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*Building partnerships, strengthening connections*

**Annual Report FY2020**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Fellow Alumni: I feel honored to serve in the capacity of President of the JICA Alumni Association in Jamaica for FY2020. The tenure commenced in September 2020 and culminated in March 2021, the shortest tenure of any presidency in the history of the JAAJ. As we continue to

process our current reality and what this “new reality” may mean for the New Year, I remain conscious of the need to preserve a mutually beneficial and enduring relationship among members and identify meaningful ways to strengthen the connections.

Our Alumni Association is only as strong as its membership engagement. We are open to new ideas and welcome your feedback and ideas to strengthen our engagement strategy and improve our Alumni Association.

So much has changed in the world and in our community, the pandemic has changed the way we live and interact with those around us. The mission of the JAAJ however, has remained constant. Wherever you are, at whatever stage of life you are, there is a place for you in the Association.

Stay connected whether through emails, our social media platform and, hopefully, in the not too distant future, our own Website. I urge you to become an active member, cheering the teams carrying out activities or contributing your time or gifts to outreach activities and opportunities aimed at impacting lives and strengthening communities across Jamaica.

We will get through the challenges and we will celebrate the achievements of the JAAJ. This year strongly highlighted the resilience of the FY2020 Executive team.

We implemented new ways of executing activities, looked at needs and put in place programmes to address them, established partnerships to execute activities and shared our expertise with organizations.

The achievements over the year were:

1. Tree planting exercise was executed in schools across five (5) parishes.
2. Culture Extravaganza, showcasing the cultures of Jamaica and Japan was facilitated on the virtual platform.
3. JAAJ members provided training support to the National Solid Waste Management Authority in executing their component in the National “Go Green Programme” implemented by a number of Government Ministries and Agencies.
4. Technology Transfer Seminar that was held on February 3, 2021 at the Knutsford Court Hotel. Three (3) Alumni members shared the knowledge gleaned and the application to their organizations.
5. Created a public education brochure in both print and electronic formats in partnership with the MPM.
6. Participated in Virtual Town Hall conversations on disability issues in collaboration with the Jamaican Association on Intellectual Disabilities (JAID) and Kiwanis CyberConnect Club.

Special thanks is extended to the team at the Embassy of Japan for the support whether through the inclusion of members in official functions to the provision of material support for events hosted by the JAAJ.

The JICA Jamaica Secretariat under the leadership of Mr. Takeshi Takano, Resident Representative, provided quality guidance and support to the team. The financial and affiliated support to execute planned activities, conversations around expectations and suggestions to address real scenarios was highly appreciated over the year.

I would express appreciation to the Executive team and especially the JAAJ members who, although they were not officially elected members of the Executive, when called upon, served in varying capacities in the implementation of planned activities. We can only get stronger together!

*Marilyn McKoy*  
2020

The Annual General Meeting of the JICA Alumni Association was facilitated virtually on the Zoom Platform on Saturday, September 19 beginning at 4:00 p.m. This meeting was rescheduled from March 21, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Government of Jamaica’s restrictions on meetings with numbers of persons exceeding fifteen (15).

## Welcome and Opening Remarks:

Welcome was extended by Mrs. Marilyn McKoy-1st Vice-President. She extended a special welcome to Mr. Toyoaki Itsubo, Acting Resident Representative and all the members of the JICA Jamaica Office and Alumni members present on the platform. She expressed thanks to the team from the JICA Jamaica Office for the tremendous support given to the members of the JAAJ over the year. She expressed gratitude to all the members who made time to be present but encouraged all to reach out to other alumni members so that more persons would become active members.

She stated that in an effort to achieve the mandate of the JAAJ more members need to become active and stay connected in order to effectively execute planned activities. She alluded to the volume of work to be done and indicated that all members should try to participate since there was a lot to do and the Executive Members cannot do it without their cooperation.

