

Declaration of the 65th Convention of Nikkei and Japanese Abroad

Based on the Nikkei legacy, we will work together
to realize and maintain a multicultural society

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We, Nikkei from all over the world, who participated in the 65th Convention of Nikkei and Japanese Abroad (September 17~19, 2025 in Tokyo), discussed the general theme of "Nikkei communities in a world of growing confusion and uncertainties ~ In search of new connections" and declare the following five-point resolution as the results of this Convention.

1 [Based on the history of Nikkei, we will collaborate to establish and preserve a multicultural society]

Nikkei and Japanese who have immigrated to various countries and regions around the world have encountered many hardships throughout their history, such as racial discrimination, forced internment and deportation during the World War II, but they have overcome these hardships with sincerity, diligence and perseverance that are considered virtues of Japanese and Nikkei, and have greatly contributed to the development of those countries and regions where they lived. However, even today, 80 years after the World War II, armed conflicts continue to rage. Prejudice and disinformation have spread on SNS, and the movement to eliminate different groups and divide society has deepened, as if the lessons learned from that war have been forgotten. Many immigrants are exposed to discrimination and prejudice like our ancestors have experienced. We respect diverse cultural backgrounds and values precisely because we feel a sense of crisis in such a situation. We strive to realize and maintain a society based on mutual understanding and inclusion through dialogue.

On the other hand, about 60 young Nikkei, mainly students living in Japan, met in conjunction with the Convention to discuss how to deal with the recent domestic and international situation and its impact. They reported the outcome of their discussion to the Convention. We highly appreciate the interest of young Nikkei in the Convention, as well as their willingness to share their opinions, which strengthens collaboration among Nikkei.

2 [We are proud of the social and cultural contributions made by Nikkei women. We also look forward to the success of the next generation of Nikkei living in Japan]

During this year's Convention, the panel discussion covered two rarely discussed topics: "The Power of Nikkei Women" and "The Active Role Played by Young Nikkei Residents in Japan."

Nikkei women have played a significant role in developing the Nikkei community and the communities where Nikkei live, across generations. The panel also highlighted their outstanding achievements in a wide range of fields, such as disseminating Japanese culture and developing local communities. We are proud of and grateful for the magnitude of their contributions. In addition, it was informed that the next generation

of Nikkei raised in Japan are becoming increasingly active, leveraging the strength of having two cultural backgrounds. We look forward to the future success of the next generation of Nikkei who understand Japanese customs, master multiple languages including Japanese, and revitalize Japanese society.

3 [To increase the number of Nikkei who experience Japan, we call for the expansion of programs that invite young Nikkei to Japan]

Through various invitation programs offered by the Japanese government, local governments, and other organizations, many Nikkei have had the opportunity to study in Japan. They have then taken their experiences and knowledge back to their home countries and contributed to the development of the Nikkei community and local communities. If young Nikkei, who tend to feel distant from Japan, experience Japanese life and culture firsthand, they will develop a sense of closeness to Japan. Therefore, while we highly value the aforementioned programs, we request an expansion of their scope and enhancement of their content. We hope the number of young Nikkei participating in these programs will grow, allowing them to gain experience in Japan and serve as a bridge between their home countries and Japan. We welcome the introduction of a working holiday system between Japan and Brazil is under consideration.

4 [We hope that the discussion on “Japan's foreigners policy” will not fall into xenophobia and will be discussed based on facts].

Recently, debate surrounding “policy toward foreigners” has also intensified in Japan. In addressing and discussing this issue directly, we hope that it will be based on facts and have as its goal “a multicultural society,” without being influenced by misinformation or emotional arguments. Furthermore, when developing multicultural coexistence policies based on mutual respect, it is essential to reflect not only the opinions of Japanese people who accept foreigners, but also those of Nikkei and other foreigners who are directly affected.

5 [We request a fundamental revision of the 4th generation visa and a revision of the Nationality Act]

The number of applications for the "4th generation visa" is still low. We will continue to call on the Japanese Government to consider major revisions or abolitions of the requirements for accepting supporters, age restrictions, no family accompaniment, and requirements for acceptance of settlement (length of stay, age limit, Japanese proficiency). In addition, it is essential to revise the Nationality Act so that Japanese and Nikkei can maintain both the nationality of Japan and of their country of residence in order to realize a coexistence society and to enable Japanese and Nikkei to play an active role in the world. We continue to call on the Japanese government to consider the abolition of the provision of the nationality loss and the nationality selection system.