

**Video Message by Mr. HOSAKA Yasushi,
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for the Nikkei International Dialogue**

Buenos días. Good morning, everyone.

I am Yasushi Hosaka, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan.

I would like to congratulate the Peruvian Nikkei Association for hosting the third International Nikkei Dialogue. On behalf of the Government of Japan, I would like to express my sincere respect to the Peruvian Nikkei Association for taking this great initiative, which is an opportunity to strengthen ties among Nikkei communities in the Americas and with Japan.

This year marks the 125th anniversary of the Japanese immigration to Peru. Likewise, the Nikkei community in the Americas has a history of more than 100 years. For the long time, Japanese and Nikkei have overcome many hardships and worked hard with diligence, honesty, and integrity in various fields. Your attitude toward life and your progress have become the foundation of respect for, trust in, and friendship with Japan and Japanese people in many countries today.

As a Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, I am on the front lines of diplomacy and regularly receive many dignitaries from around the world. I myself have heard from government officials, including heads of state and government, the respect they have for the Nikkei who have contributed to the development of their respective countries. We, Japanese people living in Japan, are also very proud of your achievements. In January of this year, I visited Honduras and Guatemala for the first time in Latin America, and I was reminded of the strength of the ties between Japan and Latin America.

In January 2023, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs established the Division for Collaboration with Communities of Japanese Immigrants and Descendants (“Nikkei”) in Latin America to further strengthen partnerships with the Nikkei community. We are taking concrete initiatives such as support for the strengthening of Nikkei networks and the implementation of invitation programs to Japan. Through these efforts, we would like to promote cooperation with the Nikkei community including the younger generation in

each country.

I hope that this international conference today will further deepen the friendship and solidarity among Nikkei across borders and strengthen the ties between Japan and Nikkei.

In closing, I would like to wish the Peruvian Nikkei Association, which hosted this conference, and the Nikkei associations around the world continued growth and good health to all the participants.

Thank you very much. Muchas Gracias.

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