

**Embassy of Japan and the National Library and Information Systems Authority
(NALIS) Presents: Contemporary Wood-Carved Netsuke Exhibition**

As part of the ongoing activities commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Japan and Trinidad and Tobago, the Embassy of Japan and the Japan – T&T Friendship 60th Anniversary Executive Committee (JT60), in collaboration with the National Library and Information Systems Authority (NALIS), proudly presents the exhibition: **根付 - Contemporary Wood-Carved Netsuke.**

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, held on October 11 at the Diego Martin Public Library, officially opened the Netsuke Exhibition. This exhibition showcases small, intricately hand-carved sculptures traditionally used to adorn Japanese clothing such as the Kimono.

Opening remarks were delivered by Ms. Primatie Persad, Acting Director of the Public Libraries Division, followed by welcome remarks from His Excellency MATSUBARA Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan. Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, also addressed the attendees on the behalf of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

The Netsuke exhibition will be on display in the Adult Libraries section on the 2nd floor of the Diego Martin Public Library from October 11 to November 2. Additionally, the Embassy of Japan will host two film screenings, “Bakanuri no Musume (Tsugari Lacquer Girl),” and “Time of Eve” (Animation) on October 23 and 25 from 3:00 P.M to 5:00 P.M at the Diego Martin Public Library Auditorium.

This exhibition and film screenings are parts of a global program by the Japan Foundation.

Please visit the Embassy of Japan Website for more information on our daily activities:

https://www.tt.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_en/index.html



His Excellency Yutaka Matsubara and Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne views the items in the exhibition.



Director (Ag.) of the Public Libraries Division, Ms. Primatie Persad gives opening remarks.



His Excellency Yutaka Matsubara gives welcome remarks.



Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne gives welcome remarks.



From left to right: Ms. Shiho Arakawa the Japan-TT Friendship 60th Anniversary Executive Committee Deputy Chairman, Ms. Jasmin Simmons, Director Heritage Library Division, his Excellency Yutaka Matsubara, Ambassador of Japan, Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and Caricom Affairs, Ms. Primatie



Ms. Primatie Persad, Director (Ag.) Public Libraries Division, H.E Yutaka Matsubara, Ambassador of Japan, Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and Caricom Affairs, and Ms. Jasmin Simmons, Director Heritage Library Division poses for a picture with members of the Diplomatic Corps.

Persad, Director (Ag.) Public Libraries Division.



Contemporary Wood Carved Netsuke Banner



His Excellency Yutaka Matsubara, Madame Matsubara and Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne interacts and views the Wood Carved Netsuke.



Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne Minister of Foreign and Caricom Affairs shakes hands with his Excellency Yutaka Matsubara Ambassador of Japan.



Dragon x Queen Wood Carved Netsuke