

## **2023 Waste Management Training Program under Association for Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC) in Japan**

Four (4) Waste Management Professionals and Public Officials from the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago have been selected to participate in a Waste Management Training Program under Association for Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC) in Japan from June 25 – July 2, 2023.

Waste management experts in Japan will engage the participants for a period of eight (8) days. The program will expose them to successful models of waste management systems.

Participating in the program is:

- Ms. Arlene K. Collis, Director, Economic Research, Policy and Planning, Ministry of Public Utilities
- Ms. Iesha Nelson, Research Analyst, Ministry of Public Utilities
- Mr. Kendell Collins, Supervisor – Beverage Container Cleanup, Recycling & Material Recovery, Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL)
- Mr. Kevin Mitchell, Waste Systems Engineer, Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL)

During the program, the participants would be involved in waste management training, which highlights successful models of waste management systems in Japan – comprising of waste disposal and the recycling process, conducting site visits to waste disposal facilities, waste business related industries and organic composting plants in Osaki Town, Kagoshima Prefecture and Tokyo, Japan. Additionally, the training program will provide opportunities for the participants to network with other professionals in the field of waste management.

Ms. Collis indicated that expectations for this program from the Ministry of Public Utilities are high, stating, “We are hoping this visit would bring some exposure to enable us, from the policy side, to utilize as a guide for the operations to implementing projects to deliver meaningful, resourceful measures for sustainable recycling and reuse. We are really excited to be here, and we’re really looking forward to taking back lessons learned.”

The Association for Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC) Japan is engaged in various development co-operation projects for the purpose of promoting and enhancing ties to the international community, as well as deepening mutual understanding between Japan and its various international partners.



Group Photo at APIC Headquarters

Back row: second left Mr. Toshinori Shigeie, President of APIC, center Mr. Tatsuo Hiramama, former Ambassador of Japan to Trinidad and Tobago  
Front row: from left to right - Mr. Kendell Collins, Ms. Arlene Collis, Ms. Iesha Nelson and Mr. Kevin Mitchell



Site Visit at Hikarigaoka Incineration Plant, a Waste Disposal Facility in Tokyo



Site Visit at Alfo Co. Ltd, a recycling facility in Tokyo