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Global Spotlight

Global Spotlight focuses on employees from the Mitsubishi companies who are excelling in their respective fields around the world. In each issue we will get to know different employees, who will tell us about their hometowns, businesses, culture, and pastimes.

from
Brazil



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São Paulo, a global city

Brazil is famous for its natural beauty, carnival, and soccer. Of course, we all love those things, but there is much more to know. Brazil is the largest country and the biggest economy in Latin America, as well as the world's largest country with Portuguese as its official language and one of the most multicultural and ethnically diverse societies anywhere. Although one of our most famous cities in Brazil is Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo is where everything happens: It has the largest GDP in Latin America and is the most populous city in Brazil, with 12 million people. Folks from all over the world came to work and build a life in São Paulo, with the result that around 1.5 million Japanese descendants live here, creating the biggest Japanese community in the world outside Japan. The neighborhood of Liberdade is famous for its food, shops, and culture, and is a little piece of Japan in São Paulo.



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Liberdade offers close contact with Japanese culture

100 years of history

In 1919, MUFG Brasil — at the time the Yokohama Specie Bank — was the first Japanese bank to open a subsidiary in Latin America. Today, with over 100 years of history in Brazil and about 230 employees, it is one of the biggest foreign banks in the country, focused on large national and multinational companies, offering a variety of services and products for corporate and investment banking. From 2012 to 2018, our branch received the bank's Corporate Social Responsibility Award in recognition of "Gives Back," a social work program that brings the whole team together every year to support a local cause in our community.



The communications team, MUFG Brasil (Photo from 2018)

São Paulo by a paulistana

I joined MUFG in 2017, and I currently coordinate the Risk and Control Self-Assessment program in Brazil. During my free time, I enjoy being with my family, cooking, and watching TV series. I also practice Kung Fu and volunteer at a local NGO as an English teacher. I was born and raised in São Paulo. My family history is no different from that of many paulistanos, since São Paulo was a major destination for immigrants. My father's family is from Chile, and my mother's has origins in Bahia, a northeastern state in Brazil, and also from Germany, as her mother was a daughter of German immigrants. What I love the most about São Paulo is its diversity of people, food, and opportunities, besides the challenges that a big metropolis faces. I believe it is a city for everyone who is committed to work hard and dream big.



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Avenida Paulista, known as the financial and cultural center of São Paulo

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