## Introduction of New Members

Mrs. Dahlia Dwyer-Hodelin extended welcome to all the new members. She articulated the names of members who were absent including Ms. Danieella Aitcheson, from the National Conservation Trust. A request was made of the new members to open their cameras so that members could meet them. She asked for a brief introduction and their areas of training in Japan. The members present were Mr. Fabion Porter and Ms. Deon Brown from the Forestry Department. Mr. Porter described his training experience as awesome.

He spoke of the Japanese as nature lovers, their high standards in relation to nature conservation and the best practices he was able to share with colleagues. He noted that his exploration of the country was limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Deon Brown highlighted specific areas in which the knowledge gleaned was relevant to the work of her organization. Specific examples were the rehabilitation of mangroves and the control of invasive species. She articulated that there were a number of invasive species that were threatening the forest estate in Jamaica.

## Greetings

Mr. Toyoaki Itsubu, Acting Resident Representative, brought greetings on behalf of the JICA Jamaica Office. He apologized for the absence of Mr. Takeshi Takano, Resident Representative who was in Japan and was unable to participate in the AGM. Mr. Itsubu emphasized the importance of Alumni members giving back to their organizations and the people of Jamaica.

## Election of New Executive Board Members for FY2020

The election of the officers was carried out based on a slate of members who offered to serve in the established positions. The following members were elected to serve for the FY2020.

President	Marilyn McKoy
Vice President (Central Chapter)	Collette Campbell
Vice President (Western Chapter)	Maxine Bernard-Grant
Vice President (Kingston Chapter)	Rachael Reid
Secretary	Tamika Morison
PRO	Pricilla Chambers
Treasurer	Dilton Pike
Board Member 1	Dahlia Dwyer-Hodelin
Board Member 2	Winsome Hudson-Reid

## COURTESY CALLS

### Japanese Ambassador to Jamaica

JAAJ's President, Mrs. Marilyn McKoy and Culture Officer, Mr. Andrew Samuels paid a Courtesy Call on His Excellency Masaya Fujiwara, Japanese Ambassador to Jamaica on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at the Embassy of Japan, at 2 Oxford Road, Kingston 5.



*Mr. Masaya Fujiwara  
Ambassador of Japan  
to Jamaica*

Ms. Noriko Oshima, First Secretary and Director of Economic Cooperation was also in attendance and participated in the discussion. A warm welcome was extended by Ambassador Fujiwara to the team of Executive members.

Mrs. Marilyn McKoy, President of the JAAJ, also welcomed the Ambassador and his family to Jamaica. She provided a historical overview of the JAAJ, including the number of Jamaicans who have accessed training, the leadership role many alumni have been playing in organizations across Jamaica, and the celebration of JAAJ's 21st Anniversary. She expressed appreciation to the Embassy of Japan for the Follow-up cooperation that

approximately five (5) Alumni members received over the last ten (10) years. Both alumni members outlined the special activities to be executed by the JAAJ during FY2020/2021.

### Resident Representative of JICA Jamaica

A team of three Executive members of the JAAJ paid a visit to Mr. Takeshi Takano, Resident Representative of JICA Jamaica on December 16, 2020 also accompanied by Ms. Sauna Maragh, Senior Programme Officer. Executive members who were in attendance were Mrs. Marilyn McKoy, President; Ms. Colette Campbell and Ms. Rachael Reid, Vice-Presidents.

President Marilyn expressed appreciation to Mr. Takano for accommodating the team. She outlined all the planned activities for execution over the year.

The challenges related to the dependence on technology to not only execute activities as well as strengthening the communication between the memberships were discussed. Some areas of concern relating to reaching and retaining active members, and personal responsibilities of alumni members to contribute to the Association in achieving its mandate.



*L-R: VP Collette Campbell; President Marilyn McKoy; Mr. Takeshi Takano and VP Rachael Reid.*

Other matters discussed included the structure of the secretariat as well as financial and other resources to keep the JAAJ relevant in a rapidly changing environment.

