Brazil – September 7, 1822 (April 22, 1500)

26 states + 1 Federal District (Capital) Brasilia

Sao Paulo 645 cities (area is about 3% Brazil’s area) 41 million inhabitants (22% Brazil’s population)

Campinas was founded in July 14, 1774 (City Twinning – GIFU since 1982)

Campinas (1 million inhabitants) fourteenth most populous Brazilian city

Campinas metropolitan area has almost 3 million inhabitants

Campinas means GRASS FIELDS in Portuguese from Portugal because of its characteristic landscape

Campinas’s flag is a Phoenix to represent the reborn after the devastating epidemic of yellow fever in the 1800s that killed more than 25% of its population

Initially a dormitory city (between Minas Gerais and Goias) for the Bandeirantes (who were in search of precious minerals and Indian slaves)

The city became wealthier after the railway from Santos to Sao Paulo and then after the construction of high ways

Annual average temperature 21C

Hospitals 32

Bank branches 214

Companies 50.305

2 soccer teams in the main league (my father used to play in one of them)

Nightlife – so many bars and nightclubs options – search on specific guides and websites

Around 6.000 events (national and internationals) a year with an estimated 2 million participants

2 big newspapers

EDUCATION

270 junior schools

126 high schools

13 college institutions

20% of population has college degree

UNICAMP - 1966

Administrative staff – 7.841

Academic staff – 2.069

Students – 36.801

Responsible for 155 of all researches done in Brazil

One of the most important in the Latin America (among the top 3)

VIRACOPOS

The largest cargo airport in Latin America ()

Around 17 national airlines (national and international flights-4)

Around 50 international airlines