



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

1. Program Overview

【Theme】

Green Growth and the SDGs

【Participants】

Total: 4 youth diplomats from Columbia, Chile, Peru and Mexico

*In no particular order

【Location】

Saitama, Tokyo

2. Program Schedule

■ Pre-study program (online):	
November 26, 2025	Orientation before arriving in Japan, prior explanation on the Inbound Program
Japanese	【Online】Lecture on Japan, Learning
■ Inbound Program:	
Sunday, December 7	Participants arrived at Haneda / Narita International airport 【Orientation】Orientation upon arrival to Japan
Monday, December 8	【Theme related lecture and observation】 Tobu Clean Center -Recycling and Waste Management Measures 【Theme related lecture and observation】 The Railway Museum -Lecture on the History and Characteristics of the Railway, The Museum Tour
Tuesday, December 9	【Theme Related company visit】 Meiji Holdings, Sakado Factory -Factory Overview and Tour, -Lecture on Meiji Cacao Support and Sustainable Dairy Farming
Wednesday, December 10	【Theme related lecture and observation】 Saitama Prefectural Government -Lecture on SDG initiatives and waste management 【Theme related observation】 Miraikan (National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation) -Museum Overview and Tour, AI Suitcase Demonstration 【Theme related company visit】 Maruha Nichiro Corporation -Lecture on Resource Management and Blue Bonds -Discussion with Staff responsible for Overseas Business
Thursday, December 11	【Theme related company visit】 Toshiba Environmental Solutions Corporation -Lecture on the Recycling of Household Appliances, Factory Tour 【Theme related company visit】 J&T Recycling Corporation -Lecture on Plastic Recycling, Factory Tour

Friday, December 12

- 【Theme related company visit】
Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha (Nippon Yusen Kaisha or NYK Line)
-Lecture on Decarbonisation Strategies and Sustainable Management
- 【Theme related Lecture】
Fisheries Agency of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
-Lecture on Aquaculture and Resource Management

- 【Courtesy Call】
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
-Courtesy Call on Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Horii

Saturday, December 13

Departure from Haneda / Narita International airport

3. Program photos

Inbound program



Dec. 8【Theme related lecture and observation】
Tobu Clean Center



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Dec. 10 【Theme related lecture and observation】
Saitama Prefectural Government



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Miraikan (National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation)



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Maruha Nichiro Corporation



Dec. 11 【Theme related company visit】
Toshiba Environmental Solutions Corporation



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Dec. 12 Nijubashi Bridge of the Imperial Palace



Dec. 12 【Theme related Lecture】
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Dec. 12 【Courtesy Call】
Ministry of Foreign Affairs



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4. Voices from Participants (excerpt)

◆ Youth Diplomats (Peru)

Everyone was very friendly, and the warmth with which they welcomed us at all the exchange venues was very nice and satisfying. From the recycling centers and the chocolate company to the more serious companies, they all showed great consideration for our countries and the importance of maintaining ties of friendship and working together.

◆ Youth Diplomats (Mexico)

The most valuable aspect of the program was the opportunity to observe, first-hand, how Japan integrates policy, technology, private-sector leadership and community engagement to address environmental challenges in a comprehensive and practical way. Visiting facilities such as waste treatment and recycling centers, industrial plants, and maritime companies, and interacting directly with the professionals responsible for these initiatives, provided a deeper understanding than theoretical discussions alone.

I found it particularly meaningful to see how sustainability is embedded into everyday operations—supported by clear regulations, measurable targets and strong public trust. The open exchange with government officials, technical experts and company representatives allowed for honest dialogue on challenges, trade-offs and long-term strategies. This combination of technical depth, transparency and collaboration makes the Japanese approach highly effective and offers valuable lessons that can be adapted to other national contexts, including my own.

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