



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

**Theme : Natural Disaster Reduction**

### **1 . Program Overview**

**【Objectives】** It is important to strengthen cooperation in the field of natural disaster reduction for both Japan and Brazil, where natural disasters frequently occur and Japan provided emergency assistance to the 2024 Rio Grande do Sul floods. The leaders of both countries also agree on the importance of disaster prevention under the “Japan-Brazil Green Partnership Initiative (GPI),” on Environment, Climate, Sustainable Development, and Resilient Economies, launched during the official visit of Mr. Fumio KISHIDA, Prime Minister of Japan, to Brazil in May, 2024.

#### **【Participants】**

Total : 3 congressional representatives from Brazil

#### **【Location】**

Tokyo, Fukushima, Saitama

### **2 . Program Schedule**

#### **Inbound program:**

Monday, December 2 Participants arrived at Narita Airport

Tuesday, December 3 **【Courtesy call】** Embassy of Brazil in Tokyo  
**【Courtesy call】** JICA  
• Meeting with Ms. Sachiko Imoto, Senior Vice President of JICA  
• Presentation about Natural Disaster Prevention  
**【Observation】** The Tokyo Rinkai Disaster Prevention Park (Management center)

Wednesday, December 4 **【Courtesy call】** Fukushima Prefecture  
• Meeting with Mr. Masaaki Suzuki, Vice-governor of Fukushima  
**【Observation】** Michinoeki-Namie  
**【Observation】** The Great East Japan Earthquake and Nuclear Disaster Memorial Museum

Thursday, December 5 **【Observation】** Metropolitan Area Outer Underground Discharge Channel  
**【Observation】** “Yamanashi-kan”  
**【Observation】** “Coco Shiga”

Friday, December 6      **【Observation】** Visit around Imperial Palace  
                                 **【Courtesy call】** Princess Kako of Akishino

Saturday, December 7    **【Observation】** Asakusa / Shibuya

Sunday, December 8    Participants departed from Narita airport

### 3. Program photos

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December 7 【Observation】 Asakusa



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#### **4. Voices from Participants (excerpt)**

- It was wonderful opportunity to know Japan is taking measures to prevent natural disasters, such as by building disaster prevention facilities.**
- It would be more great to have lectures on disaster prevention and exchanges of opinions.**
- It would be more great to visit to parliament and have exchanges of opinions with them.**
- I was moved to hear the stories of those who actually experienced the disaster at Great Eastern Japan earthquake and learned how they overcame their painful experiences. I knew about the earthquake, but seeing and hearing the stories directly made me feel it more deeply.**
- I was surprised that Princess Kako knew so much about Brazil, but she listened to us with great interest and I could feel her kindness.**
- It was good opportunity to use the public train, to understand lifestyles of Japanese people.**
- The program was very fulfilling and the people who supported the program were very kind. I am grateful to have been able to come to Japan.**

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