



Bringing you news about the Foundation's immigration-related activities

## Greeting from the new President

I wish you a year filled with peace, good health and happiness.

I am Kenichi Fujinaga, acceded to the President of Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation since November 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. I am also the present Chairperson of Kyudenko Corporation.

I have had many opportunities to be part of international exchange activities throughout my lifelong career.

For further progress of international exchange within our prefecture, I believe that the Overseas Kenjinkai are one of our valuable asset to become a bridge between Fukuoka and the world.

I sincerely appreciate your continuous support and encouragement.

Kenichi Fujinaga

President of Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation



## Global Stage Fukuoka~Prominent Fukuokans around the world~Seminars



14th Dec. (Thu) Fukuoka University

In order to encourage globalization for our prefecture youth, as well as to utilize the Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai and its overseas networks, we welcome Fukuoka descendant guest speakers who play active roles around the world to host seminars with various themes. The seminar continues for the 4th year this year.

The first speaker of this year Mr. Ryoji Koga from Shanghai Fukuoka Kenjinkai (CEO of UTS JAPAN) kindly shared his own experience relating to his overseas education and employment to students from high schools and universities across the prefecture. He did also enthusiastically exchanged with students of how was he able to start his own business, and the amazingness/meaningfulness for young people to study abroad, furthermore emphasized the importance of things people should do while they are still students.

Mr. Koga successfully delivered his soul message to the students through the lecture, students absorb these valuable knowledges while taking memos and answering questions, they will serve as wings for people to widen their view sight, thus to see a bigger world in the future.

◆Notification for the second lecture◆

Taiwan Fukuoka Kenjinkai / Momotaro Yoshioka (Writer): 17<sup>th</sup> January (Wed) Genkai High School / 18<sup>th</sup> January (Thu) Miike High School



15th Dec. (Fri) Kokura Minami High School

## Japanese cultural experience for Descendants of Immigrates Exchange Students

On 11<sup>th</sup> November (Saturday), a kimono wearing and Japanese tea ceremony experience were organized for the Descendants of Immigrates Exchange Students at a Teahouse in the Japanese Garden in Fukuoka city. The Kazokukai has been sponsoring to host these cultural activities every year, and they hoped that the students were able to learn about various aspects of Japanese culture in addition to their school work during their one year of exchange.

The exchange students were able to select and wear their favored kimono from the Mayunokai\*, and dedicated their thankfulness within their self-made tea to present their appreciation to all the participants.



\*Mayunokai: An organization that offers kimono wearing classes and kimono

rental, as well as provide international exchange activities through kimono which allows foreign students to become familiar with Japanese kimono.