

Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Program Report of Online Inbound Program The CARICOM Group: Sustainable Environment

1. Program Overview

[Objective] Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Program was implemented for the main purpose of utilizing the initiatives of creating a sustainable environment and improving systems in home countries of participants. In addition to learning about examples of Japanese government and environmental business, the participants learned about the connections between Japanese companies and Latin American countries, and examined the cooperative relationship between Japan and the Latin American region on environmental issues.

[Participants] A total of 11 participants including administrative officials, academic personnel, media personnel, etc. from the Latin American region.(Antigua and Barbuda, Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Republic of Guyana, Republic of Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Republic of Suriname, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago)

*In alphabetical order

[Location] Kagoshima Pref., Tokyo, Hokkaido, Miyagi Pref., Hyogo Pref.

[Program Schedule]

Date and time		
(Japan time)	Program contents	Participants' questions and reactions
Location		
Pre-exchange Program		
From March 2021	[Video Viewing]	Videos about Japan and the Pre-
to the end of the	1. Overview/Mission	exchange Program have been
Main Exchange	2. Message from Minamisanriku	distributed before the Pre-exchange
Program		Program period, and participants
		joined the Pre-exchange Program
		after watching these videos.

9:00am~	[Exchange Program between the	The participants reaffirmed their
10:30am,	CARICOM Group and Kagoshima	enthusiasm for future programs, and
Wednesday,	Prefecture]	one of them commented, "I was able
March 17,	1. Address by H.E. Mr. UTO Takashi,	to deepen my understanding of
2021	State Minster for Foreign Affairs,	Kagoshima Prefecture through the
Kagoshima Pref.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan	virtual tour. It was fun to go around
	2. Introduction of six Host Towns	Host Towns of Tokyo 2020 Olympic
	(Osaki, Amagi, Tokunoshima,	Games."
	China, Wadomari, Yoron) (Ms.	
	KAKIMOTO Yoshie,	
	Director/Kagoshima Navigator,	
	BIROU LLC. & Tabitto)	
	3. Address by Mr. YAMA Motomune,	
	Mayor of Yoron Town, and Mr. IMAI	
	Rikio, Mayor of China Town	
	4. "Unjami," a beach clean-up group in	
	Yoron Island (Mr. ATA, Unjami	
	Group)	
	5. Opinion exchange	
	6. Q & A session	
9:00am~9:45am,	[Webinar, Q&A session]	Some participants commented, "It
Tuesday,	Lecture Title: "Latin American	was an opportunity to think about the
March 30, 2021	Diplomacy in Japan"	bonds of friendship between Japan
Tokyo	Lecturer: Mr. MASAMOTO Kenichi,	and the Latin American region," and
	Director, Mexico, Central America and	their enthusiasm for future programs
	Caribbean Division, Latin American	were renewed.
	and Caribbean Affairs Bureau,	
	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	
	1. Lecture	
	2. Answers to questions	
9:00am~	【Japanese Culture Experience】Zen	There were questions such as
10:00am,	meditation experience	whether the attire worn by the priests
Tuesday,	1. Introduction to "Houkouji-temple,"	had special meanings, and many
May 11, 2021	Address by instructor Mr. ONO	participants said that the Zen
Hokkaido	Ryuken, vice chief priest of	meditation experience was beautiful
	Houkouji-temple	and an opportunity to learn more
	2. Talks on Buddhism and Zen	about Japanese culture.
	meditation	