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

The following six (6) projects were undertaken during FY2020:

1. National Tree Planting
2. Culture Extravaganza
3. Technology Transfer Seminar
4. Training support to the NSWMA
5. Public Education Brochure on Waste Management
6. Virtual Town Hall on Disability Issues

### National Tree Planting Activity

National Tree Planting Day was celebrated in October 2020. The tree planting exercise was carried out by the JAAJ members over a period of three weeks. A number of tree seedlings were received from the Forestry Department while other seedlings were purchased from donations including Lignum Vitae, Palms and flowering trees.



*Vice President Maxine Bernard and Principal of Windsor, Mrs. Kimela Johnstone.*

Five (5) schools across the island benefited from the donation. The exercise was executed in adherence to the Government guidelines, involving at least one alumni member along with three other members of the school staff. The schools that benefited were:

1. Randolph Lopez School of Hope in Kingston
2. Windsor School of Special Education - Spanish Town St Catherine
3. Edgehill School of Special Education- St Ann's Bay, St Ann.
4. Llandilo School of Special Education- Westmoreland
5. New Day Primary School in Mandeville, Manchester



*President Marilyn McKoy with Mrs. Jennifer Silvera, Principal of Randolph Lopez School and Development Manager of JAID Mr. Gavane Ferguson.*



*Alumni Member Ms. Tamara Lawrence and Principal Mrs. Tabitha Chambers of Edgehill School of Special Education.*

## Culture Extravaganza 2020

JAAJ's Culture Extravaganza was hosted virtually on Zoom on Thursday, November 26, 2020 with over sixty persons in attendance. The Moderator was Mrs. Sharille Watson-Pink, Past President of the JAAJ. She provided cultural highlights of Jamaica and Japan with specific focus on storytelling poetry, music, dance and food. Included in the event was a feature on the National Solid Waste Management Authority, an organization that benefited from Follow-Up Cooperation from the Embassy of Japan.

The event commenced with the National Anthems of Jamaica and Japan followed by greetings from His Excellency Masaya Fujiwara, Japan's Ambassador to Jamaica and Mr. Takeshi Takano, Resident Representative of JICA Jamaica. The Moderator extended welcome to attendees which included Alumni members and their families, Japanese volunteers tuned in from Japan, Secondary school and University students, members of Government and other agencies that benefited from the support of the Japanese Government.



*Moderator: Mrs. Sharille Pink, Past President.*

She also provided an overview of the JAAJ and the significance of the Culture Extravaganza to both Jamaica and Japan. Videos were accessed from The Cultural Department of the Embassy of Japan as well as from Japanese volunteers who returned to Japan.

The audience was educated about special features of each area of focus to both countries prior to the performances. Performances were done live from a set staged at the Mico University College while others were done through videos and in person presentations via the Zoom platform.

Both the storytelling and poetry performances were JCDC Medal winners performed by artistes from Starz Academy. The Japanese traditional Folk story, the tale of the woodcutter and animation of Japanese Traditional stories "The Grateful Crane" were highlights of the segment.



*JCDC Finalist: Starz Academy.*



*Japanese Folk Tale: The Tale of the Wood Cutter.*

The performances in music which included drumming, performances on the Shamisen or three-string guitar along with videos also delighted the audience.



*Japanese playing the Shamisen or three-string guitar.*

The dance element included videos of Jamaican and Japanese traditional folk dances.

The feature of foods, dubbed, an expression of cultural identity, featured popular Jamaican dishes as well as foods consumed for special occasions, was presented by Mrs. Marline Stephenson-Dalley-Tourism Product Development Company (TPDCo. The Japanese focus was on food education and the engagement of children, culminating in a video featuring a number of popular Japanese dishes. This segment was presented by Suzette Burton, a Jamaican living in Japan.

The final feature included video highlights of a component of the Plastic Waste Minimization Project directly undertaken by the National Solid Waste Management Authority. The video highlighted the marine litter produced from communities along the waterway entering the Kingston Harbour, and efforts to involve the community in environmental education.



