

Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Inbound Program (Pacific Alliance Group) Report

Theme: Agriculture, turn to ICT account

1. Program Overview

[Objectives] This program was implemented with the aim of having participants learn about efforts related to provide the chance to learn about pioneering actions and skills in the field of smart agriculture in the field of science technologies and innovations mentioned as specific cooperative fields referred to the "declaration and action plan by Pacific Alliance" that came to an agreement in 2019 so that they can utilize what they learn to maintain the related measures ed in their countries.

[Participants]

Total: 7 working youth from the following four countries: Guatemala, Chile, Peru, Mexico, Columbia *in no particular order

[Location]

Tokyo, Hyogo

2. Program Schedule

■ Pre-study program (online):

January 31, 2024

Orientation before arriving in Japan, prior explanation on the Inbound Program Set period

Inbound program:

Sunday, February 11

Participants from Chile, Mexico, Guatemala, and Columbia arrived at Narita airport

Monday, February 12 Lecture, observation, and orientation

[Orientation] Arrival orientation

[Japanese culture related lecture and observation]

Ukiyoe lecture and observation Lecturer: Mr.Kentaro Makino

Tuesday, February 13 Theme related lecture, observation, and courtesy call

[Theme related lecture]

Shinichi SATO, Director, Mexico, Central America and Caribbean Division, Latin

American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau

[Observation]

House of Parliament

[Courtesy call]

Yoahifumi TSUGE, State Minister for Foreign Affairs

Wednesday, February 14 Observation and traveling

[Lecture]

Kobe university "Modern history of disaster-prone countries"

Prof. Hiroki OKADA, Graduate School of Intercultural Studies, Kobe University)

[Theme related lecture and observation]

- Three-haired crop in Minami Awaji City (Smart Island Living Institute)
- Introduction to data-driven agriculture (Kobe Digital Labo Inc.)
- Green House management, sensing and water saving initiatives(Aqua Verde Co.)

Thursday, February 15 Observation and traveling.

[Observation and lecture]

Disaster Reduction Human Renovation Institution

Friday, February 16 Theme related lecture and observation

[Observation and lecture] WOTA Corp.

"Recycling water for domestic use and some disaster resilience"

[Lecture] Ministry of Agriculture

"Development of Smart Agriculture"

Hiroyuki Obanawa, Assistant Director, Technology Policy Office

[Wrap up session]

Saturday, February 17 Participants from Chile, Columbia, Peru, Mexico departed from Narita airport

3. Program photos

Pre-departure orientation and Theme related lecture at arrival



Jan 31 [Pre-departure orientation]

[Arrival orientation]

Inbound program



Feb 12 [Ukiyoe lecture]



Feb 13 【Theme related lecture】 MOFA



Feb 13 [Observation] House of parliament



Feb 13 [Courtesy call]



Feb 14 [Lecture] Kobe University



Feb 14 [Lecture & Observation] Awaji Island



Feb 15 [Observation] Disaster Reduction **Human Renovation Institution**

Feb 16 [Observation and Lecture] WOTA



Feb 16 [Lecture] Ministry of Agriculture

Feb 16 [Wrap up session]

4. Voices from Participants (excerpt)

Working Youth (Peru)

• I have met people from other countries, exchanged experiences, and continue to communicate and exchange opinions about what I learned about applying it to agriculture even after I return home.

Working Youth (Chile)

• I would like to find ways to disseminate and utilize what I learned during this visit to Japan, especially the smart agriculture initiatives on Awaji Island, after returning home. It would have been even better if I had had the opportunity to learn about things related to Chile and Japan.

5. Action Plans Presented at the Reporting Session (excerpt)

Pacific Alliance Group

- Disseminate what I have learned in this program through SNS after returning to Japan to help spread the word.
- · We will exchange opinions within our organization about ways to utilize what we have learned in our own countries regarding initiatives related to smart agriculture.
- I would like to explore which parts of the efforts on Awaji Island can be incorporated in my own country.

Implementation Agency: AFS Japan