



**Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Inbound Program
(South America Group) Report
Theme: Academic Exchange**

1. Program Overview

【Objectives】 This program was implemented with the aim of having participants learn about focusing on "people-to-people exchanges" in the Diplomatic Initiative toward Latin America and the Caribbean, We invited researchers studying Asia, particularly Japan, and staff from South American universities' international exchange departments to observe Japan's higher education system and international exchange sites and exchange opinions with relevant parties in order to explore collaboration between universities and other higher education institutions. We aimed to further revitalize inter-university exchanges, such as university presidents' conferences and exchange programs, with countries such as Peru, Chile, and Argentina, where the frameworks exist, while developing new networks in countries without such frameworks.

【Participants】

Total: 11 working youth from the following eight countries:

Argentine, Uruguay, Ecuador, Columbia, Chile, Paraguay, Venezuela, and Peru

*In no particular order

【Location】

Tokyo, Kyoto

2. Program Schedule

- Pre-study program (online):
September 24, 2024
Orientation before arriving in Japan, prior explanation on the Inbound Program Set period
【Online】 Lecture on Japan, Learning Japanese
- Inbound Program :
Sunday, September 29 Participants from Venezuela, Columbia, Argentine, and Paraguay arrived at Narita airport
Participants from Ecuador, Chile, and Peru arrived at Haneda airport

Monday, September 30 Orientation, Traveling, Lecture, Observation
【Orientation】 Orientation upon arrival to Japan
【Theme related lecture】
Mr. Hiroki Otakii, Principal Deputy Director, South America Division,
Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
Japan
”Overview of the International Situation and Outlook for Japan’s Diplomacy”

【Theme related lecture and observation】
Waseda University
-Overview of the university:
Ptof. Kate Elwood, Dean, International Affairs Division,
Professor, Faculty of Commerce
-Overview of the school of International Liberal Studies and Discussion
Prof. Kenichi Namai, Professor of Linguistics, Associate Dean of Academic
Affairs, School of international Liberal Studies
Prof. Shigeko Mato, Professor, School of International Liberal Studies
-Observation

Tuesday, October 1 【Theme Related Lecture and observation】
Tsukuba University

- Courtesy call and Overview of the university
- Prof, Osamu Ohneda, Executive Officer for International Strategy
- Prof, Mitsuho Fukushige, Vice Director, South America Office, Bureau of Global Initiatives
- Prof. Shigeo Osanoi, Advisor, Professor Emeritus
- Prof. Mari Minowa, Specially Appointed Professor, Bureau of Global Affairs
- Ms. Keiko Sekimoto, Head, Bureau of Global Initiatives,
- Discussion with University students (Foreign students from South America region)
- Overview of the International Institute for Integrative Sleep Medicine (IIS)
- Prof. Takatoshi Mochizuki, Administrative Director, IIS

Wednesday, October 2 Move to Kyoto
 【Theme related lecture and observation】
 Seika University
 Overview of the university
 Mr. Manabu Kitawaki, Senior Advisor, Office for Global Initiatives, International Student Advisor
 Discussion
 Mr. Isanori Oha, Office for Global Initiatives
 【Observation】
 Kinkakuji temple

Thursday, October 3 【Theme related observation】
 Kyoto International Manga Museum
 【Observation】
 Nishiki Market

Friday, October 4 Move to Tokyo
 【Reporting Session】

Sunday, October 5 Departure
 Participants from Venezuela, Chile, Columbia, and Argentina, and Paraguay departed from Narita International airport
 Participants from Chile, Uruguay, Ecuador, and Peru departed from Haneda airport

3. Program photos

Pre-study program



September 24 【Pre-departure orientation】



September 29 【Arrival orientation】

Inbound program



September 30 【Theme related lecture】 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan



September 30 【Theme related lecture and observation】 Waseda University



October 1 【Theme related lecture and observation】 Tsukuba University_Coutesy Call



October 1 【Theme related lecture and observation】 Tsukuba University_Discussion with students from South America region



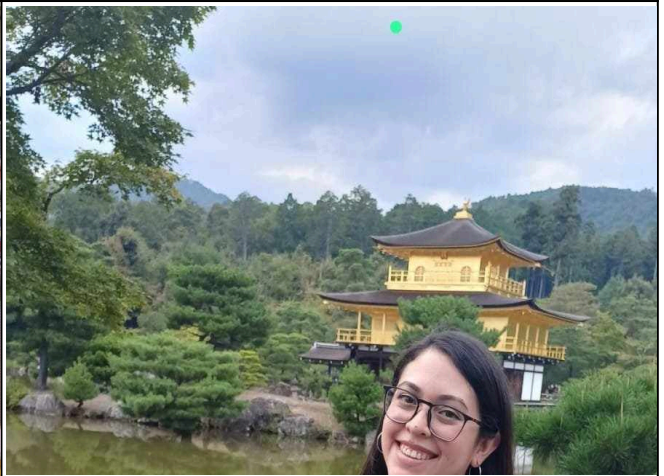
October 1 【Theme related lecture and observation】 International Institute for Integrative Sleep Medicine



October 2 【Theme related lecture and observation】 Seika University



October 2 【Theme related lecture and observation】
Seika University



October 2 【Observation】 Kinkaku temple



October 3 【Observation】
Nishiki Market



October 4 【Reporting session】

4. Voices from Participants (excerpt)

◆ **Working Youth (Venezuela)**

The opportunity to visit Japanese universities and connect with their teams first hand, which allows a direct interaction that could potentially become the start of academic collaborations between our universities.

◆ **Working professional (Uruguay)**

The visit to the universities which all have different specialities and exchange opinions would certainly build the bridges in the future.

◆ **Working Youth (Peru)**

University visits as we have the chance to see the campus life and exchange opinions would certainly be one of the fruitful moments.

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

South America Group

<Ecuador>

1. Establish rapprochement with Waseda University.
2. Start COIL with International Business classes.
3. Support the Japanese language in the UEES.
4. Get closer to sister universities that were in this experience.
5. Encourage cultural rapprochement through the Embassy of Japan in Ecuador

<Chile>

1. Propose a seminar for students during the Chile-Japan Forum.
2. Consider options for presentations on manga and related careers as a form of dissemination in Chile.
3. Create a collaborative online course (COIL) with one of the universities you visited.
4. We will begin dialogue with the University of Tsukuba to explore the possibility of joint research. Especially Latin American studies and food security.
5. Restart mobility programs for students.
6. We will plan a presentation for the UC Chile community by the Japanese Ambassador to Chile.
7. Coordinated "Japan Week" in collaboration with the Japanese Embassy in Chile.

I will give a presentation about my visit to the Steering Committee of the University of Chile and the Office of the Vice-Rector for International Relations.

<Uruguay>

1. Promote bilateral cooperation between UCU and Japanese universities.
2. Create an induction plan into Japanese culture and life for Uruguayan exchange students who choose Japan as their exchange destination.
3. Explore the possibility of promoting other types of student mobility such as summer/winter courses.
4. Collaborate in the planning of the visit to Japan of the Vice-Rector of the University Community of the UCU in February 2025.

<Paraguay>

1. Expand opportunities for exchange and learning in Japan with various departments and research centers within the university.
2. We will cooperate with the "Study in Japan" program, which will hold a fair on the border of Paraguay, Brazil, and Argentina in 2024. 3.
3. Work with my university's agreement department to establish a cooperation protocol with the three visited universities by 2024.
4. Incorporate graduate student offers from Japanese universities, particularly those visited on Ministry of Foreign Affairs programs, as candidates for applying for government graduate student scholarships.

Implementation Agency: AFS Japan