

Seventh Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest in Trinidad & Tobago

The Seventh Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest in Trinidad & Tobago was held on Friday 23 August 2024, at the Centre for Language Learning (CLL), the University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine Campus.

The contest was co-hosted by the Embassy of Japan in Trinidad and Tobago and CLL, the University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine and sponsored by the Japan Foundation, and Caribbean Gas Chemical Limited (CGCL).

In this year's contest, eight (8) contestants with, six (6) participants in Category I (JF standard A1/2, study hours 100 – 200 hours) and two (2) in Category II (JF standard A2 and above, study hours 200 hours and above).

In the case of Category I, the following topics were introduced for the speeches: Category I: (a) Open topic that is related to Japan in some way (b) What Japan means to me.

While in Category II participants had to speak on the following: (a) Open topic that is related to Japan in some way (b) Identifying an issue and possible solutions that the two countries can work on together (c) What the two countries can do together to improve their relationship (d) Cultural bridge – what sort of cultural exchanges can be done to deepen the relationship of the two countries.

The contest was judged by Ms. Michiko MAKINO (Chargé d' Affaires ad interim, Embassy of Japan), Mr. Keio KATO (Chief Executive Officer, Caribbean Gas Chemical Limited) & Ms. Asahi KUNITO (Japanese Language Education Advisor, The Japan Foundation in Mexico).

The Embassy would like to congratulate the top two (2) finishers of the Seventh Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest Category I Winner, Ms. Kadeisha Edwards, and Second Place, Mr Denzyl Evelyn, and Category II Winner Mr. Matthias Elliot and Second Place Mr Nishan Rampersad, of the Seventh Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest in Trinidad and Tobago 2024.

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Group Photo: Mr. Keio Kato, Chargé d'affaires ad interim Ms. Makino and CLL Director Dr. Roberts with participants



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Mr. Keio Kato, Chargé d'affaires ad interim Makino, First Place Category II Winner Mr. Matthias Elliot and CLL Director Dr. Roberts



Mr. Keio Kato, Chargé d'affaires ad interim Makino, Second Place Category II Winner Mr. Nishan Rampersad and CLL Director Dr. Roberts



Mr. Keio Kato, Chargé d'affaires ad interim Makino, First Place Category I Winner Ms. Kadeisha Edwards and CLL Director Dr. Roberts



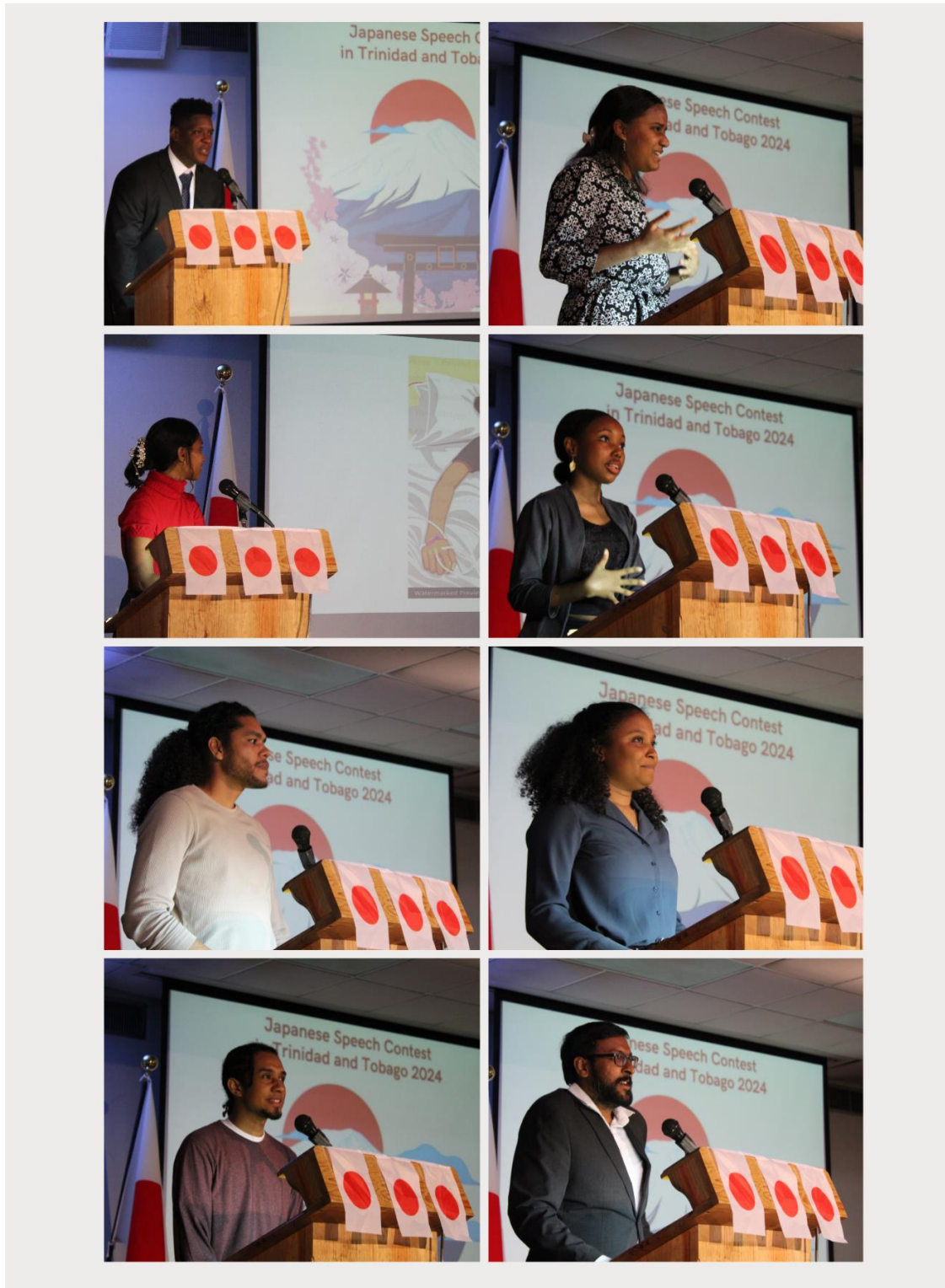
Mr. Keio Kato, Chargé d'affaires ad interim Makino, Second Place Category I Winner Mr. Denzyl Evelyn and CLL Director Dr. Roberts



Chargé d'affaires ad interim Makino gives remarks



CLL Director Dr. Roberts give remarks



Participants give their speeches