

Princess Kako visits Brazil

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Princess Kako visited Brazil for two weeks, from June 4 to 18, 2025. This was her fourth official visit to a foreign country after visiting Austria, Peru, and Greece. She visited Brazil for two main reasons: to promote friendship between the two countries, and to meet Japanese-Brazilians living there.
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Before the trip, Princess Kako went to a museum in Kobe called the “Overseas Migration and Cultural Interaction Center.” She studied the history of Japanese people who moved to Brazil.
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A long time ago in Meiji era, many Japanese moved to Brazil to work on coffee farms. Later, some of them became independent farmers or started small businesses. Today, about two million Japanese-Brazilians live in Brazil. The country has the largest Japanese community outside Japan.
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During her visit, Princess Kako met President Lula in Brasilia, the capital city. She also visited several local elementary schools and homes for elderly Japanese Brazilians.
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She also visited Corcovado Hills. It is well-known for the big statue of Jesus Christ. It looks over the city of Rio de Janeiro. She also visited Iguazu Falls, one of the most famous waterfalls in the world.
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At a special event to celebrate the 130th anniversary of friendship between Japan and Brazil, she said in her speech, “Brazil is far away, on the other side of Japan, but I feel our hearts are very close. I hope our two countries will stay close amigos.”

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| official visit | 公式訪問 | promote friendship | 友情を促進する・親睦を図る | migration | 移民 | interaction | | | | |
| 交流 | independent | 独立した | community | 共同体 | several | いくつかの | statue | 像 | fall | 滝 |
| celebrate | 祝う | amigo(ポルトガル語で) | 友達 | ★このニュースで覚えた語(| | | | | | |

- Q1

How long was Princess Kako’s official visit to Brazil?
- Q2

Which countries had Princess Kako officially visited before going to Brazil?
- Q3

佳子様のブラジル公式訪問の目的を2つ、答えましょう。
- Q4

Before the trip, why did Princess Kako visit the Overseas Migration and Cultural Interaction Center?
- Q5

Why did many Japanese move to Brazil in the Meiji era?
- Q6

What kind of work did the Japanese people do in Brazil?
- Q7

How many Japanese-Brazilians live in Brazil today?
- Q8

Who did Princess Kako meet in Brasilia?
- Q9

Name two places she visited during her trip besides the museum.
- Q10

佳子様は、日本・ブラジル国交130周年の式典でどんなスピーチをしましたか。

Q11 Which do you want to visit in the future, Corcovado Hills or Iguazu Falls? And why?

Q12 次のブラジル人中学生 Sam のメールが来ました。

- ・ Sam の質問に答えて下さい。
- ・ 下線部について、あなたがより理解を深めるために、下線部の特徴を問う具体的な質問を 2 つしなさい。

Hi! I hope you are doing well!

I want to tell you something. A Japanese Princess came to our country this month!

Her name is Princess Kako. She was smiley and kind. She is popular here in Brazil!

I have a question:

In Brazil, we don't have a royal family. Is the Japanese royal family popular in your country?

Your amigo, Sam

Hi, Sam! Thank you for your message.

◆次の文を暗唱しましょう◆

1. Princess Kako visited Brazil to promote friendship.
2. She went to Brasilia to meet President Lula.
3. She went to senior centers to meet elderly Japanese-Brazilians.

To 不定詞の副詞的用法

● [to + 動詞の原形] で、目的（～するために）を表します。

1. Princess Kako visited Brazil to meet Japanese Brazilians.

2. She went to Brazil to promote friendship between Japan and Brazil.

1 空欄に当てはまる語を入れましょう。

1. 佳子様は、日本人移民の歴史を学ぶため、神戸の博物館を訪れました。

Princess Kako visited a museum in Kobe () () the history of Japanese immigrants.

2. 多くの日本人が、コーヒー農園で働くためにブラジルへ移住しました。

Many Japanese moved to Brazil () () on coffee farms.

3. 子どもたちや先生に会うために、彼女は地元の学校を訪れました。

She visited local schools () () children and teachers.

4. 彼女は、大きなキリスト像を見るために、コルコバードの丘に行きました。

She visited Corcovado Hills () () the big statue of Jesus Christ.

5. 自然の美しさを楽しむために、イグアスの滝を訪れました。

She visited Iguazu Falls () () the beauty of nature.

6. 日本とブラジルの友好 130 周年を祝うために、スピーチをしました。

She gave a speech () () the 130th anniversary of friendship.

2 日本語の意味を表す英文になるように、次の語句を並べ替えましょう。

※文頭に来るべき語も、頭文字は小文字になっています。

1. 彼女は、年配の日系ブラジル人と話すために、高齢者施設(senior centers)も訪れました。

[went / she / Japanese-Brazilians / to / senior centers / elderly / with / talk / to / .]

2. 彼女は、両国の友情について話すために、ルラ大統領に会いました。

[to / about / talk / met / friendship / she / between / President Lula / two nations / .]

3. 子供たちは、感謝の気持ちを伝えるために、歌を歌いました。

[songs / the children / sang / thanks / their / show / to / .]

3 どちらかを選んで、25～35 words の作文を書きましょう。

1) Write about someone you want to meet and why.

2) Write about a place you want to visit and what you want to do there.