

We have received an email from Mr. Joao Vitor Lins Maciel from Brazil with a recent activity report, and we would like to introduce it in the next page.

His position is Executive Operations Manager, ALBRAS ALUMINIO BRASILEIRO SA.

He participated in a training course on quality improvement at JICA Kyushu in October and November 2023.

Official Course Title: Quality and Productivity Improvement for Enterprise Competitiveness (Basic Kaizen) (A)

Course leader: Mr. Torikai of KITA

Dear JICA Kyushu and KITA,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I would like to express my deep gratitude for all the learning and enriching experiences I had during the period of studies on kaizen and monozukuri. The time I spent in Japan was unforgettable, and I would like to share some aspects that continue to positively impact my life and career.

1. Friendship and Lasting Connections

During this period, I had the opportunity to meet incredible people from different countries, and together we formed the "JICA Latina" group. The care and mutual support we developed were essential for everyone's success. This friendship remains strong to this day, and we continue to support each other, share knowledge, and celebrate our achievements. I am grateful to KITA and JICA for providing such a welcoming environment that facilitated the creation of these bonds.

2. Success of the Action Plan and Continuous Improvement

One of the objectives of my action plan was the implementation of a macro kaizen, which fortunately was successful. The improvement actions continue to be developed in a multidisciplinary way within the potrooms, bringing positive results to the operation and further strengthening the culture of continuous improvement in the organization.

3. Promotion of Corporate Training Initiatives

Thanks to the knowledge acquired during the course, we have been able to promote kaizen-related training initiatives at the corporate level. These actions have been fundamental in spreading the continuous improvement mindset at all levels of the company, directly impacting the quality and efficiency of processes.

4. Scientific Publication and Knowledge Dissemination

I had the honor of developing a scientific article, which was eventually published in a journal, highlighting the importance of JICA and KITA in disseminating new quality tools in developing countries. This work was presented at a meeting of the Nipponic Association of Northern Brazil, with the presence of the senior JICA representative in Brazil, emphasizing the positive impact of all the learning we had in Japan.

5. Affectionate Memories and Special Thanks

Finally, I would like to express my affection, respect, and the fond memories I hold of the time I spent in Japan. The attention and support from Torikai San, Hatano San, and Kato San were fundamental in making this experience so enriching. I carry with me not only the technical knowledge but also the spirit of cooperation and friendship that I experienced during this time.

Once again, thank you for everything. I wish you continued success in all your activities and hope to have the opportunity to meet you again in the future.

With affection and gratitude,

João Vitor Lins Maciel



Fig. 1 JICA Latina Group



Fig. 2&3 Potroom Kaizen
(Right side is Vitor-san)



Fig. 4&5 Kaizen training



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Fig.7&8 Nipponic North Brazil Association