

## 2017 JET Programme Participants Send-off Reception

On July 20, His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, hosted a send-off reception for the new participants of the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme at his official residence. Ambassador Okada opened the reception by welcoming the seventeen (17) departing JET participants from Trinidad and Tobago, following which Ms. Sashta Jebodh, on behalf of the JET participants, expressed her excitement at starting a new chapter of her new life in Japan and thanked the Embassy for the opportunity.

Mrs. Jennifer Daniel, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, along with Ms. Urvashi Ramnarine, Director (Ag) of Africa, Asia, Middle East & Pacific (AAMEP) Division, of the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs and Dr. Beverly-Anne Carter, Director of the Centre for Language of the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, attended the event. During the reception, the new JET participants enjoyed an opportunity to share their goals with the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs staff as well as representatives of the University of the West Indies and the JET Alumni Association of Trinidad and Tobago, who were also in attendance.



Ambassador Okada (right) gives a speech while Mrs. Okada (left) looks on



2017 JET Representative, Ms Sashta Jebodh gives remarks



Ambassador Okada and Mrs. Okada pose with the 2017 JET Participants