

# Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Inbound Program (SICA Cuba Group) Report

Theme: Climate change and Disaster Reduction

## 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 climate change, disaster reduction that is one of the main subjects in a certain area.so that they can utilize what they learn to maintain the related measures ed in their countries.

## [Participants]

Total: 13 working youth from the following eight countries: Guatemala, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Panamá, Cuba \*in no particular order

## [Location]

Tokyo, Nagasaki, Fukuoka

## 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 Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and El Salvador, Hondurus, and Dominican Republic arrived at Narita airport
Participants from Honduras, Panama, and Cuba arrived at Haneda 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, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

[Observation]

House of Parliament

[Courtesy call]

Yoahifumi TSUGE, State Minister for Foreign Affairs

Wednesday, February 14 Observation and traveling

[Theme related lecture and observation]

Volcano Exploratorium (Gamadus Dorm) in Nagasaki prefecture

[Peace study]

Nagasaki Peach Memorial Park/Museum

Thursday, February 15 Observation and traveling

[Theme related observation and lecture]

Eco museum in Kitakyusyu-city

"Japan's initiatives for realizing a carbon neutral society - Government policy and local initiatives" Dr. Junko Akagi, Research Manager, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies

Friday, February 16 Wrap up session.

Saturday, February 17 Participants from Cuba, Panama, Honduras departed from Haneda Airport
Participants from Honduras, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and
Dominican Republic departed from Narita airport.

## 3. Program photos

# Pre-departure orientation and Theme related lecture at arrival



# Inbound program



Feb 12 [Ukiyoe lecture]



Feb 13 【Theme related lecture】 MOFA



Feb 13 [Observation] House of parliament



Feb 13 [Courtesy call]



Feb 14 【Theme related observation】 Unzen (volcano museum)



Feb 14 【Observation】 Peace study in Nagasaki



Feb 15 【Lecture】 Eco museum in Kitakyushu

## 4. Voices from Participants (excerpt)

# **Working Youth (Dominican Republic)**

Lectures on Japan's climate change policy and peace studies in Nagasaki left an impression on me, and I want to spread what I learned in my own country.

## Working Youth (Honduras)

I would like to carry out activities to disseminate what I learned during my visit to Japan, especially what I learned in Nagasaki, disaster prevention responses to natural disasters, and measures to combat climate change.

# Working Youth (El Salvador)

After returning, I would like to promote and strengthen my participation in activities related to disaster prevention (natural disasters).

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

## SICA CUBA Group

- Disseminate what I have learned in this program through SNS after returning to help spread the word.
- Participants involved in diplomatic relations will work to strengthen ties between Japan and the peoples of Latin America.

Maintain new alliances and seek mutual support between nations.

• Participants involved in climate change will explore a focus on climate change mitigation, risk reduction and disaster, and capacity building upon their return.

Implementation Agency: AFS Japan