*Ms. Suzette Burton showing some famous Japanese food.*



*Mr. Garfield Murray highlighting the problem of waste.*



*William Knibb students doing the Kumina.*



*VP Rachael Reid facilitating an interview with Project Manager, Mr. Edison Carr.*

## Technology Transfer Seminar

The Technology Seminar was held on Wednesday, February 3, 2020 at the Knutsford Court Hotel, Chelsea Avenue, Kingston 10. Twenty two (22) participants were in attendance. Special guests were Ms. Noriko Oshima, First Secretary and Director of Economic Cooperation, Embassy of Japan; Mr. Toyoaki Itsubo, Acting Resident Representative, JICA Jamaica; Ms. Diedre Mills, Director, Bilateral Relations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade; Mrs. Marsha Lyn-Fatt, Acting Director, Bilateral Unit, Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ); and Mr. Donovan Leon, Chief Workplace Planning Officer, Scholarships & Assistance Unit- Ministry of Finance and the Public Service.

The event was moderated by Mr. Lenroy James, Immediate Past President of the JAAJ. Welcome was extended by Mrs. Marilyn McKoy, President. A warm welcome was extended to Mrs. Deidre Mills who was recently appointed to the position and was attending for the first time in that capacity.

She expressed thanks to the Embassy of Japan, JICA Jamaica secretariat for the continued support to the JAAJ and the Governments of Jamaica and Japan for the continued facilitation of opportunities aimed at strengthening the human resources development and ultimately organizations across Jamaica.

Ms. Noriko Oshima, First Secretary and Director of Economic Cooperation, in her greetings highlighted the levels of support and the progression of the synergy between both countries as reflected in the number of persons with experiences of Japan gleaned through the established programmes.

Mr. Toyoaki Itsubo, Acting Resident Representative, JICA Jamaica, commenced his greetings by congratulating the JAAJ for its hard work in facilitating the seminar. He expressed appreciation to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade; Ministry of Finance and the Public Service; the Planning Institute of Jamaica for their support and the cooperation that allowed competent Jamaicans to access training in Japan.



*Participants awaiting start of seminar.*

He stated the number of Jamaicans who were trained and some of the areas in which training was received. He also indicated that he was confident that more Jamaicans will take advantage of the training opportunities in Japan. He culminated by stating the commitment of the JICA Jamaica Office to continue the work in bringing together “ diverse wisdom and resources.”

Mrs. Mills highlighted the strong diplomatic relationship between Jamaica and Japan which spanned over five decades and focused on capacity building and skills development. She expressed that despite the challenging times being experienced globally, Japan remained a dedicated partner. She commended the JAAJ for its commitment to remaining true to its mandate.

Mrs. Marsha Lyn Fatt, in her remarks on behalf of the PIOJ, spoke of the assistance Jamaica has been receiving over the last 30 years. She noted the significance of the transfer of technology; building skills, improving instructional structures and improving development partnerships making development participatory. She alluded to the recent aids that have resulted in some well needed projects including the Mandeville Hospital and national digitization projects. She commended the JAAJ on the hosting of the Technology Seminar 2021.

Mr. Donovan Leon in his remarks highlighted the benefits of shared knowledge and capacity building to the Government of Jamaica. In addition to acting as the point of contact to donors and agencies offering assistance through bilateral or multilateral agreements, he spoke of the role of the Scholarships and Assistance Unit as synchronizing training opportunities across sectors and identified some key elements related to more effective coordination of the training opportunities.

## Presentations & Discussion

Three participants presented very practical and engaging presentations including strategies or action to address challenges they encounter in their daily work activities.

