

## Embassy Exchange Program

### 1. Date and venue

Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2023,  
1:20 pm – 2:10 pm  
Venue: Aogashima Elementary and  
Junior High School

### 2. Participants

All 8 students from both schools, the principal and 20 teachers, and villagers

### 3. Counterpart

H.E. Ms. Melba María Pría Olavarrieta  
and Ms. Jina Hernández,  
Embassy of the United Mexican States in  
Japan

### 4. Schedule

1. Greetings
2. International exchange meeting (Part 1)
  - Presentations by students
  - Presentation by Mexico embassy official
3. Lunch with students
4. International exchange meeting (Part 2)
  - Workshop (piñata making)
  - Comments and questions from students
  - Chorus by students
5. Thank-you speech by students and commemorative photos

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Commemorative photo with Ambassador Melba



Ambassador  
talking with  
students



A blindfolded student trying to crack the piñata made by everyone.

### 5. Additional information

- ◆ Ambassador Melba made a two-day trip to Aogashima Island.
- ◆ In Mexico, people make containers called *piñata* which are filled with sweets and fruits, and then broken as part of festivals and celebrations. Students and residents all worked together to make two piñatas.
- ◆ When it was time for cracking open the piñata, traditional Mexican perforated paper sheets called *papel picado* were decorated and everyone sang a piñata song together while the students tried to crack open the piñatas.
- ◆ Students, teachers and residents learned so much from this international exchange. Ambassador Melba mentioned that she was touched by everyone's warm hospitality.