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JICA Volunteers in Jamaica
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**JICA’s VISION:** *Inclusive and Dynamic Development*

**MISSION 1.** **Addressing the Global Agenda** including climate change, water, food, energy, Infectious diseases and financing

**MISSION 2.** **Reducing poverty through equitable growth** - Pursuing sustained poverty reduction through inclusive and equitable Growth

**MISSION 3.** **Improving governance** - Strengthening policies, institutions, organizations and human resources as underpinnings of Development

**MISSION 4.** **Achieving human security** - Protecting people from threats and building societies where they can live with dignity
MESSAGE FROM THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE
JICA JAMAICA OFFICE

Greetings!

It is with great pleasure that I use this opportunity to report on the activities undertaken by the Japan International Cooperation Agency, JICA Jamaica Office, during Fiscal Year 2016. The priority areas of cooperation are Environmental Management and Disaster Risk Management. Emphasis is also placed on expansion of employment opportunities and human resource development.

Based on Japan’s Development Cooperation Charter, which outlines the Philosophy and Principles of Development Cooperation of the Japanese Government, JICA Jamaica’s cooperation involves supporting Jamaica, a Small Island Developing State, to achieve development goals under its Vision 2030 National Development Plan as well as to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. This bilateral cooperation involves support through JICA in the form of Technical Cooperation, Grants and Loan.

The Japan-CARICOM Summit Meeting held in 2014 and the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Jamaica in 2014, and based on the requests from CARICOM member states, new projects in Disaster Risk Management and in Energy Efficiency are presently being formulated. Japan’s Prime Minister Shinzo Abe visited Jamaica in September 2015, as the first Prime Minister of Japan to ever visit Jamaica. At that time, an approval for a Technical Cooperation “Project to Promote Energy Efficiency in Caribbean Countries” was announced.

One principal Project which was surveyed and is now to be implemented between 2017 and 2021 is the Grant Cooperation “Project for the Improvement of Emergency Communication Systems” at the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM), Ministry of Local Government and Community Development. The Signing of this Grant Agreement took place at the Ministry of Finance and Public Service on the 6th April, 2017 in Kingston for a Grant totalling One Billion Three Hundred and Ninety Nine Million Japanese Yen.

Regarding JICA’s support for Energy Efficiency in Jamaica and in the CARICOM Region, a Technical Cooperation “Project to Promote Energy Efficiency in Caribbean Countries” will commence soon in four CARICOM states. Upon completion of the detail design survey, the signing of the Record of Discussions for Jamaica took place on April 12, 2017 at the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service in Kingston.

In addition, the Energy Sector will also benefit from a joint Co-Financing Project between the Inter-American Development Bank, IDB, and JICA for an “Energy Management and Efficiency Program” to the tune of US$30 million from both sources, US$15 million each to the Government of Jamaica, to be implemented by the Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica/Ministry of Science, Energy, and Technology.

Mr. Kenji Tobita
Resident Representative
MESSAGE FROM THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE JICA JAMAICA OFFICE (cont’d)

The signing of this Loan Agreement will take place at the Ministry of Finance & the Public Service in Kingston.

The Cultural Grant for the “Project for the Improvement of Exhibition and Audiovisual Equipment at the Institute of Jamaica” will see implementation activity as the equipment arrives very soon.

Development Cooperation activities through the JICA Alumni Association in Jamaica saw them also assisting and cooperating with the Planning Institute of Jamaica with its “Community Renewal Program in Downtown Kingston”. Young people are being trained in Compost making by the JICA Alumni members, who studied in Japan in the areas of Sustainable Solid Waste Management and Small Business Development Enterprises.

Regarding staff in JICA office, another Volunteer Coordinator was assigned to this office last August, so more numbers of JICA Volunteers can be expected to come to Jamaica. A project formulation advisor was assigned in early April, so other JICA programmes are expected to improve both in quality and in quantity. National staff for administration has returned to Jamaica last November, so the relationship between the Jamaican Government and businesses are expected to be strengthened.