- Mr. DeYen Smith: *Fire Management /Disaster Risk Reduction Jamaica Fire Brigade*
- Ms. Deon Brown: *Nature Conservation Forestry Department*
- Mr. Carlinton Elliston: *Sewage Management” National Water Commission*



*Mr. DeYen Smith District Officer, Jamaica Fire Brigade.*



*Ms. Deon Brown: Forest Technician - Forestry Department.*



*Mr. Carlinton Elliston, Supervisor, Sewer Operations & Connections, National Water Commission.*

A number of questions were posed to the presenters, resulting in a very engaging discourse. The presenters were commended and encouraged to stay committed to changes or addressing the challenges. The following comments or areas of concerns were highlighted by the audience:

1. The extent to which budget allocations were available in the agencies to address the tremendous need for structured public education programmes.
2. Inter-agency collaboration/coordination remain low across Government Ministries and Agencies. This strategy however, has the potential to significantly impact timely execution of plans to address problems identified between agencies and improve output.
3. The school networks offer tremendous opportunities to spread the word or use innovation (eg. animation) to improve the delivery of the message to the young. How much are these strategies incorporated in the public education programme.

Vote of thanks was extended to all participants by Vice President Rachael Reid.



*Mr. Donovan Leon emphasizing a point.*



*Mr. Andrew Samuels addressing the issue of engagement students.*



*Secretary Pennington responding to a comment.*



*Key Message from the Sewage Mgmt. presentation.*



*VP Rachael Reid expressing thanks.*

## **Training Support to the National Solid Waste Management Authority, NSWMA)**

Some JAAJ members collaborated with the NSWMA in the implementation of the “Plastic Waste Minimization Project.” This project was implemented by the Ministry of Urban Renewal Housing and Climate Change with National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA) being the project managers. The NSWMA implemented component 4 of this project, which involved the execution of focus group meetings with residents of the Rae Town Community, with a strategy to boost or provide alternative livelihoods for the residents. The four groups of residents targeted were youths, women, fisherfolk and SME’s.

The support received from the JAAJ members enabled the NSWMA to successfully implement the focus group meetings. While several public and private sector agencies were a part of this effort the role of the JAAJ members from the NSWMA and JBDC should be singled out as their contribution was immeasurable. The entrepreneurship sessions were well attended as residents were interested to understand how they could become better business people and improve their businesses. The alternate Livelihood strategy promotes that improving the socio-economic status of residents will result in a net development of the community as a whole. Some of the JAAJ members who contributed to the training effort were Edison Carr, Rachael Reid, Garfield Murray, Stephaney Duhaney, Shomari McLeggon and others.



*Participants at a training session in Rae Town.*



*Ms. Marsha Ann Palmer- Ministry of Health.*



*Rachael Reid with resident - NSWMA.*



*Mr. Edison Carr being interviewed - NSWMA.*



*Dr. Andrea Clayton (CMU)*



*Ms. Selma Ledgester - National Fisheries Authority (NFA).*

## Public Awareness Brochure on Waste Management

Illegal dumping of waste is a major problem in Jamaica. It is therefore important that we keep the awareness conversation current to encourage Jamaicans to practice proper containerization and disposal of domestic and commercial waste.

Consistent and sustainable public education is important in the effort to change the behaviour of individuals towards proper solid waste management practices. This will create a culture of managing waste generation and disposal. The JAAJ partnered with the MPM Waste Management Limited to spread the message of proper solid waste management to different stakeholder groups across Jamaica.

### The Waste Management Brochure: A Peek!

The waste management message will be transmitted in two formats:

1. A printed Brochure
2. A video

## Virtual Town Hall Conversations on Disability Issues

The virtual Town Hall meeting on Disability issues was held on March 31, 2021. The focus was on Human Rights protection of persons with intellectual disability. 104 persons participated in the discussion

The project was a joint collaboration with The Jamaican Association on Intellectual Disabilities (JAID), JAAJ and Kiwanis CyberConnect Club. Special presentations were facilitated by Mr. George Abualzulof, Senior Human Rights Advisor, United Nations Country Team -Jamaica & The Bahamas, Dr. Christine Hendricks, Executive Director of the Jamaica Council for Persons with Disabilities and Ms. Paulette Levers, Clinical Psychologist of JAID.

