



Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Inbound Program (Brazilian Nikkei Community Support Group) Report

1. Program Overview

【Theme】

Regional and Cultural Exchange

【Participants】

Total: 10 youth diplomats and businesspeople from Brazil

【Location】

Tokyo, Gunma, Kanagawa

2. Program Schedule

■ Pre-study program (online):

January 26, 2026 **【Online】**Orientation before arriving in Japan, prior explanation on the Inbound Program
February 9, 2026 **【Online】**Lecture on Japan, Learning Japanese

■ Inbound Program:

Sunday, February 15	Participants arrived at Narita International airport 【Orientation】 Orientation upon arrival to Japan
Monday, February 16	【Theme related exchange】 Ministry of Foreign Affairs 【Theme related observation】 Tour of the National Diet, The House of Representatives, Imperial Palace
Tuesday, February 17	【Theme Related Lecture】 Oizumi-machi Tourism Association, Lecture by Japanese-Brazilian Business Owner Nippon Teijyu Shiryokan (Japan Settlement Museum) 【Courtesy call】 Mayor of Oizumi Town 【Company Visit】 SUBARU, Oizumi Plant
Wednesday, February 18	【observation】 TOKYO SKYTREE 【Theme related exchange】 Nikkei influencer, Rakugo Performer “REMUNE” 【Courtesy call】 Director-General, Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Thursday, February 19	【Theme related observation】 Osanbashi, International Passenger Terminal 【Theme related observation】 JICA Yokohama, The Association of Nikkei & Japanese Abroad
Friday, February 20	【Courtesy call】 Princess Kako of Akishino 【Theme related observation】 Asakusa



Saturday, February 21 Departure from Narita International airport

3. Program photos

Inbound program



February 15 Arrival Orientation



February 15 Ministry of Foreign Affairs



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February 16 Tour of the National Diet, The House of Representatives



February 16 Imperial Palace



February 17 Oizumi-machi Tourism Association



February 17 Oizumi Town Office



February 17 SUBARU, Oizumi Plant



February 18 TOKYO SKYTREE



February 18 Nikkei influencer, Rakugo Performer "REMUNE"



February 18 Courtesy call on the Director-General,
Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs



February 19 Osanbashi, International Passenger
Terminal



February 19 JICA Yokohama, The Association of
Nikkei & Japanese Abroad



February 19 JICA Yokohama, The Association of
Nikkei & Japanese Abroad



February 20 Asakusa



February 21 Departure



4. Voices from Participants (excerpt)

- ◆ The presentation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs provided a valuable opportunity for the invitees to get to know one another.
- ◆ The visit to the National Diet Building was very interesting, as it gave us the opportunity to learn about Japan's political system and the architecture of the building.
- ◆ Mr. Mario McDade's story was particularly impressive, as it provided detailed insights into the lives of people who immigrated from Brazil to Japan and the challenges they have faced.
- ◆ The discussion with the Oizumi Town Mayor was particularly memorable. I was deeply impressed by his strong commitment to fostering unity between Japanese and foreign residents. Although some communities are sometimes resistant to immigration, I learned that there are dedicated people in Oizumi who are working hard to build bridges across cultural differences and promote mutual understanding.
- ◆ The visit to SUBARU was especially meaningful, as it gave us the opportunity to experience Japanese manufacturing firsthand. It was also fascinating to learn about the Japanese workplace environment, including working hours and break times. Furthermore, I found the company's commitment to prioritizing efficiency while also placing great importance on the health and well-being of its employees to be truly commendable.
- ◆ The explanations provided during the visit to Tokyo Skytree were fascinating. Gaining a deeper understanding of the tower's structural design, the materials used in its construction, and its multi-layered protection systems against wind and earthquakes helped me better appreciate Japan's advanced engineering technologies.
- ◆ Meeting with the influencer Ramune was a truly wonderful experience. Through this opportunity, I was able to learn about rakugo, a traditional Japanese storytelling art that I had not been familiar with before, and witness the journey of an artist who is working to build new cultural bridges between Japan and Brazil.
- ◆ During the discussion with Director-General Motoyuki Ishise of the Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we exchanged views on bilateral relations and prospects for future cooperation between Japan and Brazil. It was a meaningful dialogue filled with a sense of friendship and partnership that characterizes the relationship between the two countries.
- ◆ At the JICA Yokohama Overseas Migration Museum, I was able to gain a deeper understanding of the journeys of Japanese immigrants, including the hardships they faced, the ships they traveled on, and their daily lives during the approximately 60-day voyage to Brazil. I was also able to search for my family using the museum's database system, and seeing the information appear on the screen was an incredibly moving experience.
- ◆ Our group was deeply honored to have the opportunity to meet and exchange greetings with Princess Kako. In an atmosphere that was both respectful and warm, we all felt a great sense of pride and excitement in representing Brazil, especially considering the strong Japanese-Brazilian community that exists in our home country.
- ◆ Without the thoughtful consideration and kindness extended to us throughout the program, this visit would not have been such a memorable and meaningful experience for me. It was truly an exceptional experience for which I am deeply grateful.

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