

Japanese Workshops and Demonstrations at Seishonen Guyana's Fumacon 2026

On July 4 & 5, 2026, the Embassy of Japan, in collaboration with Hachidori Kai (Japanese Ladies Association of Trinidad and Tobago), hosted a series of Japanese Cultural workshops and demonstrations during Seishonen Guyana's Fumacon 2026, at the Guyana Marriott Hotel, Georgetown. The two-day workshops welcomed approximately 400 attendees, who were invited to experience traditional Japanese culture through interactive workshops and demonstrations featuring Japanese Tea Ceremony Origami, Calligraphy, and Yukata Dressing. Many expressed great enthusiasm, enjoying hands-on experiences, and gaining a deeper appreciation for Japanese traditions.

The Embassy of Japan extends its sincere appreciation to Hachidori Kai for their invaluable support and expertise in facilitating the cultural workshops and demonstrations, and to Seishonen Guyana for the opportunity to participate in Fumacon 2026. The Embassy also expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated volunteers of Seishonen Guyana, whose enthusiasm and assistance throughout the two-day event contributed significantly to the smooth execution and overall success of the cultural activities.

The Embassy of Japan remains committed to promoting mutual understanding and friendship through cultural exchange and, together with its partners, looks forward to celebrating the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Japan and Guyana in 2027 through future outreach activities and collaborative events.

Tea Ceremony

Japanese tea ceremony (茶道, chadō) is a traditional cultural practice that emphasizes harmony, respect, purity, and tranquility. Attendees experienced a demonstration of this centuries-old tradition while learning about the customs and etiquette surrounding the preparation and serving of matcha green tea.



Origami

Origami, (折り紙) the traditional Japanese art of paper folding, was a highlight of the event. Attendees had the opportunity to learn how to create simple origami designs and proudly took home their handmade creations.



Calligraphy

Japanese calligraphy (書道, shodō), is a form of calligraphy, or artistic writing, of the Japanese language. Attendees enjoyed being able to write words or their names using traditional brushes.



Yukata Dressing

A yukata (浴衣) is an unlined cotton summer kimono, worn in casual settings such as summer festivals. Attendees enjoyed the opportunity to try on the yukata and modeled at the event.

