

Japan Foundation and UWI CLL Partner for Interactive Haiku Workshop

On July 11, 2026, the Japan Foundation Mexico, in collaboration with the Centre for Language Learning (CLL) at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, hosted a Haiku Workshop facilitated by renowned Japanese haiku poet and translator, Ms. Emiko Miyashita.

Haiku is one of the shortest forms of poetry in the world, traditionally composed of just seventeen syllables arranged across three short lines, it aims to capture daily life, flora and fauna and the author's thoughts and emotions.

To provide a glimpse into the artform, the Embassy is pleased to share one of Ms. Miyashita's Haiku below:

Unanswered phone calls

The greenhouse walls

Collecting moisture

His Excellency Dr. Akima Umezawa, Ambassador of Japan, delivered the welcome remarks to approximately 100 participants. Following the welcome, attendees enjoyed an interactive lecture and workshop on the art of haiku, and composed their own haiku under the guidance of Ms. Miyashita.

During the lecture, Ms. Miyashita introduced participants to the history of Japanese poetry and culture, shared examples of renowned haiku, provided practical guidance on writing effective haiku, and offered insights into haiku competitions and their customary practices. She also highlighted the role of haiku as a means of emotional reflection and mindfulness.

The Embassy of Japan extends its sincerest appreciation to Ms. Miyashita and the Centre for Language Learning, for their invaluable contribution to the promotion of Japanese poetry and culture.

The Embassy remains dedicated to supporting initiatives that deepen the cultural ties and friendship between Japan and Trinidad and Tobago.



Group Photo.



Ambassador Dr. Akima Umezawa gives welcome remarks.



Ms. Miyashita conducts her lecture session.



Participants practicing writing Haiku.