## ARGENTINA



## Program

- 2:00 ~ 3:00 pm
  - Icebreaker/About me
- Geography
  - People
  - Food
  - Personalities
- Break (5~10 min)
- 3:10~4:00
- Environment

Icebreaker

How far is Argentina from Japan? How big it is? What is the official language? What is the national flower? What is your image of people from Latin America? What do you know about the country? Or Latin America?

#### How far is Argentina from Japan?



#### Total area 2,780,400 km<sup>2</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup> in the world. Argentina's highest point is Aconcagua in the Mendoza province (6,959 m), the highest mountain outside of Asia.



#### Aconcagua



#### National flower

#### Ceibo (Erythrina crista-galli). November 22nd, ceibo flower day





## What do you know about the country?

#### About me

#### Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina Graduate from Buenos Aires University Postgraduate student in Nagoya University





Geography

Weather: wide range of climate types

Buenos Aires: average from 11 to 24.9 C. In the north, average of 30, in the south 5.



#### Geography

#### Biodiversity: the country has a huge ecosystem variety



Cóndor de los Andes

Penguins in Magallanes (south)





Yaguareté



## Original pampa had virtually no trees. The only tree-like plant native to the pampa is the evergreen Ombú





#### Geography

### Iguazú waterfalls (new 7th world wonder) / Patagonia







#### South area (Patagonia): cold temperatures on winter, snowy. Good for winter sports. Perito Moreno glacier / Chapelco (sky area)





Sites on the Unesco list

#### lguazú national park



#### lschigualasto - Moon valley





Peninsula Valdes - Wild life area (wales, penguins, etc.)





The glaciers national park (Perito Moreno glacier)



Discussion

Would you like to visit those places? Which one?

People

How many inhabitants are there?

Population (2016 estimate): 43,847,430

#### **Ethnic groups**

96.7% White/Mestizo(62.5% Italian) 2.4% Amerindian 0.5% Asian 0.4% African



What is the official language?

National language is Spanish



The prevalent dialect is Rioplatense, primarily spoken around the capital, and accented similarly to the Neapolitan language (south Italy)

English: approx. 40% of Argentines speak it. Italian (1.5M), standard German (400K). Videline (2005)







#### Gathering together









Discussion

What do you think about people from Latin America? What is your image? How different are we (Latin Americans and Japanese)? Food

# Due to the immigration, mainly of Spanish and Italians, the cuisine is similar to those countries: pasta, meat, pizza, wine are among the most popular products



## Also, empanadas (similar to gyoza, but bigger and with different ingredients)





#### Local products

Choripan (chorizo, or sausage, in between two slices of bread), very popular at anytime





## Among the local products, are mate (beverage), dulce de leche, empanadas y alfajores



Discussion

Would you like to try one of those foods? Which one and why? What differences do you see with Japanese cuisine? Personalities

Famous Argentinians



Carlos Gardel (tango)



Che Guevara (politics)
#### Famous Argentinians



Pope Francis (religion)

Jorge Luis Borges (literature)

#### Famous Argentinians



Lionel Messi (football)



Diego Maradona (football)

Discussion

Do you know any of them? Do you know any other personalities? Break time (10 minutes)

# Environmental issues

Environmental problems







## In my opinion, Argentina should learn more from Japan than the opposite.





### Recycling

## Rivers in big cities are contaminated





Deforestation: lost forest for soy plantations. Some laws were issued to stop this



To reduce the use of plastic, government gives "eco-bags" that can be used multiple times. Can be bought in supermarkets as well. This may be an issue to adapt in Japan.





Discussion

What can Argentina learn from Japan? How can we improve recycling and prevent deforestation?

## Thank you very much