JICA continues to support the various Ministries, Department and Agencies in public administration, technology transfer, sports and education, mainly Mathematics.

As we strengthen our development cooperation activities in Jamaica, we thank the various MDAs for their collaboration, and in particular the Planning Institute of Jamaica and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade for their unwavering support. Every good wish for a successful FY2017.

Kenji Tobita (Mr)
Resident Representative
Japan International Cooperation Agency
JICA Jamaica
Kayo Yoshida, JICA Senior Volunteer, who is serving a two-year tenure at the School of Music, Edna Manley College of The Visual and Performing Arts and two members of staff, Angela Magnus, and Rafael Salazar, presented papers at the 2016 Havana Jazz Colloquium in Cuba. This conference was held in tandem with the Annual International Havana Jazz Festival. Two students from the School of Music, Eljay Reid and Jonathon Rankine, were also in attendance and participated in one of the lecture demonstrations.

Kayo Yoshida, JICA Senior Volunteer gave a presentation on Jazz in Japan, while Angela Magnus gave a lecture-demonstration on Steelpan and Jazz and Rafael Salazar acted as interpreter. The steelpan lecture-demonstration included live performances of Caribbean music, which was performed by the entire team. Two Cuban music students were invited to play with the team and this collaboration proved very beneficial despite the language barrier. The Jamaican students were impressed with the talent and reading skills demonstrated by their Cuban counterparts.

Participation in the Colloquium allowed us access to the performances at the Jazz Festival. High levels of musicianship and professionalism were displayed at every performance and this had a life-changing effect on the students who had never been exposed to musicianship of this calibre. The staff consider the students’ positive change in attitude and approach to music as the high point of the trip to Cuba. It is hoped that their enthusiasm and drive for excellence will spread to their classmates.
Manchester High School in Jamaica and Miac Special School in Aichi, Japan, have worked together as partners in this project. Their painting featured sports and music as the themes for the mural. Students of Manchester High School talked about this project as follows:

"It was not only about the artistic aspects but it was also about the cultural exchange between the two schools. We enjoyed having the opportunity to get to know about Japanese culture and we also learnt that although two countries might be far away from each other, they can still possess several similarities. It was also good to know about Jamaica objectively, for example, what images people from other countries have about Jamaica. I have started to become interested in Japan through this project and definitely want to visit there in the future. Jamaica and Japan are good partner countries and we both bring about positive impacts on each other."

When the students finished their painting, they felt a sense of fulfillment from their successful work and even missed sending the mural back to Japan. I believe every student who is committed to this project will change this world for better, through cooperation with people who have different backgrounds from their own, in the future.

Japan Art Mile is a cross-cultural project that connects Japanese schools and others from many countries through depicting a mural size painting with a partner school in Japan. Last year the project included 1103 schools from all over the world. Two schools from Jamaica namely; Fruitful Vale Primary School in Portland and Manchester High School in Manchester, entered in the project and finished their art piece recently and now those beautiful paintings were handed back to their partner schools.

Fruitful Vale Primary School in Portland, Jamaica and Komaruyama Elementary School in Ishikawa, Japan had worked together. 12 Jamaican students were on board and painted it with a theme that conveys Reggae music as the Jamaican heritage, while in an attempt the Japanese school expressed four seasons in their community in the painting.

Starting with introducing each other, Fruitful Vale Primary School created a 5 minute video clip telling Jamaican culture such as food, custom, and music. Furthermore, singing one of the greatest hits of Bob Marley’s songs, those students and the teacher sent a message to give a sense of how Reggae music is rooted in Jamaican culture.

Then, those little painters in the 5th grade started drawing some images representing each genre such as Mento, Calypso, Ska, Rock Steady, and Dance Hall music in order to show each transition of the music’s scene, style and story behind it.

