Visit the following sites to learn about what Japan do to address this environmental issue November 9, 2022 (Facebook)

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November 9, 2022 (Instagram) Introducing the program of that day

#### 6. Presentations at the Reporting Session (excerpt)

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#### ■ What to do in the future

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