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	3. Zen meditation tutorial and	
	demonstration	
	4. Zen meditation experience for	
	participants	
	5. Q & A session / Feedback	
9:00am~	[Minamisanriku Town (Exchange	There were questions like, "didn't you
10:45am,	with Disaster-Affected Areas)	want to throw everything away and
Thursday,	1. Lecturers introductions	leave the town, after losing your
May 27, 2021	2. Outline of Minamisanriku Town and	home, friends, and family?", and
Minamisanriku	explanation on the situation at the	comments like, "the lesson of
Town, Miyagi	time of the disaster by	'protecting yourself first' left an
Pref.	Minamisanriku-cho Tourist	impression on me, on how that in turn
	Association	helps your family, the people around
	3. Opinion exchange session with	you."
	lecturer	
	4. Sharing impressions	
From the end of	[Video Viewing]	Before the start of the main exchange
the Pre-exchange	1. Lecture on Japan	program, a video about Japan and
Program to the	2. Virtual Home Visit	the program was shared to the
end of the Main	3. Study Japanese Culture in Kyoto	participants, who watched it before
Exchange	4. Peace Tour in Hiroshima	participating in the main program.
Program	5. Allure Aichi -Industry / Cutting-edge	
(Between June	technology -	
and August)		
Main Exchange Pro	ogram	
9:00am~	[Orientation]	Some information was delivered for
10:30am	[Ice Break]	the first time during the orientation,
Wednesday,	[Exchange of Opinions among	and the participants asked questions
March 2, 2022	Participants]	earnestly about the assignment in
Tokyo		particular, such as which approach to
		be taken for preparing it and by when.
		After the overall explanation, an
		opportunity was given for self-
		introduction among the participants
		by each group, where they
		exchanged opinions on their
		motivations for participating the
		program and their relationship with

		Japan.
9:00am~	[Webinar, Q&A session]	For participants who had little
11:30am	"Thinking about the SDGs through	knowledge of the SDGs, the lecture
Wednesday,	Coffee"	was very interesting because it
March 9,	Lecturer: Ms. GANNO Chie,	approached from coffee they drink on
2022	Sustainability Promotion Office, UCC	a daily basis. There were feedbacks
Hyogo Pref.	Holdings Co., Ltd.	from participants including; "It is very
l	1. Lecture	impressive to know how the company
	2. Q & A session	goals are linked to SDGs" and "I
	[Exchange with Japanese	learned about Japan's achievement
	Students]	of the SDGs and was inspired by
	Reviewing lecture	Japan's emphasis on achieving its
	[Exchange of Opinions among	goals." They could understand the
	Participants]	efforts of Japanese companies
	Review	toward the SDGs.
9:00am~	[Workshop/Exchange with Japanese	The Japanese students had a high
11:30am	Students]	level of language proficiency, and
Thursday,	1. Announcement of presentation	during the presentation, they asked
March 10,	"Japan's Attractiveness and	questions directly to participants from
2022	Strengths and Close Links with	the Latin American region and
Tokyo	Latin America"	communicated with them actively
	2. Presentation of impressions and	without an interpreter.
	exchange of opinions	
	[Exchange of Opinions among	
	Participants]	
	3. Preparation for presenting an	
	action plan	
9:00am~	[Webinar/Q&A, Exchange]	After receiving a lecture from Ms.
10:40am	1. Opening session	Takahashi of Ukiyo-e studio on the
Friday,	2. Lecture "Edo woodblock print"	history of Ukiyo-e printmaking and its
March 11,	(Demonstration of Ukiyo-e, studio	development, participants took a
2022	tour and introduction of Ukiyo-e	studio tour.
Tokyo	works)	
	Lecturer: Ms. TAKAHASHI Yukiko,	
	Owner, Ukiyo-e studio "Takahashi	
	Kobo"	

	3. Group discussion4. Q & A session5. Summary and commentary	
9:00am~	[Workshop]	Each group made a presentation
11:00am	【Reporting Session】	about an action plan to be
Saturday,	1. Presentation by participants	implemented within three months
March 12,	2. Commentary	after participation in the program. The
2022		South America Group and
Tokyo		SICA/Cuba Group made
		presentations.

