

Japan Through the Eras: A Showcase of Japanese Life and Culture

From May 20th to 23rd 2019, the Embassy of Japan and the University of the West Indies (UWI) Cave Hill Campus co-hosted a four-day display of Japanese culture at the Sidney Martin Library. Included in this display were Japanese books donated by the Nippon Foundation. The presentation ceremony for the handover of these books was held on May 20th 2019 and included many distinguished guests from other UWI campuses, as well as several media houses.

Principal and Pro Vice Chancellor of UWI Cave Hill, Prof. V. Eudine Barriteau thanked the Nippon Foundation for the donation and expressed that it continues to build on the vibrant, established ties between the campus and Japanese institutions. Ambassador Shinada also spoke to commemorate the occasion and made special mention of the new Emperor's accession to the throne on May 1st, which resulted in a change in the Japanese era name from "*Heisei*" to "*Reiwa*".

Over the next few days, visitors to the Sidney Martin Library had the opportunity to take in some Japanese culture. Not only were they able to access the Japanese literature that was so generously donated, but they were also able to view and learn more about Japan by way of posters, *koinobori* (carp streamers) and an origami display. Mannequins in traditional Japanese *yukata* were also stunningly set up against a backdrop of Japanese *sakura* (cherry blossoms). On the second day of the display, the Embassy of Japan showed a Japanese film, "A Tale of Samurai Cooking: A True Love Story" which was provided by the Japan Foundation. During the film showing, visitors were encouraged to sample authentic Japanese green tea which was said to be very refreshing.



The Principal and Pro Vice Chancellor of UWI Cave Hill, Prof. V. Eudine Barriteau, offers her remarks



Officer in Charge of the Sidney Martin Library, Mrs. Judith Toppin, gives the Vote of Thanks



Ambassador Shinada spoke a few words to commemorate the occasion and congratulate the new Emperor of Japan

The Presentation Ceremony For the Donation of Japanese Books by the Nippon Foundation



Ambassador Shinada presents a plaque from the Nippon Foundation to the Principal and Pro Vice Chancellor of UWI Cave Hill, Prof. V. Eudine Barriteau



The display of Japanese books donated by the Nippon Foundation



Guests peruse the collection of Japanese books

Scenes from the Venue



A view of the guests attending the event



CBC camera man recording the ceremony for their news broadcast



Posters of scenic Japan and an origami display



Embassy staff giving a brief explanation of Japanese Era names

Japanese Film Showing (DVD provided by the Japan Foundation)



Getting the DVD ready (Movie: "A Tale of Samurai Cooking: A True Love Story")



Visitors enjoying the movie