



Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Program
Young Diplomats and Government Officials for CARICOM Member States

1. Program overview

As a part of the “Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Program” promoted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a total of fourteen young diplomats and government officials from CARICOM (Caribbean Community) nations visited Japan from January 21 (Sun) to January 29 (Mon), 2018, and participated in programs for the purpose of deepening understanding of Japanese politics, economy and culture, etc. During their stay, the participants were provided opportunities to develop a wide-ranging understanding of Japan through various briefing, visits, etc. and each participant undertook the outward transmission of information on points of interest and experiences through SNS. In addition, at the workshop and reporting session held prior to leaving Japan, participants presented action plans to be implemented after arriving home.

[Participating Countries/Number of Participants]

A total of fourteen participants from Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Christopher and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and CARICOM Secretariat.

[Visited Regions]

Tokyo, Kyoto and Hiroshima prefectures

2. Itinerary

Jan 21 (Sun)	Arrival in Japan at Haneda Airport
Jan 22 (Mon)	Orientation upon arrival in Japan, lecture on Japanese language Ministry of Foreign Affairs orientation/briefing ([Japan-CARICOM Relations], [North Korea Issues], [Japan-China Relations], [Approaches taken for the Implementation of Japan's SDGS], [Whaling Issues], [Japan's Initiative on Climate Change])
Jan 23 (Tue)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs briefing ([Japan's Assistant for CARICOM Member States], [Sports for Tomorrow], [Japan and the United Nations], etc.) Visit to Tokyo Metropolitan Government (Briefings on disaster prevention in Tokyo and islands administration) Courtesy call to Ambassador Shimanouchi, Special Envoy for Japan-CARICOM Relations Courtesy call to Mr. Iwao Horii, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Reception hosted by Amb. Takahiro NAKAMAE, Assistant Minister, Director-General, Latin America and Caribbean Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Jan 24 (Wed)	Tokyo Rinkai Disaster Prevention Park Panasonic Center Tokyo Toshima Incineration Plant TEPIA (Association for Technological Excellence Promoting Innovative Advances) JICA
Jan 25 (Thu)	Transfer from Tokyo to Kyoto Visit to Kyoto Prefectural Government Office Visit to Kiyomizudera Temple
Jan 26 (Fri)	Visits to Ryoanji Temple and Kinkakuji Temple Transfer from Kyoto to Hiroshima Visit to Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park (Incl.: Atomic Bomb Dome, Peace Memorial Museum), Testimony by an atomic bomb survivor.
Jan 27 (Sat)	Visit to Miyajima Visit to Hiroshima Castle Transfer from Hiroshima to Tokyo
Jan 28 (Sun)	Visit to Tsukiji Fish Market Visit to Meiji Shrine Visit to Asakusa and Akihabara Visit to Honda Welcome Plaza Aoyama
Jan 29 (Mon)	Workshop and Reporting Session Departure from Japan at Narita Airport

3. Commemorative photographs during the program



Jan 22 (Mon)
[Orientation]



Jan 23 (Tue)
[Tokyo Metropolitan Government]



Jan 23 (Tue)
[Reception hosted by Amb. Takahiro NAKAMAE,
Assistant Minister, Director-General, Latin America and
Caribbean Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs]



Jan 24 (Wed)
[Tokyo Rinkai Disaster Prevention Park]



Jan 24 (Wed)
[Panasonic Center Tokyo]



Jan 24 (Wed)
[Toshima Incineration Plant]



Jan 25 (Thu)
[Kyoto Prefectural government Office]



Jan 26 (Fri)
[Ryoanji Temple]



Jan 26 (Fri)
[Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park]



Jan 26 (Fri)
[Testimony by an atomic bomb survivor]



Jan 27 (Sat)
[Miyajima]



Jan 28 (Sun)
[Akihabara]

	
<p style="text-align: center;">Jan 28 (Sun) [Honda Welcome Plaza Aoyama]</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jan 29 (Mon) [Workshop/ Reporting Session]</p>

4. Participants' Impressions (Excerpts)

◆Haiti - Diplomat

This program is a great opportunity to be in direct contact with the Japanese society, to learn and understand a lot about Japan's economy, history and diplomatic policy.

◆St. Christopher and Nevis - Diplomat

This program is unique to the Caribbean. It is commendable that young diplomats and government officials are able to experience Japan's culture, history and politics.

◆St. Vincent and the Grenadines - Diplomat

The program is a great program to strengthen the relationship between Japan and the Caribbean Islands. In addition, it is a great opportunity for interactions between other islands.

5. Impressions from the receiving side

◆Workshop Lecturer

The participants were highly creative and intelligent, and I was able to hear their wonderful thoughts through their presentations. I was also deeply impressed by the cooperative approaches these participants from differing nations took in relation to their tasks.

6. Outward transmissions by participants

<p>  Asha Challengerさんが写真6件を投稿しました — Juntos Caricomさんと一緒に。 <small>1月24日 6:06 · Instagram · 2人</small> </p> <p>Ohayo gozaimasu from Tokyo! It's been an incredible learning experience these past few days with my CARICOM Colleagues and MOFA Japan. #Grateful 🌟 #SeeSomeWorld #Tokyo #2018Mood. Sayonara for now! @Tokyo, Japan</p> 	<p>  Gerard Kevin Smithさんが写真1枚を投稿しました — 場所: 東京都 <small>1月23日 21:44 · Instagram · 2人</small> </p> <p>Tonight, I was pleasantly surprised and deeply honoured to meet Jamaica's Ambassador to Japan, His Excellency Ricardo Allicock. Ambassador Allicock presented the Toast at a reception held in honour of the participants of the JUNTOS CARICOM Young Diplomats exchange programme... もっと見る</p> 
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7. Actions plans to be implemented upon returning home, as presented in the report meeting

<p>In my work at the United Nations in New York, I will hold briefing meetings with my colleagues regarding the policies, ideas, and methods of approaching programs that I have been able to share during this program.</p>	<p>In my workplace, I will implement meetings related to my experiences in Japan. And I will spread even more information through social media and my friends. I hope to create opportunities to give talks about my experiences in this program at universities, in order to promote an understanding of Japan among the youth of my country.</p>
<p>I hope to create a group with the other participants who visited Japan with this program so that we may continue our exchanges.</p>	<p>With the cooperation of Japan, I would like to hold meetings regarding to Japan's approaches to recovery following disasters, as well as science and technology. I hope that our nations can work in mutual cooperation to achieve improvements in the prevention of natural disasters and science and technology.</p>