The audience included parents, professionals, Human Rights advocates and heads of agencies serving persons with Intellectual Disability.

# JICA PARTICIPANTS OF KNOWLEDGE CO-CREATION PROGRAMMES FY2019

Four (4) participants who completed their training programmes in Japan during the year 2019 were added as new alumni members. Three members participated in the Young Leaders' training in Nature Conservation, while one (1) was engaged in the Knowledge Co-Creation Programme (KCCP), as outlined below:

- Mr. Carlinton Elliston: *Operation and Maintenance of Sewerage System - NWC*
- Ms. Deon Brown: *Nature Conservation - Forestry Department*
- Mr. Faybion Porter: *Nature Conservation - Forestry Department*
- Ms. Danellia Aitcheson: *Nature Conservation - National Conservation Trust Fund of Jamaica*



*Mr. Elliston and course participants.*



*Closing ceremony with the Jamaican Conservation L-R: Deon Brown; Faybion Porter; Danellia Aitcheson and JICA personnel.*



*Mr. Elliston making his presentation.*



*Ms. Danellia Aitcheson presenting her report.*



*Expression of thanks by Ms. Aitcheson from the Jamaican team.*

## Online delivery of knowledge co-creation programme (KCCP)

Despite the COVID-19 Pandemic, training opportunities provided to Jamaicans as part of the Official Development Assistance of the Government of Japan, based on the bilateral agreement between Japan and Jamaica continued in 2020 in an online format.

Twenty-nine (29) Jamaicans accessed training in areas such as disaster risk management, energy, marketing, solid waste management and disability studies. Online courses commenced in November 2020 through to March 2021. One training programme which started in January engaging one participant will culminate in August 2021. Organizations that benefit from the training include:

1. Ministry of Local Development and Rural Development
2. Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce, and Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries
3. Ministry of Science, Energy & Technology
4. National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA)
5. National Environment & Planning Agency (NEPA)
6. Jamaica Association on Intellectual Disabilities (JAID)
7. Community Based Rehabilitation Jamaica (CBRJ)



*Nature Conservation team during a field trip.*



*Mr Faybion Porter and other participants in the forest.*



*Photo taken outside of the Mt. Fuji Research Institute. L-R: Chris Tyson, Orpa Jackson, Faybion Porter, Clones Romeo, Danellia Aitcheson, Shania Lebrun, Ayana Boodha, Arvin Coc & Dionne Brown along with other course participants.*



*Ms. Deon Brown at a Shinto Shrine, Japan.*

The JICA Alumni Association in Jamaica was incorporated on March 2, 1998. The Association commenced under the guidance of diplomats of the Embassy of Japan in Jamaica and the officials of the JICA/JOCV Jamaica Office. The membership is comprised of Jamaican officials, technocrats and administrators who received technical training in Japan under the bilateral technical cooperation programme between the governments of Jamaica and Japan.

JAAJ members over the years have contributed to the development of their organizations. Some have assumed leadership positions and continue to contribute to the socio-economic development of Jamaica and other countries.

## Primary Objectives of the JAAJ

JICA Alumni Associations worldwide act as a bridge in the promotion of friendship between the participating countries and Japan. This relationship has been fostered and strengthened over the years. Cooperation between both countries has increased steadily and the JAAJ carries out the following objectives:

1. *Promote JICA's Overseas Technical Training Programme in Japan to many Jamaicans*
2. *Hold Seminars for Human Resource Development (HRD) managers from Jamaican government agencies, ministries and non-governmental organizations*
3. *Expose Jamaicans to the Japanese language and culture by holding the Summer Programme on Japan and also the Japan/Jamaica Cultural Exchange Night*

## THE BENEFITS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Some of the benefits include:

### 1. Networking Opportunities

One of the greatest advantages is the professional network opportunities.

- Events hosted by the JAAJ offer the chance to network with other alumni members and persons from other professions who work in the public or private sector. These include meetings, recreational activities (outings to attractions and socials), Culture Extravaganza and Technology Transfer Workshops.

