

Japanese Animation Expert visits Barbados

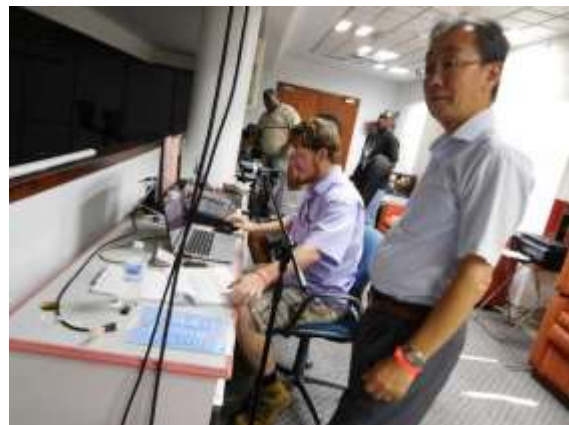
The Embassy of Japan in Barbados, in association with the Japanese Association for the Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC), was pleased to welcome Mr. Mitsuteru Takahashi (Associate Professor at Digital Hollywood University) as the first Japanese animation expert to visit Barbados.

On September 2nd & 3rd 2017, Mr. Takahashi attended AnimeKon: Lim8tless, a two-day animé and pop-culture convention held at the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre (LESC). On day 1, Mr Takahashi presented “Introduction to Anime”, and on day 2, he gave insights into “The Japanese Animation Industry”. Both presentations were well attended and well received as several members of the audience sought his attention afterwards to discuss the topics in further detail.

On September 4th, the professor delivered another lecture to a smaller group of mainly university students in the Cinemathèque at the Errol Barrow Centre for Creative Imagination. This was a longer lecture, combining elements introducing animé history, popularity and the industry. This smaller lecture allowed for a more interactive session as the professor was able to communicate directly with the audience during the presentation. The Q&A was particularly lively as interested students asked many questions, in particular details concerning the animation industry and how it can be reproduced in Barbados.

Anime is quite popular in Barbados. These lectures created a wonderful opportunity for Barbadians to learn more about Japanese culture without having to visit Japan. Although the animation industry in Barbados is only in fledgling stages, we hope Mr. Takahashi’s visit can contribute to further development in this field.

Presentations at AnimeKon: Lim8tless (2017/09/02&03)



Lecture at EBCCI, UWI Cave Hill campus
(2017/09/04)



Courtesy Call with Prof. Barriteau,
Principal of UWI Cave Hill campus
(2017/09/05)



Special TV Interviews



On set at CBC for a live interview on *Morning Barbados*
(2017/09/04)



At UWI Cave Hill campus for an interview on UWI TV
(2017/09/05)