2. Program Photos

Pre-exchange Program





March 17, 2021 [Exchange between CARICOM Countries and Host Town of Kagoshima Prefecture] Greeting by State Minister for Foreign Affairs UTO

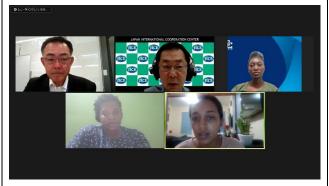
March 17, 2021 [Exchange between CARICOM Countries and Host Town of Kagoshima Prefecture] Introducing overview of Kagoshima Prefecture and Amami Islands





March 30, 2021 【Webinar/Q&A】 Q&A session

May 11, 2021 【Japanese Culture Experience】 Explanation and demonstration on how to practice Zen meditation



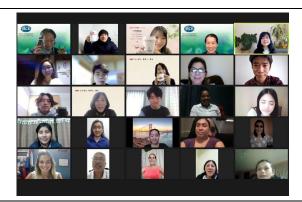


May 27, 2021 [Minamisanriku Town (Exchange with Disaster-Affected Areas)] Opinion exchange with lecturers

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Main Exchange Program





March 2, 2022 [Orientation] Participants introducing themselves by dividing into groups

March 9, 2022 [Webinar, Q&A session] Participants making a toast with coffee





March 10, 2022 [Workshop/Exchange among Participants] Participants exchanging by dividing into groups

March 11, 2022 [Exchange of Opinions with Relevant Parties] Viewing a piece of Ukiyo-e work by dividing into groups

3. Voices from Participants (excerpt)

♦ Jamaica, Working youth

The session was engaging and creative. I learned about the sustainable efforts being used by Japan to maintain its beaches. The session was interactive, with warm and friendly moderators and participants. I have gained a better understanding of the Kagoshima prefecture through the virtual space. The tour of the host towns for the Olympic Games was interesting as well.

♦ Bahama, Working youth

The pre-exchange program was very insightful and educational. Virtually traveling between towns was very creative and made me feel engaged.

♦ Dominican Republic, Working youth

The pre-exchange is very informative. The information regarding Japan's cooperation with Latin America and the Caribbean gave me a better understanding of bonds of friendship that exist between both regions.

♦ Surinam, Working youth

I am of the opinion that exchange programs are always beneficial to all parties involved. The knowledge gained from shared experiences can improve mutual understanding and promote mutual respect. Furthermore, I got more interested in Japan after doing the pre-exchange program.

♦ Anonymous, Working youth

I drink coffee regularly and enjoyed the presentation. I found this presentation to be enlightening. The presentation on the production of Coffee and the information on UCC was eye opening.

4. Voices from Japanese Locals (excerpt)

♦ Houkouji-temple, Soto Zen

The staff explained everything clearly from the preparation stage so everything went smoothly.

♦ Person in charge of company

I appeared as a lecturer. It was the first time for me to attend a simultaneous interpretation seminar, so it was a very valuable experience. I appreciate this opportunity. I saw the participants looking happy during the process of the lecture, and thanks to that, my tension was relaxed and I felt grateful for that. In addition, Latin America is closely related to coffee, and I am very pleased to hear directly from participants from such countries and Japanese students interested in such countries.

♦ Person in charge of cooperating organization

In the group discussion on the subject of Ukiyo-e, I was very impressed that I was able to get to know a point of view that Japanese people would not notice. It was also impressive to see the participants actively communicating with the lecturer.

♦ Student from the opinion exchange

It was an invaluable experience, and I wanted to deepen my ties with people of the Latin American region. I'm really glad I joined the program.

5. Dissemination by the participants, articles, etc.

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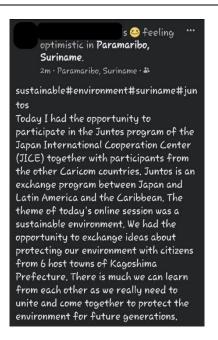
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March 17, 2021 (Facebook)

Today I had the opportunity to participate in the Juntos!! exchange program together with participants from the other CARICOM countries. Juntos!! is an exchange program between Japan and Latin America and the Caribbean. The theme of today's online session was sustainable environment. We had the opportunity to exchange ideas about protecting our environment with citizens from 6 Host Towns Kagoshima.

There is much we can learn from each other as we need to unite and come together to protect the environment for future generations. Today the second session of the JICE was held. This is part of the Juntos Exchange Program. In this Webinar session Mr.