Students are as busy as adults nowadays with school events, homework, and club activities. Those children sometimes stayed late at school, looked tired, and were not motivated but the team finished the project because each of the students learned the lesson to work responsibly from the Art Mile Project.
My name is Yutaro Furuta. I think it is easy for Jamaican people to remember my name because it is similar to a juice. I am working for the Ministry of Education in Region 2 as a Mathematics Teacher.

I have been observing Math education in Portland and I have conducted classes for eight months. I noticed the high standard of culture in Jamaican schools. Especially, songs and dances in classes are incredible for me. We cannot find that kind of a situation in classrooms in Japan and Jamaican students are like performers, so I am enjoying going to school to see their classes every day.

However, I have also found that a lot of Jamaican teachers have difficulty teaching Mathematics and I have been trying to find out the reason why they do. Now, I am thinking that one of the reasons is “the lack of conceptual understanding.”

I mean, Jamaican students normally memorize the procedure of calculation without understanding the concepts. I think the reason why Jamaican students are not good at problem solving is caused by that point. So, we need to teach the meaning of calculations and what happens in math sentences rather than cramming the practice.

For example, Jamaican students learn addition with counting because that way is easy to teach. Students can memorize how to do it and get an answer. However, they don’t know the meaning of the calculation.

So, at Port Antonio Primary School where I am working, Grade 1 teachers and I have been teaching addition, by letting them manipulate the materials so that the students can understand the concept.

When we started the project, the teachers had not understood why we were teaching in this way exactly because they were used to the conventional way. However, they started understanding the reason why they do. Now, I am thinking that one of the reasons is “the lack of conceptual understanding.”

I am going to share how to teach mathematics conceptually doing manipulations with teachers in Portland, who are eager to improve their math classes for their students. I will do my best and hope my activities can be of great help to you.
There was an exhibition which introduced Jamaicans to Japanese Budo, mounted at the National Museum of Jamaica from the 7th January to the 18th March 2017. I helped with its development. The exhibition itself was carefully packaged and is travelling around the world. Jamaica was the 55th site where it was mounted.

JICA printed flyers and placed a billboard at the entrance of the museum to support the museum.

The exhibition consisted of two parts. In the first part, it showed an arising and development of Japan’s Budo through several artifacts such as weapons, armours and panels. Then the second part, showed how the Japanese enjoy practising martial arts these days. We exhibited some contemporary equipment, uniforms for martial arts, and some movie clips. In addition to the packaged artifacts, we hung some additional pictures and created a model of Japanese medieval castle. In fact it was inspired by Matsumoto Castle, which is a symbol of my hometown and former workplace.

While the exhibition was going on, we held some special events. At first, we had an opening event. There were demonstrations of Aikido and Karate. In addition we served Sushi for the visitors. They seemed to have enjoyed the event and exhibition. The second event was for students. At that time, some other JICA members supported the event. There were also some Budo demonstrations and JICA members introduced Japanese games and artforms to Jamaican students. For example, there were Paper Sumo, Origami and Calligraphy. The students were so excited that there were very long queues, each one awaiting their turn. Finally there was some extra opening days named ‘Kinen Gyouzi’, which included my lectures about Budo, every other Saturday. In spite of the short notice (I personally think this is one thing the museum should improve upon), there were a lot of eager visitors.

As far as I know, there were school visits almost every day, as well as adult tourists. There were over 4,000 visitors who came to the exhibition. I am convinced that they could have touched the spirit of Japan’s martial arts and it was such a really informative opportunity for Jamaicans to learn Japanese culture. I am glad if this exhibition has aroused the visitors’ interest in Japanese culture.
Sergeant Andrew Shaw of the Jamaica Fire Brigade participated in the Knowledge Co-Creation Program in Obihiro, Hokkaido Prefecture, Japan from February 13, 2017 to March 2, 2017. Upon his return to Jamaica Sgt. Shaw stated, “It was a privilege to work with people who take their goals to the highest levels and we, the participants, have benefited from the positive experience provided.”

