



Asociación Peruano Japonesa (APJ) (Peruvian Japanese Association) is a non-profit organization that develops actions in the areas of social assistance and cultural promotion. It also provides education and health services.

Founded in 1917 as Central Japanese Society, APJ is the parent organization that brings together and represents the Peruvian Nikkei community and its institutions, with the mission of leading its strengthening to contribute to the development of Peru.

APJ has its headquarters at the Centro Cultural Peruano Japonés (Peruvian Japanese Cultural Center), in the district of Jesús María, in Lima, Peru. Inaugurated in 1967 by the then princes Akihito and Michiko, today it is a meeting place where a variety of activities take place.





CULTURAL PROMOTION AND IDENTITY



APJ has cultural promotion as one of its main objectives. Each year it presents a rich agenda of activities, such as exhibitions, film series, literature contests, concerts, conferences, music and theater festivals, etc., which take place mainly at the Peruvian Japanese Cultural Center.

This space, in addition to its auditoriums and galleries, houses the “Elena Kohatsu” Library, which has more than 20,000 publications on topics related to Japan and the Nikkei community available to the public; and the Kotodama bookstore.

Likewise, it has the “Carlos Chiyoteru Hiraoka” Museum of Japanese Immigration to Peru, where objects and documents related to Japanese immigrants and their descendants are exhibited; the Peruvian Japanese Theater, one of the most modern stages in Peru; and the dōjō for the martial arts practice.

Through its Publishing Fund, APJ publishes various publications and, through its Research Fund, the study and reflection on the Nikkei community is promoted.



SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Solidarity is one of the main values around which APJ was created and which has guided its institutional path. Through the participation or organization of support initiatives, we have sought to carry out activities in favor of vulnerable populations or in situations such as natural disasters. In 2020, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, the “Peru Ganbare” campaign was carried out. Since 2022, it has been consolidated as a permanent social aid program in APJ.



Another area in which we seek to have a positive impact is access to quality education, which is why in 2022 the “Lima Nikko” Education Development Center was created, with the aim of contributing to improve the learning of Peruvian students through the development of educational projects in terms of technology and infrastructure, school materials, teacher training and transfer of good Japanese educational practices to Peru.

APJ also contributes to the welfare and development of the members of the Nikkei community, especially the elderly, to whom it offers programs such as the “Ryoichi Jinnai” Recreational Center; and the youth, by supporting them with educational loans to complete their university studies and/or college.



EDUCATION SERVICES

At the Peruvian Japanese Cultural Center, APJ offers training programs that include courses and workshops, as well as seminars, occupational careers and specialization courses, which promote personal growth and encourage entrepreneurship in areas such as artistic expression, crafts, cooking, etc.

The diffusion of Japanese culture is a priority. Therefore, Japanese language learning is promoted at different levels and for all ages. Also, martial arts courses such as karate, kendo, aikido and judo are offered; and arts such as manga, Ikebana, furoshiki, origami, among others.



HEALTH SERVICES

APJ has two units that provide preventive and assistance health services with medical excellence, warm attention and cutting-edge technology:

- **Peruvian Japanese Polyclinic.** Inaugurated in 1981, it offers outpatient care in more than 30 medical specialties. It also includes the Clinical Pathology Unit (Laboratory), the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service, as well as the Psychology, Language and Learning Service. The Polyclinic provides more than one million services each year.

- **Peruvian Japanese “Centenario” Clinic.** It opened its doors in 2005 and provides outpatient care and hospitalization in more than 40 medical specialties. It has Emergency areas, Intensive and Intermediate Care Unit, Imaging Center, Obstetric Center, Surgical Center, Chemotherapy, Hemodynamics, among other services, which guarantee the patient a comprehensive quality care.

Both units also promote scientific research, organizing several activities every year, such as the International Medicine Course, which has become one of the most important national health events.



PERUVIAN NIKKEI COMMUNITY



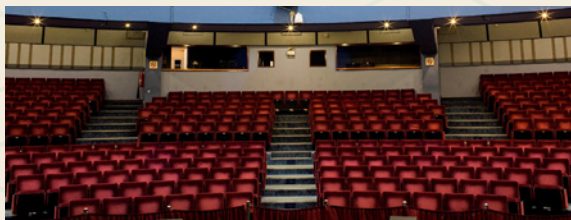
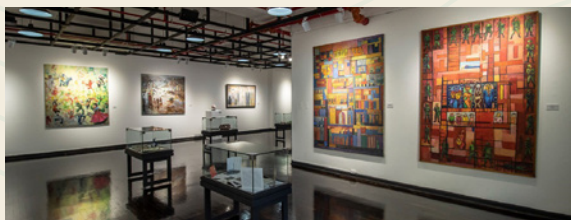
The arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to Peru on April 3, 1899 on the ship Sakura Maru, began the formation of the Peruvian Nikkei community which today, with approximately 200,000 members, is the third largest community



of Japanese and their descendants in the world. With six generations and present throughout the country, Peruvian Nikkei are part of Peru's multiculturalism.

APJ leads the efforts of Peruvian-Japanese institutions so that the legacy of the immigrants is maintained as part of Nikkei identity, customs and traditions, and is strengthened by the mixture and integration experiences.





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