



Juntos!! Follow-up Project Roundtable Discussion with Experts and Alumni Report Evaluation and utilization of the projects of Juntos!! Programs (for Latin America and the Caribbean)

1. Program Overview and Objectives

【Objective】 With the objective of establishing a network between experts and alumni who have visited Japan with Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Program (hereafter referred to as Juntos!!), evaluating the program and obtaining suggestions and recommendations for its effective implementation, the participants of the meeting confirmed the project overviews, shared the experiences of the alumni on the program, and exchanged opinions.

【Date】 December 13 (Tue), 2022

【Participants】

(Alumni) Total: 2 alumni of the Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Program

*Breakdown: one participant from Honduras (participated in FY2018), and one participant from Argentina (participated in FY2021)

(Experts / Area of expertise)









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2. Program Schedule

- (1) Opening session
- (2) Introduction to the project (JICE Secretariat)
- (3) Presentation by alumni
- (4) Q&A session
- (5) Opinion exchange and recommendations from experts
- (6) Closing session (Greetings by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

3. Program Photos

	
<p>【Introduction to the Project】 Introduction to the project by JICE (about the potential of the Juntos!! platform)</p>	<p>【Presentation】 The participants gave a presentation on their written contribution to a column of a newspaper after participating in the program</p>
	
<p>【 Presentation 】 The participants gave a presentation on how to disseminate the appeal of Japan after returning to their countries.</p>	<p>【 Presentation 】 The alumni presented their experiences in the regional program.</p>
	
<p>【Presentation】 The alumni talked about various networks they connected with after participating in the program</p>	<p>【Exchange of Opinions】 Exchange of opinions with experts</p>
	
<p>【 Q&A Session 】 Alumni answered questions from experts</p>	<p>Group photo</p>

4. Voices from alumni

◆ Working Youth (Honduras)

Today's meeting was really great. I spent a very fulfilling time and had a good experience. I am very interested in Japan and would like to continue participating in the program.

◆ Student (Argentina)

The meeting increased my interest in Japan. I came to think that this meeting is necessary to make Juntos!! better. I want to continue to be involved in the program.

5. Proposals and recommendations from experts (excerpts)

■ Program implementation content

- ✓ It is difficult to understand Japan deeply in a brief period of 10 days. Before visiting Japan, it is a good idea to study what the participants want to learn in Japan in order to know various types of appeal of Japan.
- ✓ It is also important to let them know that Japan also is interested in the Latin American region. Thus, why not expand the scale of outbound projects? Furthermore, it is important that continued implementation of Juntos!! allows people in the Latin American region to recognize the project.
- ✓ It is significant not only for diplomatic ties but also for human exchanges such as this project to be carried out continuously.
- ✓ It is necessary to develop programs that enable participants to understand Japan effectively in a short time under universal issues (such as the SDGs) that draw the interest of participants.

■ Suggestions for follow-up

- ✓ I think it would be better to have a follow-up program that allows the participants to retain their attention on Japan after participating in the program. After participating in the program, if there are opportunities to deepen understanding of Japan and exchanges and learning among people who are interested in Japan, such as alumni meetings, their interest in Japan will continue and lead to greater influence.

Implementation agency: Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)