

St. Lucian Student Awarded 2025 MEXT Scholarship

The Government of Japan, through the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), offers scholarships to international students desirous of pursuing postgraduate or research studies at Japanese universities each year. This year, one St. Lucian national has been awarded the prestigious MEXT Scholarship to pursue graduate-level studies in Japan. Ms. Shanice Bernard will undertake her studies in the field of Agriculture at Gifu University, with a focus on research about environmentally and human-friendly pesticide from bitter melon extracts.

On September 29, 2025, Ms. Makino Michiko, Chargé d' Affaires of the Embassy of Japan, met with Ms. Bernard to congratulate her on receiving the scholarship. During their meeting, they discussed her field of study, and Ms. Makino encouraged her to fully enjoy her time in Gifu prefecture and experience rich Japanese culture. Furthermore, she was provided with valuable guidance regarding transportation systems and adapting to her new life in Japan.

The MEXT Scholarship Programme continues to provide students with opportunities for exchange, growth, exploration, and academic development. Successful applicants receive round-trip airfare, school fees exemptions, and a monthly allowance. The Embassy of Japan accredited to St. Lucia is proud to recognize the MEXT Scholarship Programme's role in strengthening the bilateral relations between Japan and St. Lucia, as well as fostering continued cooperation and exchange between the two nations.

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Ms. Makino Michiko, Chargé d' Affaires of the Embassy of Japan with
Ms. Shanice Bernard, 2025 MEXT Scholarship Recipient



Ms. Makino Michiko, Chargé d' Affaires of the Embassy of Japan with
Ms. Shanice Bernard in discussion