

“The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette” Conferment Ceremony for Professor Beverly-Anne Carter

On 25 August 2023, a presentation ceremony was held for the conferment of the Japanese National Decoration, “The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette” upon Professor Beverly-Anne Carter, Former Director, Centre for Language Learning (CLL), Faculty of Humanities and Education, The University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine.

The ceremony was attended by Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign & CARICOM Affairs, Ms. Jasmine Pascal, Deputy Permanent Secretary, The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, Professor Elizabeth Walcott-Hackshaw, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Education at the University of the West Indies, and other specially invited guests.

During the ceremony, Ambassador MATSUBARA emphasized that Professor Beverly-Anne Carter’s conferment was well deserved recognition for her exceptional contribution to the promotion of academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Trinidad and Tobago.

Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, congratulated Professor Carter on being awarded the Order of the Rising Sun by the Government of Japan for her contribution to advancing Japan-Trinidad and Tobago relations over the years. He also conveyed his gratitude to Japan for their decision to bestow this National Decoration on an Educator, demonstrating Japan’s regard for the great impact Professor Carter has made on students during her time as director of the Centre for Language Learning (CLL).

Professor Elizabeth Walcott-Hackshaw reflected on Professor Carter’s contributions at the University of the West Indies, endorsing Professor Carter’s far reaching impact.

In her remarks, Professor Carter thanked the Government of Japan and the Embassy of Japan in Trinidad and Tobago for the honour.

Professor Beverly-Anne Carter served at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus as a Lecturer and Senior lecturer in the French Language, as Deputy Dean in the

Faculty of Humanities and Education and then served as the Director of the Centre for Language Learning (CLL) for over 17 years.

During her time as the Director for the Centre for Language Learning (CLL), Professor Carter contributed and advanced the promotion of academic and people to people exchanges while developing and progressing the mutual understanding between Japan and Trinidad and Tobago and the region. In addition to advancing Japanese language education at CLL, Professor Carter has also contributed to the greater understanding of Japan by hosting Japanese cultural exhibitions and culture festivals, among other events, at the CLL and in collaboration with the Embassy of Japan. She was an essential part of the selection panel for the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme candidates, as well as the panel for the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship Programme candidates over the years. Furthermore, under Professor Carter's leadership, in August 2019, the Centre for Language Learning received the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan's Commendation for its contribution to Japanese language education in Trinidad and Tobago for a period spanning over twenty years.

Established in 1875, the Order of the Rising Sun was Japan's first national decoration awarded by the Government of Japan. It features rays of sunlight radiating from the rising sun with an attachment that is fashioned in the shape of a paulownia flower and leaf. The Order of the Rising Sun is conferred on the persons who have rendered outstanding service to the nation or the public, including foreign nationals who achieved significant contributions to advancing relations between Japan and its partners.

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From Left to Right:

Mrs. Matsubara, Ambassador Matsubara, Professor Beverly-Anne Carter (holding the National Decoration Certificate), Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs and Professor Elizabeth Walcott-Hackshaw, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Education



Welcome remarks by Ambassador Matsubara Yutaka



Remarks from Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs



Remarks from Professor Beverly-Anne Carter



Remarks from Professor Elizabeth Walcott-Hackshaw, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Education



Ambassador Matsubara reads the
Decoration for Professor Carter



Ambassador Matsubara pins the medal
on Professor Carter



Group Photo with Family and Friends of Professor Carter



Group Photo with Family of Professor Carter



Group Photo with representatives from the Centre for Language Learning (CLL)