- Some of these networking opportunities provide an avenue for the recruitment of fellow-alumni for projects and collaboration.
- Membership also offers opportunities to network with other alumni members from other countries such as the Latin and Central America and the Caribbean.

### 2. The Opportunity to “Give Back”

- There are several committees that Alumni members can join and be active. Many past participants show their appreciation by giving back to their organization and their country, their time, talent and resources through the implementation of projects.
- By becoming a part of the JAAJ, they also give back to JICA by sharing information about the Courses attended to those who are unaware of the work of the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

### 3. Representing the JAAJ at Meetings/Reunions

- As a member of the Executive of the JAAJ, you could be sponsored to represent the JAAJ at Meetings of other JICA Alumni Associations in Central, Latin America and the Caribbean. Over the past few years, members have represented the JAAJ at meetings of FECCEBEJA (*Federation of Ex-participants of the Japan International Cooperation Agency Alumni Associations in Central America and the Caribbean*) and FELACBEJA (*Federation of Ex-participants of the Japan International Cooperation Alumni Association in Latin America and the Caribbean*)

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

The JAAJ is supported by its membership dues. The annual fee of \$1,500 paid by each member is used to finance specific operations and assist in executing the planned activities of the Association. The Membership dues are usually paid before or at an Annual General Meeting and is the first step in maintaining your active status. The next step is making a deliberate effort to participate in some activities.

## SUPPORTING JAAJ'S ACTIVITIES

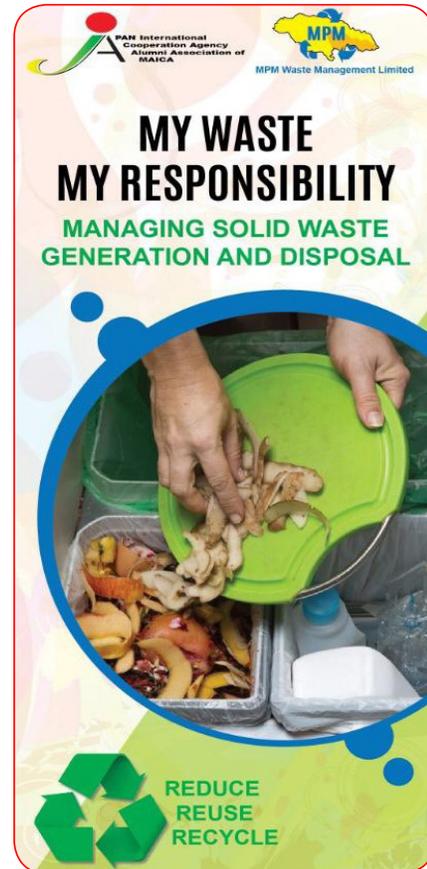
The JAAJ has over the years enjoyed strong support from the Embassy of Japan, JICA Jamaica Office and Government Ministries and Departments during the implementation of special events and projects. Despite the restrictions related to the COVID-19 Pandemic during the year, the representatives participated in events executed over the year.



*Mr. Toyoaki Itsubo, JICA.*

### The JAAJ Partnership with the MPM Waste Management Limited

The partnership between MPM Waste Management Ltd. provided a boost to the Public Education Programme of the organization. Print and Electronic messages were developed to encourage appropriate management of waste within the home and in industrial environments.



*Mrs. Noriko Oshima, First Secretary and Director of Economic Cooperation, Embassy of Japan.*



*Mrs. Marsha Lyn-Fatt, Acting Director, Bilateral Unit, Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ).*



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*Mr. Donovan Leon, Chief Workplace Planning Officer, Scholarships & Assistance Unit - Ministry of Finance and the Public Service.*

**To the Team at the JICA Jamaica Office**  
**Led by Mr. Takeshi Takano,**  
**Resident Representative,**  
**Thank You for Your Support!**  
**From the JICA Alumni Association in Jamaica.**