In reality, two (2) participants from the Jamaica Fire Brigade represented Jamaica at the Young Leaders’ Training Program, the second participant was Mr. Shea Bryan. The course was co-ordinated by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Hiroo Fire Department, Tokachi Large Area Fire Defence Headquarters, Sapporo Fire Academy and the Obihiro International Center (OBIC).

The training program took the form of Lectures, Presentations, Discussions, Field Trips (Observation) and Practice. Among the areas studied were fire service, fire organization and the Fire ACT together with the duties of the First Aid and Rescue Division, the Emergency Rescue Division, and the Information Command Division, Aviation Training. A detailed study of the Hiroo Fire Department was undertaken together with a lecture on the fire department and fire volunteers in municipalities. This program highlighted community residents working together to help themselves and each other in a disaster (self-help and mutual help).
Project for “Solid Waste Reduction, through Waste Separation, Waste Diversion and Recycling” at the National Solid Waste Management Authority, Ministry of Local Government and Community Development

The objective of this pilot project was to reduce the quantity of solid waste at the household level, through separating waste at the household level then collecting the same waste, diverting it from the landfill to recycling facilities, where it would be recycled. This effort was to be driven by a strong public education campaign, in which all stakeholders would benefit. Additionally, partnerships between the public and private sectors were to be formed in order for the project to be successful and sustainable.

The scope of this pilot project was limited to three (3) communities, Rollington Town in Kingston, Caymanas Estates and Caribbean Estates in St. Catherine, where it was believed that the results of this initiative would provide a reflection of what would be happening in other communities across Jamaica. As administrators, we were also expected to benefit from the implementation of the project through training and subsides and this was undertaken from the onset of the project.

The reduction of solid waste within the three communities can be directly highlighted by the quantity of recyclables collected under the project or by the resulting collection haulage capacities that are being achieved presently. These of course differ from community to community with varying degree of results. Approximately 120 tons of recyclable material were collected during the project, most of which were diverted to the Recycling Partners of Jamaica Facility. This equated to about 2 tons of material per trip, of which the majority was PET bottles. While it was anticipated that the quantities would have been more, there were other factors which impacted on these results namely:

1. delayed implementation of the public education program
2. competition for recyclable material in one of the target communities
3. reluctance of some residents to participate in the project.

NEXT STEPS FOR THE NSWMA

Going forward the NSWMA has sought to undertake the following activities, namely:

1. The expansion of the recycling efforts initiated by the JICA Follow-up Project to other residential communities within the Riverton Watershed. The budget has been prepared and submitted for approval for support.

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Contributed by: Garfield Murray, Senior Planning Officer, NSWMA


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FOLLOW-UP COOPERATION PROJECTS (cont’d)

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2. A review of all recycling projects & programs that was, is and will be implemented and the development of a national recycling strategy, which will include the placement of balers within each region of the NSWMA. To this end a position paper is currently being drafted.

3. Soliciting the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for support under its “Follow-up Cooperation Facility” to develop a National Recycling Policy. A proposal was drafted and submitted to JICA for funding.

4. Soliciting and strengthening of partnerships with other stakeholders involved in the recycling sector with a perspective to reduce the solid waste fractions that can be recycled or reused. The overall objective is to reduce the solid waste management cost and ameliorate Jamaica’s environmental conditions.

5. Continue to formulate relationships with international and local partners to implement projects that will develop and benefit the local populace.

6. Continuation of the project utilising the collection mechanisms of Recycling Partners of Jamaica Limited.

7. Additional NSWMA staff will go to Japan for training in the area of recycling & resource recovery under the cooperation agreement with JICA/NSWMA.

