

Fukushima Kenjinkai Information

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Name of Kenjinkai	India Fukushima Kenjinkai
Date of establishment	November 2015
Number of members	40 members as of 27 / 09 / 2017
Name of President	Hideki Kawarada
Executive staff	Yutaka Kikuta, Honorary President (Fukushima City), Hideki Kawarada, President (Kitakata City), Hayato Goto, Secretary General (Fukushima City), Naoki Watanabe, Treasurer Auditor (Fukushima City)
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Main activities	<p>November 19, 2015 - Takashi Yano, the first president of the Kenjinkai, established the group around people from Fukushima Prefecture residing in India. It also included people who love Fukushima sake and people who like Fukushima. The idea was to gather all of these people together for energetic get-togethers. Since then, we have social gathering every two-months where we bring and share sake that we are proud of.</p> <p>March 11, 2016 - A commemorative event was held on the fifth anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake disaster at the Embassy of Japan in India with the Japan Foundation. His Excellency Hiramatsu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to India, sent out letters to Financial and Business Sectors and experts as well as posted articles in the daily paper Kunesel of Bhutan. A newspaper advertisement also appeared in the Indian daily Hindustan Times. Honorary President Kikuta created articles and advertisements, and Chairman Yano made a wonderful presentation at the memorable event at the ambassador's residence.</p> <p>April 26, 2016 - Hideki Kawarada, took over as the second president, due to the sudden relocation of the first president back to Japan. During a banquet held at the time members of the kenjinkai were able to not only socialize with each other, they were also able to start activities for collecting donations for the Kumamoto earthquake as part of a social enterprise.</p> <p>September 23, 2016 - At the Summer Festival held at the Delhi Japanese language School, we set up the India Fukushima Kenjinkai booth and conducted promotion and fund-raising activities in order to support revitalization efforts in Fukushima prefecture. In order to show our appreciation to the students of the Japanese school,</p>

	<p>parents, and Indian officials we conducted our activities under the slogan “Thank you from Fukushima!”. As part of the promotional activities at the event we received peach juice from Date Town, <i>Ten-no-tsubu</i> rice from Inawashiro town, Bottled Fukushima water from Fukushima city’s Waterworks Bureu as well as folk crafts and promotional material from Fukushima Prefecrure’s International Affairs Division. All of these items were used to promote Fukushima.</p> <p>Members of the Kenjinkai also came together to make 300 rice balls, Imoni soup, prepare peach juice, and make <i>Ikinaridango</i>, a confection unique to Kumamoto prefecture. We managed to raise a donation of 92,000 yen for those affected by the Kumamoto earthquake in Kumamoto city.</p> <p>January 2017 – Our members gathered with Nanka Fukushima Kenjinkai (Los Angeles) and held a roundtable party with Risa Kokuta.</p> <p>July 2017 Planning for the first Asian region Fukushima Kenjinkai Summit (Bangkok).</p> <p>Prior to the Fukushima Kenjinkai Summit in November of the previous year, It was decided to run the Asian region Fukushima Kenjinkai Summit based on the success of a similar summit for Kenjinkai based in the European region. Representatives of the five countries from Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar, and India gathered to discuss the activities of each of their countries and their future policies, and pledged to exchange information and to have exchanges in the future.</p> <p>On September 23, 2017 At the Delhi Japanese School, the India Fukushima Kenjinkai set up a booth for the second time at the Summer Festival. Continuing on from last year, 2017’s slogan was also “Thank you from Fukushima!”. At this festival we promoted Namie yakisoba noodles and collected donations for Namie Town. We received Namie Yakisoba noodles from Asahiya <i>Ten-no-tsubu</i> rice from Inawashiro Town and Date’s Peach Juice from JA Fukushima Mirai. By the end of the day we managed to sell about 200 plates of Namie Yakisoba noodles. All proceeds will be donated to Namie Town.</p>
Photos	<p>* Photos of India Fukushima Kenjinkai Association’s regular social gatherings’. A lot of sake is brought every time.</p>



Everyone is excited to talk about their hometown. As you would expect, everyone is proud of their various regions (Hamadori, Nakadori and Aizu).



* April 2016 Change of President
Seated in the Center 2nd President Kawarada, at the left Honorary Chairman Kikuta,
to the right 1st President Yano



September 2016 Japanese School Summer Festival
Indian Fukushima Kenjinkai group photo



Hoshi-san was in charge of making Imoni (soup) Kimura-san raised funds selling folk crafts



Ten-no-Tsubu rice and rice balls
using Aizu mountain salt

Sold by Mrs. Kawarada.



Articles in Fukushima Minpo Newspaper

復興支援への感謝を表すインド県人会のメンバー



県産品振る舞い 支援感謝

インドで県人会 熊本地震募金も

インド県人会（川原田英樹会長・喜多方市出身は二十四日、インド・デリーの日本学校で開かれた夏祭り、東日本大震災の支援への感謝を込め、来場者に県産食材を使った料理などを振る舞った。

日本学校の生徒と家族に震災からの福島復興を伝えるとともに、実り豊かな福島産の魅力を発信しようとインド県人会の菊田豊名善会長（福島県出身）の発案で福島県ブースを設けた。

県人会が中心になり、東北県人会と熊本県人会の協力を得て県産の食料を振る舞った。県産のインド米「天の川」やミニ年連続モンドセレクション金賞受賞の「やしまの水」で作ったおたけりをはじめ、芋煮、団子、桃シユースなどを提供した。

熊本県人会と連携し、熊本地震のためのチャリティ募金も実施した。デリー日本学校の生徒が作った募金箱で、来場者に浄財を募った。

We sold out of everything including the rice balls, cheers for good work.



NHK interviewed President Kawarada.



July 2017 First Asian Fukushima Kenjinkai Summit
 President and Mrs. Kawarada participated (the person second from the left is from



Sold out!! Thank you for your hard work.