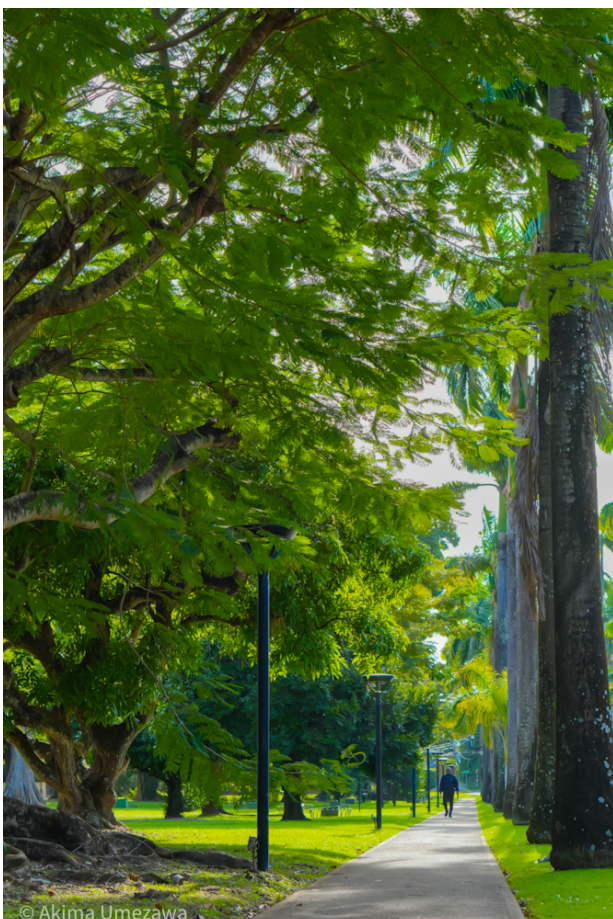


Message



Dear Trinidad and Tobago Friends,

It's my greatest pleasure to express my message as Ambassador to this beautiful country which is proud of friendly and welcoming people, with fantastic musical spirits representing the Trinidad Carnival.



Just 2 days after my arrival, I took a picture of the above lovely shot. I also had a chance to take another photo of a picturesque footpath to the Embassy. These photos impressed me it's like a movie scene isn't it! Tremendously amazing. Also, this first impression made me become a big fan of this beautiful country.

Today, I presented my letter of credence written by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan to Her Excellency Christine Carla Kangaloo, O.R.T.T., the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. Now, I can be fully performing my official duties as Ambassador of Japan to this twin-island Republic. My mission is to further promote the friendship and goodwill which have happily accumulated over decades of our diplomatic relations. Last year, we celebrated the 60th anniversary of our relations, exhibiting many cultural events and deepening our awareness of both nations' excellent respectively. Continuing with this momentum, I would like to introduce every aspect of Japanese excellence such as culture, technology, economic activity, foods, nature, soft power etc. to people of Trinidad and Tobago. For example, the photo below taken by me a few months ago shows autumn red leaves which is typical Japanese nature of four seasons.



Looking back to Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic could be ranked the number 1 in the world in terms of bird species densities, making this twin-island a tropical bird watchers' paradise. Trinidad and Tobago also boasts one of the greatest game fishing on the planet, where anglers enjoy one of the world

strongest game over the acrobatically jumping Tarpon. Then, of course, there is the pride of the Republic, Carnival and steel-pan music, which are absolutely amazing.

Finally, I eagerly want to promote these cultural and nature excellence to the people of Japan. I would appreciate it very much if you could tell me more about the very best of your country. I really look forward to connecting with you.

Sincerely,

Akima Umezawa, Ph.D.

Ambassador of Japan

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