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March 30, 2021 (Facebook) [Suriname Working Youth]

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May. 27, 2021 (Facebook)
[Suriname Working Youth]

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March 18, 2021: Amami-Shimbun

6 towns in Kagoshima and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the host towns for the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics, met online on 17th. About 40 people of individuals involved of the towns and countries participated. Members of "Unjami," a volunteer group that cleans beaches every day in Yoron Island, presented their activities and exchanged opinions on issues facing their countries and towns.

It is part of the "Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Program," an international exchange program promoted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It was hosted by the Japan International Cooperation Center.

The 6 participating towns, Osaki, Tokunoshima, Amagi, Wadomari, China and Yoron, are the host towns of Trinidad and Tobago, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Dominica, Grenada and Antigua and Barbuda, all of which belong to CARICOM (14 countries and 1 region).

(snip) Members of the Yoron-cho volunteer group, "Unjami," explained the activities while taking 9 quizzes, including how many beaches there are in the island, the number of days it takes to clean all the beaches in the island, and which country has the most garbage on the island. They said "We want to continue this activity, which is part of the island's culture, in cooperation with young people," and called for "picking up garbage with us to think about the environmental problems."

In the opinion exchange, Carbon, 25, from Antigua and Barbuda, said, "There are many beautiful beaches in my country, but they are dirty with garbage. There are not enough

garbage bags and volunteers to clean them. I want to collect volunteers and clean it up like Yoron Island."

Sachiko Fuku, 73, a member of Unjami, said: "It is fun to see the beach getting cleaner. I am really happy to share my favorite activities with the world."

March 18, 2021 Nankai Nichinichi Shimbun

The Caribbean Community countries, which has signed a memorandum of understanding for the host towns of the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics, and local governments in the prefecture exchanged online on the 17th. 5 towns, Tokunoshima, Amagi, Wadomari, China and Yoron from Amami participated in the program, introducing the natural environment and culture of each region to deepen mutual understanding.

The host town project aims to promote the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics by hosting training camps for athletes and exchange events to build friendly relations between the host country and local governments. The online exchange was organized by the Japan International Cooperation Center, which was commissioned by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and 5 towns in the prefecture including Tokunoshima and Yoron, and Osaki, as well as diplomats from Saint Christopher and Nevis, Grenada and Antigua and Barbuda participated.

During the exchange, persons in charge from BIROU, a limited liability company, that conducts tours for inbound tourists in the prefecture, introduced the local nature, culture and industry. Aika Sawa, a Tokunoshima town official and singer, and others performed "Wide Bushi" to publicize the attractiveness of local entertainment, and there was also an activity



report of "Unjami" (Chairman: Shoji Ata), a private organization engaged in beach garbage picking activities in Yoron Island.

Diplomats and administrators from the Caribbean Community also sent messages, saying, "We are looking forward to meeting you in person," and "We hope future exchanges will be meaningful."

Fumiko Oyama, 85, the oldest member of Unjami, said: "This is my first time to have an online exchange. I am glad I could feel the people of the Caribbean close to me. If I have a chance at the Olympics, I want to exchange with them."

March 19, 2021, I LOVE TRINI NET (Trinidad and Tobago information website)

On Wednesday, March 17 (local time in CARICOM countries: Tuesday, March 16), as a pre-program (online) of Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange to promote understanding between Latin America and Japan, host town exchanges between CARICOM countries and Kagoshima were conducted. I LOVE TRINI has been invited to a reception for young CARICOM diplomats in Japan every year and listened to this online program.

Participants were members of 6 host towns (persons in charge from Osaki, Amagi, Tokunoshima, Wadomari, China and Yoron) in Kagoshima and working youth from CARICOM member countries.

The 6 towns in Kagoshima are host towns of following CARICOM countries:

Osaki: host town of Trinidad and Tobago

Amagi in Tokunoshima Island: host town of Saint

Christopher and Nevis

Tokunoshima: host town of Saint Vincent



Wadomari in Okinoerabu: host town of Dominica China: host town of Grenada

The contents of the program were to deepen understanding of life and civic activities in 6 host towns, Osaki, Amagi, Tokunoshima, Wadomari, China, and Yoron in Kagoshima, and to learn the history of exchanges between CARICOM participants' own countries and local governments in Japan, as well as the attractiveness of the host town area of the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics, and to think about further invigoration of mutual exchange triggered by this online exchange.

