

Kizuna Short Term Dispatch Project Participants Visit Seattle

From January 8th to 12th, 2013, 141 high school students and 9 teachers from the areas affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake visited Seattle on the Kizuna Short Term Dispatch Project.



The Kizuna Project participants, invited by the Boeing Company, participated on The Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tour, gave presentations about the Great East Japan Earthquake experiences and recovery at Seattle University, attended a lecture by Dr. Charles R. Aanenson, CEO of Peace Winds America and participated in various educational programs. These programs were held through the strong support from the local community and the participants had an enriching experience.



On the evening of January 11, 2013, the Consulate-General of Japan hosted a reception in collaboration with the Laurasian Institution and North Seattle Community College for the Kizuna Project participants at North Seattle Community College. The Hon. Sharon Tomiko Santos, Washington State House of Representative and guests from the City of Seattle and many organizations from the local community including Japan-related cultural organizations, the Japan Business Association of Seattle, Japanese prefectural clubs and high school students from Seattle who visited Japan last year on the Kizuna Project attended the reception. High school students from Japan gave a presentation on how the region has been recovering, their experiences during and after the earthquake, performed a play, sang for the audience and deepened their relationship with the local community.



We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the local community for their support and contribution that made the Kizuna Project participants' visit to Seattle a great success.