Japanese Government Donated Two Trucks to the NSWMA
FOLLOW-UP COOPERATION PROJECTS (cont’d)

Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Education For Primary Schools
COMMUNITY BASED DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT - A (2015)

Contributed by: Ms. Heather Williams, Jamaica Fire Brigade, District Officer

Since embarking on the JICA/JFB Disaster Risk Reduction Project following my return from KOBE, Japan in 2015, the following major activities have been successfully completed:

i. A Knowledge Transfer seminar was held for twenty four (24) firefighters across the divisions of St. Catherine, Clarendon and Manchester as well as the two St. Catherine-based Parish Council Disaster Coordinators. (photo right)

ii. The project was launched on June 30, 2016 at the Altamont Court Hotel.

iii. A Capacity Building Workshop was held for twenty (20) teachers representing eight (8) schools in St. Catherine. (photo above)

iv. A two-day Disaster Risk Reduction Exposition held at the Portmore Fire Station for approximately two hundred (200) students and forty (40) teachers from primary schools in St. Catherine. (photo below)
For two consecutive days from February 23 until February 24, 2017, the CADM Phase II Workshop was convened at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel in Kingston, Jamaica. Hosted by the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) Jamaica, as well as the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency, CDEMA, the workshop was sponsored by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Participants hailed from the five (5) participating countries Belize, Dominica, Guyana, Grenada and St. Lucia in the CADM Phase 1 Project. These representatives presented reports on the varying status of the CADM initiatives undertaken in each respective country and also on the outputs of their projects. CADM Phase I took place between 2002 and 2006. Overall fifty-five (55) participants from ten (10) countries participated in the Kingston Workshop, which included representatives from regional institutions such as CDEMA, Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology, the University of the West Indies, and the University of Guyana.

Under the Japan/CARICOM agreement emphasis was placed on the CADM Phase I initiative on the increase of flood risk management capacities and building resilience in the communities of each of the above-mentioned member states. Some outputs of the project were flood hazard mapping, flood early warning systems and community-based disaster management plans.

At the Ex-Post Evaluation Workshop held in Kingston in February 2017, JICA experts also gave presentations. The workshop was conceptualized by Mr. Yoshiaki Nishimura, JICA Expert assigned to ODPEM and to the CARICOM Region, who received JICA’s Follow-Up Cooperation to implement his project.

In his presentation, Mr. Nishimura encouraged Sustainability Plans from each participating state, which included objectives and conceptual framework of the plans; development of each state’s National Team Activities for Flood Early Warning Systems, FEWS; Community Based Disaster Management Plans, CBDMPs and FHMS. He recommended that each state should produce an Action Plan and present it to CDEMA. Using CDEMA’s existing system, donor funding should be sourced.

Mr. Kenji Tobita, Resident Representative of JICA Jamaica, outlined JICA’s support in Disaster Risk Management for the CARICOM region, vulnerable to disasters as Small Island Developing states, while His Excellency Masanori Nakano, seated right, Japanese Ambassador, Major Clive Davis, Director General of ODPEM, second right and Ms. Delmaris White of ODPEM who chaired the Opening Session on February 23, 2017.

Participants of the CADM II Workshop at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel in New Kingston, which included delegates from local and regional institutions, observers and JICA Experts on February 24, 2017.
SIGNING OF GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE PROJECT FOR “IMPROVEMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM”

On Thursday, April 6, 2017 the Signing Ceremony for the “Project for Improvement of Emergency Communications System (ECS)”, took place at the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service, National Heroes Circle in Kingston. This was a memorable and historic occasion, as it was the very first and largest Grant Project to Jamaica since JICA Jamaica was established in 1989.

As a similar island country with risks of natural disaster as Jamaica, Japan will be contributing to improving the emergency communication system by installing wireless communication systems and other relevant equipment to enhance the capacity for disaster preparedness and climate change control throughout Jamaica with this project.

