

2026 MEXT Scholarships Awarded to Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago Scholars

On April 1, 2026, the Embassy of Japan announced that the Government of Japan has decided to award its prestigious Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) Scholarship to the following two young scholars who are expected to contribute to the development and prosperity of the Caribbean region:

- Ms. Kesia Marengo (Suriname)

Ms. Marengo will pursue studies in the field of Management at Osaka University, with a research focus on economic models.

- Ms. Shanecia Graham (Trinidad and Tobago)

Ms. Graham will pursue studies in the field of Science at Hokkaido University, with a research focus on Tsunamis.

On this auspicious occasion, His Excellency Dr. Akima Umezawa, Ambassador of Japan, invited the two young scholars to the Embassy, and extended congratulations on the awarding of the MEXT Scholarships, expressing tremendous anticipation for their future research success in Japan. Scholarship recipients are provided with round-trip airfare, full tuition coverage, and a monthly stipend.

Please visit the Embassy of Japan's Website for more information on the MEXT Scholarship Programme and our daily activities: https://www.tt.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/MextScholarship.html



Ambassador Umezawa with Ms. Kesia Marengo and Ms. Shanecia Graham in discussion about their future in Japan.



Ambassador Umezawa with Ms. Kesia Marengo of Suriname to his right and Ms. Shanecia Graham of Trinidad and Tobago to his left, 2026 MEXT Scholarship Recipients.