

Miyazaki Open to the World

In 2023, Miyazaki Prefecture celebrated its 140th anniversary. Throughout this year, people from both Japan and around the world visited Miyazaki to immerse themselves in its charms, understand its challenges, and foster exchanges and cooperation. Notably, the G7 Agriculture Ministers' Meeting in April and the Miyazaki Kenjinkai World Conference at the end of October were significant events that will be remembered in Miyazaki's history. These gatherings not only increased Miyazaki's global recognition but also inspired dreams among our younger generations.

The G7 Agriculture Ministers' Meeting, one of the Ministerial Meetings of the Hiroshima G7 Summits, took place at Seagaia Convention Center in Miyazaki City. Agriculture Ministers and representatives of international organizations discussed globally shared agricultural issues such as food security and agricultural sustainability. The "G7 Agriculture Minister's Communiqué" and the "Miyazaki Actions" were adopted as outcomes. The Communiqué emphasizes the importance of environmentally friendly agriculture policies. The "Miyazaki Actions" outline specific measures that the G7 countries will undertake. Examples include the promotion of the agricultural use of digital technologies and innovations, as well as the promotion of equal opportunities for all to participate in agriculture, including youth and women.

The Miyazaki Kenjinkai World Conference aimed to unite individuals with connections to Miyazaki residing outside the area, encouraging them to share thoughts on their hometown, Miyazaki, and rediscover its attractions.

The conference was held for the first time, attracting a total of 650 participants, including 260 Kenjinkai members from Brazil, the United



States, China, and other countries, as well as Miyazaki Prefecture citizens. The event featured a commemorative ceremony and concert under the theme of "Tsunagarou Hinata de, Tsunageyou Sekai e" (Let's connect under the sun, Let's connect to the world). Participants had the opportunity to experience Miyazaki's culture and products at tradition experience corners and municipal PR booths. The Miyazaki Kenjinkai Next Generations Conference was also held with an objective to pass the Kenjinkai's activities to the younger generations. Participants exchanged opinions on the Kenjinkai's roles, issues, and future prospects.

These events showcased Miyazaki prefecture's openness to the world and its capacity to make global contributions. They also helped rediscover and promote Miyazaki's nature, culture, food, and industries on a global scale. Furthermore, participants deepened their connections with Miyazaki, encouraging their Kenjinkai society to become more active. These achievements will inspire youth with dreams and hope. Let us support Miyazaki Prefecture actively communicating with the world, committed to promoting sustainable development.

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