

2018 JET Programme Participants Send-off Reception

On July 18th 2018, 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. This year, there are twenty one (21) participants in the JET Programme, with twenty (20) participants from Trinidad and Tobago and one (1) participant from St. Vincent & the Grenadines.

At the reception, Ambassador Okada welcomed the JET participants who were in attendance, following which Ms. Anastazia Hamilton, on behalf of the JET participants, expressed her enthusiasm about experiencing life in Japan and thanked the Embassy for the opportunity.

Ms. Reita Toussaint, Permanent Secretary (Ag.) of the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, along with Mr. Jerome Joseph, Deputy Director of the Africa, Asia, Middle East & Pacific (AAMEP) Division, of the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, also attended the event. During the reception, the new JET participants welcomed the opportunity to share their expectations about Japan with the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs staff, as well as representatives of the Ministry of Education, University of the West Indies and the JET Alumni Association of Trinidad and Tobago, who were also in attendance.

Before the official end of the reception, guests were given insight and participated in the Tanabata celebrations, which is widely celebrated in Japan from July to August with the writing of wishes on a Tanzaku, small piece of paper, and hanging these wishes on bamboo.



Ambassador Okada gives his speech at the Reception.



2018 JET Representative, Ms. Anastazia Hamilton gives remarks.

20th July 2018



Ambassador Okada and Mrs. Okada are joined by Ms. Toussaint, Permanent Secretary (Ag.) of the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs with JET Participants



Guests hang tanzakus on Bamboo while Mrs. Okada looks on.