Planned implementation period: 24 months, including detailed design work and the bidding period
Amount of the Grant: JPY1,399,000,000
Executing agency: Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM), Ministry of Local Government and Community Development
Target region, facilities: The entire island of Jamaica
Specific project details (provisional):
(1) Facility improvements, equipment procurement
   - Equipment: 24 radio repeater stations, 15 integrated command and control stations, two-way radio terminals, 15 early warning systems
   - Facilities: Six radio repeater station buildings, one outdoor rack with solar panels
(2) Consulting services
   - Detailed design work, bidding assistance, construction supervision
On Wednesday, April 12, 2017 the Signing Ceremony for technical cooperation, for the "Project to Promote Energy Efficiency in Caribbean Countries" took place at the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service, at the National Heroes Circle in Kingston.

Japan will be contributing in the area of Renewable Energy (RE) and in the promotion of Energy Efficiency (EE) for Jamaica and three (3) other CARICOM members states with this three-year project. These efforts are well aligned with the Vision 2030 Development Plan for Jamaica. The executing agency is the Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica under the Portfolio of the Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology (MSET).
The Japan International Cooperation Agency, JICA Jamaica held its Annual JICA Day Event 2016 on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at the Headquarters of the Girl Guides Association of Jamaica in Kingston. The objective of this activity was to showcase JICA’s schemes currently being implemented in Jamaica.

As the implementing Agency for the Government of Japan’s Official Development Assistance since 1989, JICA has been providing technical assistance to the Government of Jamaica through its bilateral aid program, which is provided in three forms:

1. **Technical Cooperation**
2. **Loan Aid**
3. **Grant Aid**

During JICA Day’s function on the 19th November, 2016, some of the above mentioned assistance programs were featured through the courtesy of some of our cooperating partners. For example, some of the following agencies of the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development, the Jamaica Fire Brigade, the National Solid Waste Management Authority and the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management, mounted displays on their cooperation programs with JICA. Some of these took the form of Follow-Up Cooperation Projects, which were implemented during FY2016 by Jamaicans who studied in Japan under the Government of Jamaica and Japan Bilateral Agreement program for capacity development.

In attendance were representatives of the Government of Jamaica, Ms. Shorna Kay Richards, Director of Bilateral Relations in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, who brought greetings on behalf of Senator, the Honourable Kamina Johnson Smith, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade; Ms. Darlene Morrison, Deputy Financial Secretary in the Ministry of Finance & Public Service, and Ms. Pauline Morrison, Manager of the Bilateral Unit in the Planning Institute of Jamaica. Also in attendance were His Excellency Masanori Nakano, who brought greetings on behalf of the Government and People of Japan.

The JICA Jamaica members sang traditional Japanese songs to the delight of the audience. Other performances were from the members of the University of the West Indies’ Japanese Club, the Lightning Drummers, Ardenne Preparatory and Extension High School, "Hearts of Art", the Harbour View Primary School and the Cari-Folk Singers.

Members of the JICA Alumni Association in Jamaica highlighted both Japanese and Jamaican Cultures. The theme adopted for the 2016 staging of this Culture Festival was:

"Jamaica Japan Fusion: Transcending Boundaries"

JICA Alumni members who organized the Culture Festival 2016.
PRESS TOUR

JICA, in cooperation with the Embassy of Japan, held a two-day press tour from the 14th to the 15th February, 2017. This tour was done for the first time in recent years. We were happy to provide the opportunity to introduce JICA Volunteers’ daily activities and focus on other development cooperation sites by JICA and the Embassy of Japan. Sites visited were as follows:

Site 1  Mr. Yutaro Furuta, Mathematics Education (JICA Volunteer)

Site 2  The Project for the Expansion of Orange Bay Primary School (Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project)

Site 3  The Project for Rejuvenation of West Indian Sea Island Cotton Industry (Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project)

Site 4  Ms. Yumeno Tsukamoto, Heritage Tourism (JICA Volunteer)

Site 5  Ms. Natsumi Oguchi, Environmental Education (JICA Volunteer)

Site 6  Kingston Metropolitan Area Water Supply Project (Loan)

Members of the Press, both writers and reporters from The Gleaner, JAMAICA OBSERVER and PBCJ participated in the tour. After the tour, six (6) newspaper articles appeared.
RECIPIENT OF JICA PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR 2016

The Recipient of JICA President’s Award for 2016 (National Staff of the Year) is Ms. Lorna Wallace, Senior Program Officer at the JICA Jamaica Office.

