

Opening Reception for the Embassy's Exhibition on Japanese Culture

On October 10th, a reception to open the Embassy's Exhibition "Nippon: An Experience of Japanese Culture" was held at the National Museum and Art Gallery of Trinidad and Tobago in Port of Spain. His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan, hosted the reception which was attended by approximately 50 guests, including His Worship the Mayor Alderman Joel Martinez, Mayor of Port of Spain, Ms. Beverley Reid-Samuel, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts, Ms. Gabrielle Toussaint, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, Ms. Lorraine Johnson, Curator (Ag) of the National Museum and Art Gallery of Trinidad and Tobago, members of the Diplomatic Corps, the media and other specially invited guests.

The reception began with a speech by Ms. Johnson, followed by remarks from Ambassador Okada, Ms. Toussaint and Mrs. Reid-Samuel. In her opening remarks, Ms. Johnson welcomed such exhibitions as a means of bringing the world closer together in difficult times. During his speech, Ambassador Okada thanked the National Museum and Art Gallery for its kind cooperation and support and further expressed hope that the exhibition will help instill a better appreciation for and understanding of Japanese culture in Trinidad and Tobago. Ms. Toussaint expressed appreciation for the Embassy's continued work in fostering cultural exchange and described the growing interest of Trinibagonian culture in Japan. Mrs. Reid-Samuel gave the closing remarks on behalf of the Honourable Nyan Gadsby Dolly, Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts, in which she highlighted the significance of such exhibitions in fostering continued cultural exchange between Trinidad and Tobago and Japan.



(From left) Mrs. Okada, Ambassador Okada, Deputy Permanent Secretary Toussaint, Mayor Martinez, Mrs. Martinez, Ms. Johnson, Deputy Permanent Secretary Reid-Samuel



Ambassador Okada gives a speech