Fukushima Kenjinkai Information

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Name of Kenjinkai	Zaia Fukushima Kenjinkai
Date of establishment	January 22, 1939
Number of members	Approx. 550 members as of 28 / 09 / 2017
Name of President	Alberto Nanami
Executive staff	Eduardo Mori, Vice President Cristina Endo, Manager Gilda Noemi Higuti, Assistant Manager Santiago Del Giudice, Treasurer Maria Celia Rodríguez Mori, Assistant Treasurer
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Main activities	We have a general meeting once a between April and May where we discuss the years activities. This meeting takes place during the lunchtime meeting and includes presentations and reports from students or members who have studied or trained overseas, and is a chance for members to talk about their experiences during the year. We make and distribute bulletins which introduce Fukushima as well as a Kenjinkai newsletter. We also recruit and recommend young people for the Fukushima Prefectural scholarships and exchange programmes. We explain about of current situation of the revival of Fukushima. We hold welcome parties for visitors from Fukushima. We welcome both detachments from the Maritime Self-defense Force and people who were born in Fukushima when they visit Argentina. We survey and keep records of sons and daughters of the Kenjinkai.
	We recruit JICA training staff. We aid with donations for the victims/evacuees caused by the disaster in Fukushima.
	We cooperate with FANA (Japanese society in Argentina) for events and work with other Kenjinkais.

Zaia Fukushima Kenjinkai History

1908

The emigrant ship Sadomaru left Japan for South America.

1910

The first Fukushima Kenjin immigrated to Argentina.

Japanese communities soon formed and then based on exchange between these communities and those born in Fukushima Prefecture, the Fukushima Kenjinkai was established in 1939. We have continued exchange every year since then, mainly in the form of lunch meetings. the members of the Fukushima Kenjinkai have settled in Buenos Aires, Mendoza Jujuy, Salta, Cordoba, Misiones, Santa Fe and Rio Negro. Their professions include floriculture, fruit tree horticulture, cleaning and running cafes' among others.

Photos

1980

Accepted "Wakoudo no Tsubasa" (Youth Wing)

2009

70th year anniversary ceremony.

2011

Most events which we run are related to raising support for the Great East Japan Earthquake disaster.

FUKUAR newsletters are distributed to members during exchange meetings.

2015 Oct

Fukushima Prefecture Staff came to Argentina and explained about the current state of Fukushima's post disaster recovery efforts.



2011 Oct. Japanese society
Taking donations for Tohoku at a sports ground.



2012 March (Japanese garden) Accepting donations for Tohoku.



2015 Oct.

Project for increasing awareness of Fukushima today



2017 April FANA (union of Japanese society) hosting a Fall Festival



 $2017 \ {\rm May}$ $78^{\rm th} \ {\rm Exchange \ meeting \ with \ Okinawa \ Kenjinnkai \ at \ Okinawa \ Kenjinnkai \ salon}$