

Share the Worldwide Nikkei Legacy and Make the Nikkei Network Stronger

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We, Nikkei, assembled in Hawaii from all over the world for the 59th Convention of Nikkei and Japanese Abroad (June 6, 2018) and discussed the comprehensive theme “Share the worldwide Nikkei legacy for the Future - Commemorating the 150th anniversary of Gannenmono (the first Japanese immigrants) in Hawaii”. We hereby declare this resolution consisting of the following six items as the achievement of the Convention.

1. **【Nikkei Legacy】** Honesty, diligence, cooperation and gratitude (*okagesamade*)— we, Nikkei abroad, have inherited such values and way of living from our parents and grandparents. Nikkei have contributed to local communities all over the world in a wide range of fields including agriculture, education, medical care, social welfare, and business network. It has been confirmed that the inherited Japanese culture is impacting the life and culture of the societies where Nikkei reside. Being proud of the Nikkei legacy, we will continue to pass it down to the next generation of Nikkei and to promote it to the people of societies where they reside, as well.

2. **【Nikkei museums】** Nikkei museums around the world are developing activities to preserve and disseminate the Nikkei legacy reflecting the uniqueness of each country. We promote information exchange and cooperation among those museums in order to share the Nikkei legacy of each region as a common property and to further promote its knowledge. For that purpose, we will try to establish the Council of Nikkei Museums.

3. **【Globalization and Nikkei】** Having acquired the local language and culture and lived in multicultural societies, Nikkei are precious human resources who can contribute to Japan's globalization. We hope that their comprehensive capacity will be evaluated and applied in global business development of Japanese companies and international cooperation of Japan's public and private sectors, which will also inspire Nikkei without any direct connections with Japan to develop an interest in Japan.

4. **【Identity establishment among the younger generation】** The younger generation who grew up with the identity as Nikkei have respected Japan's sense of values and culture based on the recognition of what are different and same between their home country and Japan. Japanese language education is an important component of preserving the Nikkei identity. We request that the Japanese government take more active measures outside Japan on Japanese language education. Young Nikkei wish to have opportunities to understand about their own roots by learning or working in Japan. To achieve this, we wish for special considerations concerning resident visa status for Nikkei Yonsei (fourth generation) and subsequent generations as considered for Nisei and Sansei (second and third generation). It is important to allow multiple citizenship also, in order to create an environment that enables Nikkei to play an active role globally without losing the Japanese identity.

5. **【Nikkei community in Japan】** In the course of supporting Japan's economic growth, the *dekasegi* phenomenon from Latin America has created a Nikkei community in Japan, and the second generation are now becoming adult members of Japan's society. Whether to accept and support the descendants of the Nikkei who emigrated back to Japan based on Japan's government policy is one of the touchstones on how Japan can adapt to the global trend of multiculturalism. We hope for the generous understanding and support of the Japanese society and government for the Nikkei community in Japan.

6. **【International Day of Nikkei】** The Gannenmono, the first immigrants from Japan, arrived in Hawaii on June 20, 150 years ago, which is a memorable day when the Japanese went overseas for the first time in the modern history of Japan. Having shared the same Nikkei identity, we declare June 20 as the “International Day of Nikkei” in order to express our appreciation for the efforts of the first generation, promote links and collaborations among Nikkei based on the Nikkei legacy of the world, thus contributing further to the international society.

Last but not least, we would like to express our utmost gratitude to the Nikkei society in Hawaii and all the people who welcomed us with the warmest cooperation and support. Thank you.