The Award was given in recognition of her "outstanding contribution to JICA’s operations in Jamaica", having served at the JICA Jamaica Office since September, 1990. In addition, her service was recognized for "enhancing friendly relations and mutual understanding between Jamaica and Japan." This Award was presented in Tokyo on November 29, 2016.

Mr. Kenji Tobita, Resident Representative of JICA Jamaica Office, presented Ms. Wallace with the JICA President’s Award for 2016 at the JICA New Kingston Office on December 6, 2016.

NATIONAL STAFF TRAINING REPORT IN JAPAN

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NATIONAL STAFF TRAINING REPORT IN JAPAN

Colleagues at the JICA Jamaica Office celebrated on the occasion of the presentation of the President’s Award to JICA Jamaica’s Senior Program Officer. L-R Front Row are: Mr. Kenji Tobita, Ms. Lorna Wallace, Ms. Kaori Okayama and Back Row: Ms. Sauna Maragh, Ms. Tamika Morrison and Mr. Makoto Manabe.

TAMIKA MORRISON
(Nov 2016 - Present)
Program Assistant

Joined the JICA Jamaica Office in 2015 and participated in JICA’s National Staff on-the-Job Training for JICA’s Knowledge Co-Creation Program in November, 2016 traveling to Okinawa and Tokyo offices in Japan. She currently enjoys supporting the JICA/JOCV Program here in Jamaica.
OUR NEW STAFF AT JICA JAMAICA OFFICE

SAUNA MARAGH
(Oct 2016 - Present)
Administrative/Program Officer

A former Japan Exchange Teachers, JET Program participant, who blends her understanding of the people and culture of Japan with a hearty Jamaican spirit, while contributing behind the scenes to JICA’s development in Jamaica.

AOBA NIKI
(April 2017 - Present)
Assistant Representative
Project Formulation Advisor

“I am so glad to be here in Jamaica with beautiful mountains, tasty food and for sure amicable people. I was born in Hokkaido and previously worked as Country Officer at JICA in Tokyo. I am in charge of disaster, environment and the reduction of disparities in sectors and also general affairs.”

KAORI OKAYAMA
(Appointed 2016)
Volunteer Coordinator

I previously resided in North America (in the United States of America as an exchange student at a university for one year). Subsequently I was assigned to the Central American Region (in Nicaragua as a JOCV member for two years and in Honduras as a Volunteer Coordinator for three years).

This was followed by a tour of duty in South America (in Paraguay as a Volunteer Coordinator for two years).

As the final destination of my journey in the Americas, I finally arrived in a beautiful Caribbean country, here in Jamaica.
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**JV:** Junior Volunteer who is under 40 years old  
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### FY 2016 - JICA’s KNOWLEDGE CO-CREATION PROGRAMME LIST

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18 Participants accepted for Training in Japan during FY2016
CHRONOLOGY OF JAPAN/CARICOM/JAMAICA RELATIONS

1964 Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Japan and Jamaica.


1974 Acceptance of Jamaican Trainees for the Overseas Technical Training Programme in Japan through Embassy of Japan, Jamaica.

1987 Exchange of Notes between the Governments of Japan and Jamaica for the commencement of technical cooperation programme, implemented through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).


1991 North Coast Development Project - Objective: to develop and improve infrastructure such as water supply and sewerage, roads, drainage channels and ports with a focus on regions of Montego Bay, Ocho Rios, Negril and other major tourist resort spots - Executing Agencies: National Water Commission, National Works Agency and Port Authority of Jamaica.

