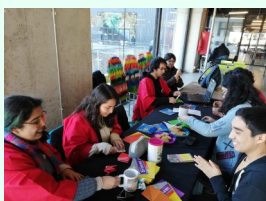


FIELD WORK TO CHILE (AUGUST 2 TO AUGUST 30, 2019)

Consisted in conducting interviews and focus groups to 19 people in 5 different cities (Santiago, Valdivia, Concepción, La Serena and Viña del Mar), and archival work in the National Library.

1) VALDIVIA CITY (Week 1: August 7 to 9)

After the arrival to Santiago de Chile, the first city visited was Valdivia, in the south of Chile. There, the Universidad Austral de Chile holds Japanese language courses since 2002. I had the chance to meet the Japanese language teacher and 4 representatives of the Valdivia’s Japanese Cultural Club. I also had the chance to access some documents that accounted for the origins of the courses, that were complemented with archival work in the National Library later.



3) LA SERENA CITY (Week 3: August 21 to 22)

La Serena, was a city I expected to visit but was not certain I would. Finally, I could go and interviewed the President of the Universidad de La Serena (in the picture), responsible of the Japanese cultural program there, and 1 person in charge for the cultural activities at the university.



5) SANTIAGO DE CHILE CITY (August 5 to 26)

The first official week in Santiago (August 5th to 11th) I visited the National library, where I could collect information about Japan diplomacy and Japanese community in Chile. During the second (August 12th to 18th), I interviewed the Executive Director of the Chilean-Japanese Cultural Institute. The third week (August 19th to 25th) I interviewed 2 representatives of the University-level program of Japanese language at the University of Santiago de Chile, 2 representatives of the Centre of Comprehensive studies of Japan (CEIJA), 1 representative of the Japanese Association in Santiago. Finally, I conducted my last interview on Monday, August 26th, to a teacher of Japanese language of the University of Santiago (in the picture), who was going to represent Chile in the Japan Foundation’s regional annual meeting in Lima, Peru, the following month (September).



2) CONCEPCIÓN CITY (Week 2: August 13 to 15)



In the city of Concepción, I interviewed 2 representatives of the Japanese Cultural Club of Concepción, both students of the Universidad de Concepción and the Japanese language teacher of the same university, who also work in another institution where she teaches Japanese. In that city, I also got to see the rising manifestations of Japanese culture, as shown in the picture.

4) VIÑA DEL MAR CITY (Week 4: August 24)

I traveled to Viña del Mar for the day to interview the director of Corporación Nikkei de Valparaíso and the Japanese language teacher of the same institution, who initiated the classes of Japanese there.



FINAL COMMENTS

This trip focused in preparing and conducting the interviews. The time expected to conduct archival and library research was less than originally planned. However, overall, I believe it was a successful field trip: the results exceeded the initial expectations, because I could access to more testimonies, more institutions, and even added one city that was not in the initial itinerary.