June 14, 2021 Minamisanriku Tourism Association

(Snip) The people who participated in the exchange meeting hosted by JICE are those who are involved in administration, education and news reporting in Latin America. Therefore, they seemed to be listening to the story from the viewpoint of how they could make use of the disaster prevention measures and administrative efforts in Minamisanriku in their own countries.

Kenji Endo, who was the deputy mayor of Minamisanriku at the time of the earthquake, and his group exchanged opinions on disaster prevention. Mr. Endo has been involved in the response and recovery of disaster victims as a town official. Minamisanriku town experienced the tsunami of the Chile earthquake in 1960, so the government has taken disaster prevention measures at a very high level. However, in the Great East Japan earthquake, he said, the tsunami was much higher than they had expected, so he felt that a natural disaster was something unexpected.

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■ 2021年6月14日

「Juntos!!中南米対日理解促進交流プログラム」実施レポート

■実施概要

【団体】外務省が推進し、JICE (一般財団法人日本国際協力センター) が実施する 「Juntos!!中南米対日理解促進交流プログラム」参加者の皆様 【日時】2021年5月27日 9:00~10:45 【人数】478

■Juntos!!リアルタイム交流会の様子

南三陸町では、日本国内にかかわらず、海外の方々とも交流を行い、多くの線を繋いでき ました。

今回、一般財団法人日本国際協力センター(以下JICE)様主備の下、中南米にお住まいの 方々と南三陸町の復興の担い手たちが、ZOOMを使ったリアルタイム交流会を行いまし た。

初めに一般社団法人南三陸町観光協会事務局長の及川より、南三陸町の概要をご説明しま した。英語に顧訳したデータや写真を共有し、南三陸町の震災時の状況や復興の様子をお に3.1.ました。





その後、10グループに分かれて交流を行いました。今回、南三陸町の講師として参加され たのは行政、観光、福祉など、それぞれの分野で活躍されている10名の方々。講師の方か ら、自身の震災時の経験や現在行っている活動について説明していただいてから、意見交 換に入りました。

In response, one question, "A tsunami can occur in Costa Rica. What can the government do in case of a tsunami?" was raised. In response, Mr. Endo says it is important to inform the public of the disaster risk in the area using hazard maps and so on. Mr. Endo felt that there were many things that could not be prevented by the power of the administration, and that the administration itself could be struck by disasters, and that it was important for all residents to understand the disaster risk they were living in and to be conscious of protecting their own lives.

Other questions covered specific areas such as "What technologies are being used to disseminate disaster prevention messages?" and there was a lively opinion exchange throughout the session.

Participants commented, "I was very impressed by the experience of the people in the disaster-stricken area and was able to gain a lot of motivation." and "Because of the coronavirus, we were not able to have face-to-face interactions, but after the earthquake, I felt that just by connecting with people who are alive and talking about our experiences, the strength to unite and bond is strengthened, and a sense of empathy is born."



March 18, 2022 (Kobe Shimbun)

UCC Holdings (HD, Chuo-ku, Kobe) is focusing on online seminars for students to familiarize them with activities related to the SDGs through coffee.

The seminars aim to disseminate the industry's efforts for SDGs and deepen understanding among young people who will lead the next generation. (Omitted) On the 9th, the Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE) implemented the program as an international exchange program commissioned by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Simultaneous interpretation was offered in English and Spanish. In addition to Japanese students, 25 people, such as Ministry of Foreign Affairs employees and media workers, from 7 Latin American countries participated.

Ms. Chie Ganno (31 years old), an employee of UCC, introduced general knowledge of coffee and the efforts to solve poverty and environmental problems in producing countries with quizzes and videos. She appealed, "I want to contribute to the development of the coffee industry and make the world smile." The participants asked questions, reported on circumstances of local coffee cultivation and exchanged their impressions, etc.

Implementation agency: Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)