1996-2001 Commencement by JICA of the Project for the Promotion of Sustainable Marine Fisheries Resource Utilization for the CARICOM Region held at the Caribbean Fisheries Training Development Institute, (CFTDI) in Trinidad and Tobago from April 1996 to March 2001. Several Fisheries Officers from Jamaica benefited from the region-focused training in Trinidad.

1997-2002 Commencement of a five-year Technical Cooperation Project between the Governments of Japan and Jamaica for the “Improvement of Technical and Vocational Education and Training”, implemented by the Ministry of Education (TVET Unit) - Jose Marti Technical High School in Jamaica for technical high schools throughout Jamaica.

1998 The JICA Alumni Association in Jamaica was established in March, 1998.

1998 Jamaica received the largest Grant-Aid from the Japanese Government with the construction of the Whitehouse Fishing Complex, in Westmoreland, through the Fisheries Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Jamaica - Project implemented by Gillings Gully Fishermen’s Cooperative and the Fisheries Division under the guidance of JICA Experts.


2001 July 1, 2001, Dispatch of the first batch of Senior Volunteers to Jamaica.

2002-2005 Commencement by JICA of a Three-Year Project to support Disaster Risk Management Programme in CARICOM states, implemented by CDERA in Barbados, benefiting Disaster Management personnel from several Caribbean islands including Jamaica.

**2003-2007** Commencement of the five-year Third Country Training Programme in Health entitled “Prevention and Control of Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases for CARICOM States” held in Jamaica annually.


**2003** October 1, 2003 JICA’s reform commenced.

**2004** In March 2004 under JICA’s Reform Plan “Human Security” is one of the three most important pillars of the Reform.

**2008** On October 1, 2008 JICA merged with the development assistance section of Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), making JICA the world’s largest bilateral development agency. The merger is a part of an overall restructuring of Japan’s ODA. Under the new JICA, Technical Assistance, Grant Aid and Yen Loans may now be accessed under the same umbrella.


**2007** Tenth (10th) Anniversary of the Japan International Cooperation Agency Alumni Association in Jamaica.

**2008** Twentieth Anniversary of the Dispatch of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers to Jamaica.

**2010** Project for the Maintenance of Water Supply at the National Water Commission ends.

**2011** Ex-Post Monitoring of Completed ODA Loan Project - North Coast Development Project.

**2012** November 22, 2012 Official Commencement of Pipelaying Work on the Portmore Pipeline Project (KMA Lot 2b) along Municipal Boulevard. The Portmore Pipeline Project is one component of the Kingston Metropolitan Area (KMA) Water Supply Improvement Project with the NWC.

**2013** Cultural Grant Aid for the University of the West Indies for the “Project for the Improvement of Japanese Language Learning Equipment at the University of the West Indies, Mona”. The Grant for the amount of Twenty Seven Million One Hundred Thousand Japanese Yen (27,000,000.00 Yen) is the second Cultural Grant, of which the UWI has been a Beneficiary. Donation of Sony equipment for the new Language Laboratory will benefit students from the entire CARICOM Region.

**2014** Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Dispatch of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) to Jamaica - JICA Jamaica Office.

**2014** Fiftieth Anniversary since the establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Jamaica and Japan - Embassy of Japan.

**2015** Visit of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, first Japanese Prime Minister to visit Jamaica in September, 2015.

**2015** Cultural Grant of 58,000,000 Japanese Yen extended to the Government of Jamaica from the Government of Japan for the “Project for Improvement and the Exhibition of Audio Visual equipment at the Institute of Jamaica, Ministry of Youth and Culture.

**2016** 50th Anniversary of the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers Worldwide

**2017** Signing of Grant Agreement for the Project “Improvement of the Emergency Communication System at ODPEM” on April 6, 2017 in Kingston, for JPY1,399,000,00 the largest Grant ever since the establishment of JICA in Jamaica

**2017** Signing of Record of Discussions for the “Project to Promote Energy Efficiency in Caribbean Countries” on April 12, 2017 in Kingston in the areas of Renewable Energy and the promotion of Energy Efficiency in Jamaica.
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