

Reception for the Networking of the Friends of Japan

On May 10th, 2019, a Reception for the Networking of the Friends of Japan was held at the residence of the Ambassador of Japan Tatsuo Hirayama. Approximately 60 people who are somewhat connected to Japan participated.

In his opening address, Ambassador Hirayama explained that the purpose of the reception was to invite those who have been connected with Japan in some way or another, to network and build relations. He stated that despite the extensive physical distance between Japan and Trinidad and Tobago, the presence of Friends of Japan in Trinidad and Tobago matters a great deal, in the same way Trinidad and Tobago expatriates in Japan are playing an important role there.

Following Ambassador Hirayama's speech, Mr. Lawrence Inniss, President of the JET Alumni Association of Trinidad and Tobago (JETAATT), on behalf of the Friends of Japan, provided remarks conveying greetings to His Majesty the Emperor Naruhito and expressed gratitude to the Japanese Government for including Trinidad and Tobago in the various programmes and initiatives offered to the citizens of the country.

Following the speeches, the guests was treated to a short performance by Japanese language students of the Centre of Language Learning (CLL) University of the West Indies and was given the opportunity to send best wishes to His Majesty the Emperor Naruhito on his enthronement by signing the congratulatory book. Guest were also served Japanese cuisine and sake.

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Ms. Hirayama and Ambassador Hirayama during the opening speech



Mr. Lawrence Inniss, President of the JET Alumni Association in Trinidad and Tobago gives remarks



Ambassador Hirayama and Mr. Brian Lewis, President of the Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee



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Kees Dieffenthaler (middle) with Ambassador Hirayama and Ms. Hirayama



CLL UWI Students who performed the Japanese Dance at the reception