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The A-Z of Kagoshima's International Relations

●Arrival of Prefectural Scholarship Students in Kagoshima●

On May 16th, two students from Brazil and Peru, joined by another Brazilian student on May 29th, arrived in Kagoshima to begin their lives here as prefectural scholarship students. The aim of the exchange is for international students, whose relatives have roots in Kagoshima, to study at universities in the prefecture to strengthen the students' knowledge of the prefecture and nurture talent that will contribute to closer ties between Kagoshima Prefecture and the countries they came from.

Due to the impact of the novel coronavirus pandemic, we were unable to welcome students in 2020 and 2021, and had to put the program on hold. However, we were glad to finally welcome students to Kagoshima again in May this year.

The three prefectural-sponsored students will study their respective subjects at Kagoshima University, staying in Kagoshima until February next year for a total of 10 months.

We asked them about their goals during their stay in Kagoshima.

Suehiro de Paula e Silva Alexandre (Brazil, Kagoshima University Engineering Department)

For the sake of my family, friends, history, and my future, I want to learn more about my ancestor's roots!

In addition, just as I have done throughout my life's journey, I wish to continue improving myself and build a wonderful future!



Daniela Yuka Kawasaki (Brazil, Kagoshima University Faculty of Law)

I wish to know more about the cultural, technological and tourist aspects of Kagoshima Prefecture. I would also like to have the opportunity to learn Japanese and connect with my family history.



Terukuni Shrine

Kuwaie Obara Diego (Peru, Kagoshima University Faculty of Education)

During my time studying abroad in Kagoshima, I hope to get to know many people and broaden my horizons, and eventually return again to Kagoshima to complete my master's degree.



Mr. Kuwaie (left) with his university friends



Mr. Kuwaie (front left) with people from his seminar

Seasonal Tourism Information

This month's photo is of Kamikawa Otaki Falls Park, in Kinko Town!

The park is surrounded by a wealth of nature, including Kamikawa Falls, cascades, and walking trails where you can enjoy forest bathing.

In addition, from the 68m tall 'Rainbow Otaki Suspension Bridge,' you can take spectacular pictures of the scenery that look as if they were captured by a drone!

It is a great spot to visit for the coming season!



Rainbow Otaki Suspension Bridge



Long-distance view of Otaki Falls



Kamikawa Falls

Coordinator for International Relations (CIR) Column

●Nice to meet you! ●

Kagoshima Prefecture Coordinator for International Relations
(United Kingdom)

Hello everyone, nice to meet you! My name is Poppy, and I come from London in the UK. Currently, I am working at the Kagoshima Prefecture Government Office, with my main job being translation. As I arrived in Kagoshima in December last year, I am yet to experience summer here in Kagoshima City!



Cranes in Izumi

I began studying Japanese when The Japan Foundation in London offered free classes at my school. My friend brought me along to a class, which was one of my first encounters with Japanese.

Alongside the beauty of kanji, I thought that the three alphabet systems consisting of kanji, hiragana and katakana were so interesting, and wanted to learn more about the Japanese language. So, I continued studying Japanese at university, deciding to deepen my knowledge of Japanese language and culture.

Last year, in my 4th year of university, I applied to become a CIR through the JET Program after the encouragement of my teacher. One of the reasons I decided to apply was due to my year abroad being cut short to half a year due to the spread of the novel coronavirus, meaning I didn't have much time to work on my Japanese skills. I saw the JET program as a fantastic chance to help improve my Japanese language ability!

Before I was appointed to Kagoshima, I didn't know a lot about Kagoshima, but every day I am learning more and more about the incredible culture, history and nature here.

My hobbies include drawing and listening to music. I'm not the best at drawing, but I enjoy sketching scenery absentmindedly. I love the nostalgic atmosphere of Meizanbori in the central district of Kagoshima, and would love to draw it one day.



Me at a café also called Poppy in Nagoya!

In regards to music, I am always on the hunt for new albums regardless of genre or era. There are a few record shops in Kagoshima, where I can easily lose track of time browsing.



In truth, however, although having just introduced myself to you now I am heading home in August. These past few months have been so fun, and I am very grateful to have met so many Kagoshima residents. I am incredibly grateful to have had the chance to make many precious memories here. I wish to make the most of my

remaining time here, so seek to put all my efforts into work.

The Governor's Movements

●The Royal Thai Consulate-General in Fukuoka's visit to Kagoshima (11th May) ●

On the 11th May, Mr, Sorut Sukthaworn from the Royal Thai Consulate-General in Fukuoka paid a goodwill visit to the Kagoshima Prefectural Government Office.

The Consulate-General, who was appointed last year in October, spoke about his work on exchanges between Thailand and Kyushu, and his memories of taking a ferry to Sakurajima on a visit to Kagoshima during his time studying abroad in Japan.



The Governor expressed his gratitude for the mutual dispatch of junior volleyball teams and exchange of rugby players between Kagoshima Prefecture and the Kingdom of Thailand as part of the Host Town Initiative during the Olympic and Paralympic games. In addition, he expressed his hope that exchange between Kagoshima Prefecture and the Kingdom of Thailand would continue to develop.

We will continue our efforts to promote exchange between Kagoshima and the Kingdom of Thailand.

●The Consulate-General of Australia in Osaka's visit to Kagoshima (30th May) ●

On the 30th May, Mr. Holloway, The Australian Consul-General in Osaka, paid a courtesy visit to the Kagoshima Prefecture Government building.

Consul-General Holloway said, "I arrived in Japan in 2020. This is my third visit



We also welcome any other information that you would like to share with our readership.

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