



Muneaki Fukasawa

Country/Region: Peru (Lima)

Age: 68

Current Position: Chef and owner of Fuji

Committed to disseminating authentic Japanese food in South America

- He immigrated to Lima in 1973 and has been operating a Japanese restaurant for over 40 years.
- About 40% of his ingredients are imported directly from Japan, in order to disseminate authentic Japanese food in South America.
- In 2013, which marked the 140th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Peru, he was given an award by the Peruvian parliament to honor his contribution to disseminating Japanese food in Peru.

He immigrated to Lima, Peru, with his family in 1973 and opened an authentic Japanese restaurant, Fuji. Since then, he has made great effort in disseminating authentic Japanese food in Peru for over 40 years through restaurant operation. While there are many Japanese fusion restaurants serving localized Japanese food in Peru, he is particular about ingredients so as to serve authentic Japanese food. About 40% of his ingredients are Japan-produced food directly imported from Japan.

He has greatly contributed to the dissemination of Japanese food by participating in events sponsored by the local Japanese association and through activities to introduce Japanese food. During Peru Culture Week, sponsored by a Peruvian Japanese Association in 2007, he gave a presentation about the history of Japanese cuisine as a leading figure in Japanese cuisine.

In 2013, which marked the 140th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Peru, he was given an award by the Peruvian parliament showing the names of the chairperson of parliament and the chairperson of the Parliamentary Association for Friendship between Japan and Peru, all to honor his contribution to building a closer relationship between the two countries.

He has expanded the scope of his activities and participated in Japanese food-related events in Peru and neighboring countries. In 2011, he was invited to an event introducing Japanese culture in Guatemala as a Japanese cuisine chef. As a pioneer of an authentic Japanese restaurant, he has made great efforts in disseminating Japanese cuisine in Latin America, mainly in Peru.