

2016 JET Programme Send-Off Reception

On 29 July, His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan, hosted a send-off reception for the new participants of the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) programme at his official residence. This year, a record number of JET Participants (twenty (20) Trinidadians, two (2) Barbadians, and one (1) Vincentian national) left for Japan to assume their roles as Assistant Language Teachers and representatives of Caribbean culture across various cities and communities in Japan.

At the reception, Ambassador Okada opened the reception by welcoming the departing JET participants and offering them some words of advice. In response, Ms. Catherine Souddama, on behalf of the JET participants, expressed her gratitude to the Japanese government and conveyed her expectations for the Programme. During the reception, the new JET participants enjoyed an opportunity to share their goals with representatives of the JET Alumni Association of Trinidad and Tobago and the University of the West Indies, who were also in attendance.



Speech by Ambassador Okada (left) and Mrs. Okada (right)



Remarks by Ms. Catherine Souddama, 2016 JET representative (left)



2016 JET participants from Trinidad and Tobago



2016 JET participants from Barbados and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines