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## *Leading the World with Trust*



JICA Volunteers led by Resident Representative, Mr. TAKANO Takeshi, fifth right, second row, reported on their activities to Ms. Pauline Morrison, Director, Bilateral Unit, sixth left, second row, at the Planning Institute of Jamaica in September, 2019. Volunteers were accompanied by their Coordinator and Counterparts from the various Ministries, Departments and Agencies, to which they are assigned.

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JICA's President KITAOKA Shinichi greeted Prime Minister the Most Honourable Andrew Holness of Jamaica at JICA's Headquarters in Tokyo on December 13, 2019 before they held discussions on bilateral cooperation.



Ambassador Marcia Gilbert-Roberts, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, second left, and Ms. Shorna-Kay Richards, Director, Bilateral Relations Department, left, graciously accepted a Courtesy Call on June 4, 2019 at the Ministry from Mr. TAKANO Takeshi, centre, Resident Representative of JICA Jamaica. Mr. TAKANO was accompanied by Ms. Lorna Wallace, Senior Program Officer and Ms. NIKI Aoba, Project Formulation Advisor, JICA Jamaica.

# 1. JICA's VISION, MISSION and COOPERATION IN JAMAICA

## What is JICA?

Japan International Cooperation Agency, JICA, an incorporated administrative agency, in charge of administering Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA), is one of the world's largest bilateral cooperation agencies, supporting socioeconomic development in developing countries in different regions of the world.



## MISSION:

*JICA, in accordance with the Development Cooperation Charter, will work on human security and quality growth.*

## VISION:

*“Leading the World with Trust”*

*JICA, with its partners, will take the lead in forging bonds of trust across the world, aspiring for a free, peaceful and prosperous world where people can hope for a better future and explore their diverse potentials.*



## COOPERATION IN JAMAICA:

Although JICA established its office in Jamaica in July, 1989, JICA has since the 1970s been offering various modalities of cooperation in Jamaica for more than 40 years. These modalities, mentioned below, are implemented in accordance with the requests from our partner country:

- Dispatch of JICA Volunteers
- Dispatch of JICA Experts
- Technical Cooperation Projects
- ODA Loan Projects
- Acceptance of Training Participants in Japan for Technical Training through Knowledge Co-Creation Programme
- Emergency Disaster Relief
- Grant Aid Projects
- Technical Cooperation for Development Planning
- Follow-Up Cooperation

Source: JICA's Annual Report 2018



## 2. JICA's ACTION IN JAMAICA

### 1. COMMITMENT:

Commit ourselves with pride and passion to achieving our mission and vision.



JICA Volunteer, Mr. MASUTOMI Akira assigned to the Ministry of Education as Mathematics Specialist, supports the Calculation Time Project at Primary Schools.

### 2. GEMBA:

Dive into the field ("gemba") and work together with the people.



JICA Volunteers worked together with members of the JICA Alumni Association in Jamaica, JAAJ, on their Environmental Project on the Palisadoes Coastline in Kingston, on September 21, 2019 for International Coastal Clean-Up Day 2019 in collaboration with the Jamaica Environment Trust and other corporate partners.

## JICA's ACTION IN JAMAICA *cont'd*

### 3. STRATEGY:

Think and act strategically with broad and long-term perspective:



JICA Volunteer, Ms. FINNERUP Naoko made her presentation on the development of the Japanese Programme at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, at a Regional Conference held in El Salvador at which Japanese Language instruction in the region was discussed, during FY2018.

### 4. CO-CREATION:

Bring together diverse wisdom and resources.



Technology Transfer Seminar: Mr. Uton Tobin of the Jamaica Public Service, standing at the podium, a former JICA Training Participant, gave a presentation to his colleagues on “Power Grid Planning and Operation (A)” which he pursued at JICA Kansai, Japan during FY2019.



### 4. CO-CREATION:

Bring together diverse wisdom and resources.



Ms. Shorna Kay Richards, seated centre, of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, listened attentively to Mr. Uton Tobin's presentation, together with JICA's representatives, and colleagues from Ministries, Departments and Agencies at the Technology Transfer Seminar, held at the Courtleigh Hotel, on October 30, 2019.

### 5. INNOVATION:

Innovate to bring about unprecedented impact:



JICA Volunteer, Mr. KURIBAYASHI Chifuyu presented innovative ways to his colleagues on how to bring about transformation on their Information Technology Project during his term of assignment at the Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA), in Jamaica.

### 3. MESSAGE FROM THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE



It is with great pleasure that I deliver this message highlighting the mutually beneficial cooperation between the Government and people of Japan through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Government and people of Jamaica.

JICA continues to uphold its vision of “Leading the world with trust” in accordance with the initiatives and policies of the Japanese Government regarding Official Development Assistance (ODA).

JICA has been extending Japan’s ODA in Jamaica since the 1970’s, and has been strengthening its cooperation and effectively implementing projects in areas of Water Supply, Sewage System, Infrastructure, Fisheries, Health, Vocational Training undertaking cooperation modalities such as concessional ODA Loans, Grant Aid and Technical Cooperation (including training programmes offered in Japan).

JICA officially opened our office in Kingston, Jamaica in July 1989, and in the same year started the dispatch of members of the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCVs). Today we continue to dispatch volunteers in the areas of Environment, Disaster Risk Reduction, Education, Agriculture and other specializations.

Jamaica is heavily impacted by external factors such as the trading partner countries’ economic conditions and trends in international market prices for exporting commodities, and is susceptible to hurricanes and other natural disasters. In order to assist Jamaica in overcoming vulnerabilities particular to Small Island Developing States (SIDS), JICA’s support to Jamaica focuses on:

- 1) Environment and Disaster Risk Management, and
- 2) Disparity Reduction.

We at JICA Jamaica Office stand ready to continue to perform our work with the Government and People of Jamaica, building on the solid foundation of cooperation laid for some forty years.

**December 2019**  
**TAKANO Takeshi (Mr.)**  
**Resident Representative**  
**JICA Jamaica Office**



## 4. TECHNICAL COOPERATION: THE PROJECT TO PROMOTE ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES



**Attendees at the First Joint Coordinating Committee Meeting for the “Project to Promote Energy Efficiency in Caribbean Countries” on October 23, 2019 at the PCJ Auditorium in Kingston.**

A JICA Expert Team (JET) led by Mr. EBINA Masaaki, Power System, joined the first Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) Meeting/Kick-Off Workshop, which was held in the Auditorium at the Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica (PCJ), on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019 in Kingston, to discuss the “Project to Promote Energy Efficiency in Caribbean Countries”.

In attendance were Mr. Fitzroy Vidal, Principal Director of the Energy Division, in the Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology (MSET) and Mr. Horace Buckley, Director, Project Management at MSET, Mr. TAKANO Takeshi, Resident Representative of the Japan International Cooperation Agency, JICA, Mr. BUTSUEN Kunihiro, JICA's Project Formulation Advisor and other representatives from participating Ministries, Departments and Agencies as well as members of the Academia.

The main purpose, i.e. Agenda and Objectives of the first Joint Coordinating Committee Meeting were:

- To confirm the current situation and issues and present the results of the Baseline Survey conducted over the last six (6) months in the area of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency,
- To share the revised Project Design Matrices (PDM) and also to commence the Project Monitoring Report based on the revised PDM, and
- To share the overall objectives and goals of the project including the Outputs, Activities, Means of Verification, and Schedule.



## TECHNICAL COOPERATION: THE PROJECT TO PROMOTE ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES *cont'd*



Participants at the Workshop listened attentively to the presentation made at the PCJ Auditorium. The Workshop was held from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 on the “Project to Promote Energy Efficiency in Caribbean Countries”.

The revised Project Design Matrices (PDM) of the Technical Cooperation Project by JICA were unanimously agreed upon by all the stakeholders at the JCC Meeting in Kingston, which included members from MSET, PCJ, NESOL, BSJ, Wigton, UNDP, and academia, University of Technology and Caribbean Maritime University.

At the Workshop held from the 22<sup>nd</sup> October to the 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2019, Mr. Horace Buckley, Director, Project Management in the Energy Division of MSET, and Mr. Steve Dixon, Transmission and Distribution and Mr. Omar Stewart, Energy Resource Development and Economic Impact Analysis of the IRP Team, and other colleagues participated together with the following JICA Expert Team (JET) members:

- Mr. EBINA Masaaki, Sub Team Leader/Power System
- Mr. SAKAMOTO Yasuhiro, Energy Efficiency
- Ms. NAKAGAWA Yuka, Renewable Energy
- Mr. NIIMI Hiroaki, Grid Simulation
- Ms. MIYAURA Anna, Human Resource Development
- Mr. Kevin Douglas, Local Consultant

As a result of the meeting the revised PDM will reflect major changes from the original PDM. It should reflect “the introduction of demonstration of power network asset management system to be included in the training to enhance resiliency, which is one of the major concerns of CARICOM countries.”

It should also reflect that “the Micro-Grid concept Study in the selected area to investigate the optimized configuration in view of higher penetration of RE, Resiliency and affordability”.

The National Energy Policy is a commitment of the Jamaican Government through MSET to ensure that by 2030 Jamaica achieves: A modern, efficient, diversified and environmentally sustainable energy sector, providing affordable and accessible energy supplies with long-term energy security and supported by informed public behaviour on energy issues and an appropriate policy, regulatory and institutional framework. This Policy is in keeping with Jamaica’s long term plan to achieve developed country status by 2030, as articulated in Vision 2030 Jamaica’s National Development Plan.



## 5. JAPAN's COOPERATION WITH LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGION

As enunciated by Prime Minister ABE in his speech “Bringing infinite depth to Japan - Latin America and the Caribbean Cooperation”, during his first visit to the Region in September 2014, the guiding principles underpinning the relationship are:

- “Let us progress together.
- Let us work side-by-side to make this world a better place.
- Let us promote personal exchanges, so that we may cultivate a deep empathy, soul to soul, as the foundation for all”.

Three Pillars underpin “Japan’s CARICOM Policy” which was also announced by Prime Minister ABE at the First Japan-CARICOM Summit in 2014.

**First Pillar:** Cooperation towards sustainable development including overcoming vulnerabilities particular to Small Island Developing States, SIDS.

**Second Pillar:** Deepening and expanding fraternal bonds of cooperation and friendship.

**Third Pillar:** Cooperation in addressing challenges of the international community.

### Technical Cooperation Project to Promote Energy Efficiency in Caribbean Countries - Jamaica benefits.

Jamaica is among three Caribbean countries benefiting from the Japan International Cooperation Agency’s (JICA) implementation of a J\$348.9-million (JPY300-million/US\$2.7 million) grant-funded energy efficiency project in the region.

The three-year technical cooperation project supports the Jamaican Government’s efforts to boost the country’s renewable energy generation capacity while enhancing energy efficiency.

Similar support is also being provided to Barbados and St. Kitts and Nevis.

Source: Speech from 2014 on Prime Minister Abe’s Visit to the Region

## ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND EFFICIENCY PROGRAMME (EMEP)

The Government of Jamaica (GOJ) has embarked on several initiatives in order to diversify the energy matrix, ensuring curtailing of the island’s dependency on imported petroleum products, reducing its debt and thereby allow more fiscal space for productive spending.

Among these initiatives is the Energy Management and Efficiency Programme being implemented by the Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica, through financial support from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Japan International Cooperation Agency, (JICA) and a Grant from the European Union Caribbean Investment Facility.

This initiative provided JICA with the opportunity to launch its first dollar denominated loan in November 2017 and was

provided to the Government of Jamaica under the “Energy Management and Efficiency Programme” EMEP.

The Energy Management and Efficiency Programme has three components:

1. Retrofitting of Government of Jamaica’s Facilities
2. Implementation of Urban Traffic Management System in the Kingston Metropolitan Region
3. Support to the Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology with Jamaica’s Electricity and Energy Planning

Source: EMEP Monthly Progress Report by the Project Executing Unit

## 6a. LAUNCH OF THE RAE TOWN PLASTIC RECYCLING PILOT PROJECT



Resident Representative of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Mr. TAKANO Takeshi (left), in conversation with Project Manager, National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA), Mr. Edson Carr, while Mr. BUTSUEN Kunihiro, Project Formulation Advisor at JICA looks on. The Launch of the Rae Town Plastic Recycling Pilot Project took place on October 29, 2019 at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in Kingston. The project seeks to reduce the volume of waste entering the Kingston Harbour and provide income-generating opportunities for community members.

The **Launch of the Rae Town Plastic Recycling Pilot Project** was held at the Courtyard by Marriot Hotel in Kingston on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. This Pilot Project is actually Component Four of The Plastic Waste Minimization Project, being implemented by the National Environment and Planning Agency, (NEPA) and the National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA) .

The objective of the Rae Town Plastic Recycling Pilot Project is to reduce the Marine Litter produced from communities along the waterway, entering the Kingston Harbour. This project is also to embark on a social intervention aspect providing income-generating opportunities for residents, through the employment of some environmental wardens within the community of Rae Town. The task of the Environmental Wardens is to assist the NSWMA by promoting sound environmental practices through the 3Rs, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Photo: Donald De La Haye  
\* (Courtesy of the Jamaica Information Service)



## LAUNCH OF THE RAE TOWN PLASTIC RECYCLING PILOT PROJECT *cont'd*



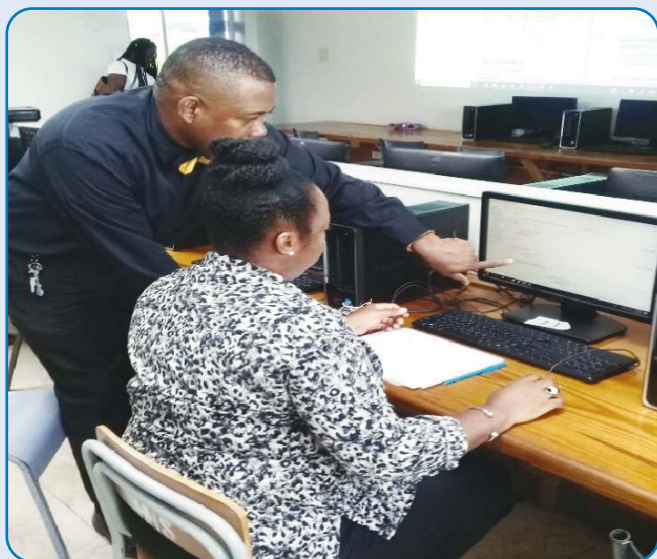
**Executive Director, of the National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA), Mr. Audley Gordon (left), in discussion with Mr. Ainsworth Carroll (from second left), Director, Planning, Projects Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Division, National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA); Ms. Gillian Guthrie, Project Steering Committee Chair, Plastic Waste Minimisation and Ms. Nataki Thompson, President of the Rae Town Community Development Committee, at the launch of the Rae Town Plastic Recycling Pilot Project on October 29, 2019 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Kingston.**

The Rae Town Plastic Recycling Pilot Project is Component Four of a larger project entitled “Plastic Waste Minimization Project” implemented by NEPA, for which funding is provided by the Government of Japan through the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) at a cost of US\$291,000. Spearheading Component Four of this project is Mr. Edson Carr, Project Manager of the NSWMA, who is currently a member of the JICA Alumni Association in Jamaica, the JAAJ. After successfully completing JICA's Young Leaders' Training Programme in Japan, entitled “Environmental Management” Course, Mr. Carr indicated that this project is similar in nature to his Action Plan, which was completed during his stay in Japan FY2018, with great hopes of implementing it in some communities in Jamaica. Several other members of the JAAJ are also integrally involved in the project. Some of these JAAJ members are providing technical support to the project, Mr. Garfield Murray, Senior Planning Officer and Ms. Stephney Duhaney Planning Officer, together with others from the Public Education Department of the NSWMA. In fact, JICA has for several years supported the training of Jamaicans in Japan to promote sound environmental practices.

Mr. Audley Gordon, Executive Director of the NSWMA expressed appreciation to the Japanese Government for the friendship, cooperation and investment, which have continued over the years in solid waste management and in training of Jamaicans in environmental management in Japan. Mr. TAKANO Takeshi, Resident Representative of JICA Jamaica commended NEPA and the NSWMA and other partners and stakeholders on the timely launch of the pilot project. He remarked that it is hoped that the Rae Town Plastic Recycling Pilot Project will be replicated and scaled up in other communities.

Photo: Donald De La Haye  
\* (Courtesy of the Jamaica Information Service)

## 6b. DIGITAL MEDIA PROJECT



Mr. Andrew Samuels, JICA Ex-Participant, assists Mrs. Gibson at the St. Hugh's High School for Girls, who participated in Staff Development in Online Learning Management and Digital Media as part of the school's SWAN Technology Training Programme, an eight-week intense course implemented during November 2019.

The **DIGITAL MEDIA PROJECT** is being implemented based on the **Action Plan** developed by former JICA Participant, Mr. Andrew Samuels, Information Technology Specialist, Trainer/Adjunct Lecturer, Officer - Research, Entrepreneurship, at the Mico University College School of Continuing Studies in the Ministry of Education. This Action Plan was first presented at the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Training in Sapporo, Hokkaido, as he pursued studies in the "Information Technology Engineering Training for Public Educational Institutions" during Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

At the Technology Transfer Seminar organized by JICA Alumni Association in Jamaica, which was held at the Courtleigh Hotel on October 30, 2019, Mr. Samuels made a presentation on this Project, which is being implemented in Jamaica for five years from 2014 to 2019. He indicated that Implementation of Digital Media and Animation and Game Design Programme in Jamaica was supported by online learning E-Education from 2014 to the present. Some participating schools are Jamaica College, Lister-Mair/Gilby High School for Deaf, Clan Carthy High, St. Hugh's, Tarrant High, Wolmers Boys, and Mico.

At the Seminar, Mr. Samuels pointed out the core problem, which is the lack of (*effective*) use of Web Integration and e-Learning Management tools for instructional teaching and

records management. The causes stemmed from poor application of ICT skills acquired to higher ICT application of technology for instructional teaching and records management. In a wide ranging presentation Mr. Samuels presented his overall goal, project purpose, outputs and applicable knowledge. He also indicated after nearly five years of training, the results should show:

1. **Improved** understanding of use of ICT applications to delivery of the curricula in the Secondary Schools in Jamaica.
2. **Increased** number of Trainers within the 6 Regions of the Ministry of Education
3. **Increased** Cluster familiarization and partnership amongst schools in particular geographical areas.
4. **Promoting** the sharing of materials developed using e-Learning amongst schools
5. **Increased** use of Learning Management Systems by students and teachers.
6. **Better performance** of students in learning and teachers in delivering or subject facilitation.
7. **Increased** use of e-Learning tools to drive the demand for a better organization



Mr. Andrew Samuels, JICA Ex-Participant, made a presentation to some 120 students at Jamaica College on CXC CAPE Digital Media based on best practices and training which Mr. Samuels received in Japan in "Information Technology Engineering" during 2012/13.



## 7. JICA VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

### Developing the Japanese Programme at UWI

Dr. FINNERUP Naoko - JICA Volunteer



**Students from the Japan Club at the University of the West Indies during April 2018, performing a Japanese dance as they are exposed to Japanese Culture by the JICA Volunteers assigned to the Mona Campus.**

Since 1996, when the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures of the University of the West Indies at Mona (hereinafter UWI) launched the Japanese Programme, dispatching the first JICA volunteer, the programme has been offering the most comprehensive and rigorous Japanese curriculum in the Caribbean, which allows students to minor in Japanese. As the 16<sup>th</sup> JICA Volunteer in this programme, I have been committed to developing and expanding the programme to boost students' confidence to communicate in a variety of real-life situations in Japanese, as the Department's mission statement declares.

Conforming to the above mission, I introduced "Easy Japanese News Listening Class", selecting the talk of the town, such as Naomi Osaka's US Open victory, rewriting the news script in simple, clear Japanese, recording the rewritten Easy News and listening to it in class, along with the original news. This class encourages students to better understand people and culture in Japan through practical Japanese, which would also enrich students' range of topics for conversation with Japanese people living in Jamaica. With generous support from the Japan Foundation, the backbone of the Japanese teaching abroad, I was able to make a presentation on the Easy Japanese News Listening Class at UWI at a seminar held in El Salvador in February 2019.

Outside the class, students are exposed to Japanese culture to practice their Japanese in a variety of events. One of them, the Japanese Speech Contest, was held in June 2018. The speech topic was: "Myself in 10 Years."

The 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner, Calvin, stole the hearts of the judges and audience with his speech on the plans of his school where students will learn to make products in Jamaica in order to buy Jamaican and receive true freedom from slavery.

Although Calvin's exam schedule forced him to decline an invitation to the Central American and Caribbean Japanese Language Speech Contest, the Japan Foundation subsidized our speech contest's 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winner, Adrienne's participation to the aforementioned Speech Contest held in the Dominican Republic in October 2018. Adrienne talked about balancing her passion for fantasy writing and research in psychology, much to the audience's delight.

Our students also had an opportunity to assist a Japanese professor in her research project funded by a grant-in-aid for scientific research (Kakenhi). They disseminated 800 questionnaires on university campuses, in Emancipation Park and Sovereign Center etc., collected data and entered the data in Excel within one week to the professor's pleasant surprise!

After studying Japanese language and culture, as well as business etiquette in the Japanese programme, some students have built a career around Japan's long-standing social and economic importance worldwide. For example, through the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) programme, four students, who graduated with a minor in Japanese last year, currently teach English in Japan, while immersing themselves in the Japanese culture and people.

Above are only some of the examples of my roles in facilitating students' success.





JICA Volunteer, Mr. TAKAMA Okuto specialist in Fisheries Development, assigned to the UWI Discovery Bay Marine Laboratory is conducting research.



Mr. TADA Takayoshi, Mathematics Instructor, assigned to the Core Curriculum Unit in the Ministry of Education doing Calculation Time with Primary School students.



Ms. HOSAKA Mao, Environmental Educator, at the Jamaica 4-H Club with colleague as they undertook a project gathering plastic bottles for recycling.



Ms. NAKATA Misaki, Volunteer assigned to the Bureau of Gender Affairs Pinned a purple ribbon on the Most Honourable Andrew Holness, Prime Minister of Jamaica, in Commemoration of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2019.

## 8. JICA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IN JAMAICA



**The Executive Board Members of the JICA Alumni Association in Jamaica paid a Courtesy call on the Japanese Ambassador, His Excellency YAMAZAKI Hiromasa.**

The JICA Alumni Association in Jamaica, JAAJ, is comprised of former participants of JICA's Knowledge Co-Creation Training Programme in Japan. The JAAJ was established in March, 1989 with support from the Embassy of Japan and the JICA Jamaica Office. On March 9, 2019 the JAAJ held its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting at the Knutsford Court in New Kingston. An Executive Board was elected, chaired by Mr. Lenroy James, President. The JAAJ is one of the most vibrant JICA Alumni Associations in our CARICOM region. During its 21<sup>st</sup> year, activities undertaken by the members of the JAAJ with support from JICA's Follow-Up Cooperation, include:

- An Annual General Meeting
- A Summer Programme including Japanese Culture for students at the Institute of Jamaica
- Technology Transfer Seminars
- Environmental Projects - International Coastal Clean Up Day activities at the Palisadoes Coastline in Kingston and Tree Planting at schools in Kingston
- Culture Festival - celebrating Japanese and Jamaican Culture
- Participation in the Federation of Ex-Participation for JICA's Training Programme of the Caribbean (FECCEBEJA) Regional Meeting



## 8a. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER WORKSHOP

The Courtleigh Hotel, New Kingston  
30<sup>th</sup> October, 2019



**Mr. Lenroy James, President of the JICA Alumni Association in Jamaica, at podium, warmly welcomed Ms. Shorna-Kay Richards, Director of the Bilateral Relations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade and Mr. TAKANO Takeshi, Resident Representative of JICA Jamaica who brought greetings during the Opening Ceremony of the Seminar held on October 30, 2019 at the Courtleigh Hotel in New Kingston.**

A Technology Transfer Seminar was held at the Courtleigh Hotel in New Kingston on the 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. The Seminar was organized and implemented by the JICA Alumni Association in Jamaica, JAAJ. The Master of Ceremonies was Mr. Lenroy James, President of the JICA Alumni Association in Jamaica, JAAJ.

In attendance were Ms. Shorna-Kay Richards, Director, Bilateral Relations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade; Ms. Pauline Morrison, Director, Bilateral Unit, External Cooperation Management Division, The Planning Institute of Jamaica; Mrs. Donnette Carter, Senior Director, Scholarships & Assistance Unit and members of the Strategic Human Resource Management Division, Ministry of Finance and the Public Service; and other stakeholders and Members of the JAAJ.

Representatives of the Japan International Cooperation Agency included Mr. TAKANO Takeshi, Resident Representative, Mr. BUTSUEN Kunihiro, Project Formulating Advisor and Ms. OCHIAI FABRY Sachiko as well as JICA Volunteers and National Staff.

Greetings and remarks were brought by representatives of the Ministries, Departments and Agencies and former participants presented their Action Plans and Progress Reports at the Seminar.



## TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER WORKSHOP *cont'd*

The purpose of the Seminar was for participants of JICA's Knowledge Co-Creation Programme in Japan to update representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, the Planning Institute of Jamaica and the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service on the knowledge and skills acquired in Japan as the former participants presented their Action Plans.



JICA Alumni Executive Board Members paid a courtesy call on Mr. TAKANO Takeshi, Resident Representative, JICA Jamaica Office before the start of The Technology Transfer Seminar.



Mr. Uton Tobin, Standard Engineer Specialist of the Jamaica Public Service Company Limited, made a presentation to his colleagues on "Power Grid Planning and Operation" Training Programme in Japan during 2019.

Mrs. Yvette Gray Pinnock, Administrative Assistant and Ms. Donasha Biggs of the Public Relations Department at the NSWMA, gave a joint presentation of their training “Sustainable Solid Waste Management in Island Areas” at the Technology Transfer Seminar held at the Courtleigh Hotel in Kingston on October 30, 2019.



Mr. Jumaane Robinson, Urban Planner at the St. Thomas Municipal Corporation was introduced by Mrs. Marilyn McKoy at the Seminar. Mr. Robinson participated in “Disaster Risk Reduction of Buildings, (against Earthquake, Tsunami and Fire)” in Tokyo during 2019.



Mr. Dwight Lewis, Head of Section, HEART Trust/NTA, National Tools Engineering, was introduced by Mrs. Marilyn McKoy, Vice-President of the JAAJ. Mr. Lewis made an interesting presentation on his training in Japan, “Promotion of Energy Efficiency and Conservation” to his colleagues at the Seminar. Mr. Lewis was hosted by JICA Kyushu and Kitakyushi International Techno-Cooperative Association In Fukuoka, Japan during 2019.





## 9. KNOWLEDGE CO-CREATION PROGRAMME (KCCP)

### JICA's Technical Training Programme in Japan

JICA's Knowledge Co-Creation Programme, KCCP, has been one of the major activities of JICA's Technical Cooperation Program in Jamaica. JICA has been accepting Jamaicans for participation in the training programme in Japan since the 1970s. During FY2019 officers and technical personnel from the various Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Government of Jamaica have seized this opportunity for human resource development. Upon their return to Jamaica,

these former participants normally share their Action Plans with their colleagues, transferring the technology and skills acquired in Japan to their peers. Some former participants have used their Action Plans as the basis for their project proposal and they have also received JICA's Follow-Up Cooperation to implement their projects. Below are some participants who participated in JICA's training programmes during FY2019:

#### “Fire Management and Disaster Risk Reduction Training in Japan”



Mr. De Yen Smith, Sergeant, Fire Prevention Officer/Public Relations Department of the Jamaica Fire Brigade's Trelawny Division, Falmouth Fire Station, shown pursuing “Fire Management and Disaster Risk Reduction” Training in Japan during FY2019.





Mr. De Yen Smith, extreme left, JICA KCCP participant from Jamaica, seen during training exercises comprising drills, fire fighting techniques and fire and disaster prevention activities in September, 2019. Mr. Smith intends to transfer knowledge and skills acquired in Japan to his colleagues in the Jamaica Fire Brigade.

Jamaican Participant, Mr. De Yen Smith, at the podium had the honour of delivering the Valedictory Speech at the Graduation Ceremony in Japan. Training was implemented at the Fire Training Center, Fire and Disaster Management Department in Kitakyushu-City, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan.



Mr. WATANABE Katsuhiro, Counsellor, Fire and Disaster Management Agency, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication, Japan presented Mr. De Yen Smith of Jamaica with his Graduation Certificate. Mr. Smith has expressed an interest in requesting Follow-Up Cooperation for his programme in the Trelawny Division.

**“Sustainable Solid Waste Management in Island Areas”**



Ms. Donasha Biggs, fourth from right and Mrs. Yvette Gray Pinnock, third from left, participants from the National Solid Waste Management Authority, Jamaica, with their tutors and colleagues on KCCP “Sustainable Solid Waste Management in Island Areas”, in Okinawa, Japan during FY2019.



Jamaican Culture on display as participants from Jamaica celebrated their National Day at Okinawa International Centre in Japan. It was an adventure to Jamaica presented by Ms. Donasha Biggs and Mrs. Yvette Gray Pinnock of the NSWMA. Both participants later presented their Country Reports on “Solid Waste Management in Jamaica” to their colleagues at Okinawa.





## 10. CHRONOLOGY OF JAPAN/JAMAICA/CARICOM RELATIONS

**1964** Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Japan and Jamaica.

**1973** Establishment of CARICOM: Caribbean Community and Common Market (Treaty of Chaguaramas).

**1974** Establishment of the Japan International Cooperation Agency in Japan.

**1977** Acceptance of Jamaican Training Participants for JICA's Technical Training Programme in Japan through Embassy of Japan in Kingston.

**1987** Exchange of Notes between the Governments of Japan and Jamaica for **commencement of Dispatch of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV)** through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

**1989** Dispatch of the first batch of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers to Jamaica in the fields of Education, Health and Agriculture in July, 1989.

**1991 Commencement of ODA Loan Project - "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 tourist resort areas of Montego Bay, Negril and Ocho Rios. (Executing Agencies were the National Water Commission, National Works Agency and Port Authority of Jamaica).

**1996-2001 Commencement of the Project for the Promotion of Sustainable Marine Fisheries Resource Utilization for CARICOM Region** held at the CFTDI in Trinidad and Tobago. Several Fisheries Officers from Jamaica benefited from this region-focused training.

**1997-2002 Five-Year Technical Cooperation "Project for the Improvement of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)"** implemented by the Ministry of Education at the Jose Marti Technical High School, benefiting all technical high schools throughout Jamaica.

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

**1998** Jamaica received **one of the largest Grant Aid in the area of Fisheries Development**, from the Japanese Government and with the dispatch of JICA Experts the construction of the

Whitehouse Fishing Complex in Westmoreland through the Fisheries Division in the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries - implemented by the Gillings Gully Fishermen's Cooperative.

**1998-2002 Five-Year Technical Cooperation in Health "Strengthening of Health Care in the Southern Region of Jamaica"** for the Prevention and Control of Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases.

**2000 Japan/CARICOM Ministerial Meeting** in Tokyo - New Framework of Cooperation for the CARICOM Region

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

**2002-2005 Three-Year Project to support Disaster Risk Management in CARICOM states**, implemented by Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency, CDEMA, in Barbados, benefiting several participants from CARICOM member states.

**2002** Commencement of the ODA Loan Project entitled **"The Kingston Metropolitan Area (KMA) Water Supply Project"** with the Ministry of Water, Land Environment & Climate Change/National Water Commission.

**2003-2007 Commencement of the Five-Year Third Country Training Program in Health - "Prevention and Control of Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases for CARICOM States"** held annually in Jamaica with participants from Caribbean Countries.

**2003** Japanese Government renewed its **ODA Charter**.

**2004** In March 2004, **"Human Security"** became one of the three most important Pillars of JICA's Reform Plan.

**2007 Commencement of the Technical Cooperation Project - "Capacity Building for Water Maintenance Project"** implemented at the National Water Commission.

**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 was part of an overall restructuring of Japan's ODA. **Under the New JICA, Technical Assistance, Grant Aid and ODA Loans may now be accessed under the same umbrella.**

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

**2008** Tenth Anniversary of the JICA Alumni Association in Jamaica.

**2011** Ex-Post Monitoring of completed ODA Loan Project was conducted on **North Coast Development Project**.

**2012** November 22, 2012 - Official commencement of Pipe Laying Works on the Portmore Pipeline Project (Kingston Metropolitan Area Lot 2b) and along Municipal Boulevard. This is a component of the ODA Loan Project of the KMA Water Supply Project at the National Water Commission.

**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.” The Grant amounted to Twenty Seven Million One Hundred thousand Japanese Yen. The UWI was the beneficiary of donation of equipment for a new Language Laboratory “Nippon Room” at the Mona Campus and students from the CARICOM Region benefit.

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

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

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

**2015** Cultural Grant of Fifty Eight Million Japanese Yen extended to the Government of Jamaica for the “Project for the Improvement and Exhibition of Audio Visual Equipment at the Institute of Jamaica”, Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport.

**2016** Fiftieth Anniversary of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers, JOCV, worldwide.

**2017** Signing of Grant Agreement for the “Project for the Improvement of the Emergency Communication System at ODPEM” on April 6, 2017 in Kingston. A total cost of this Project is One billion Three Hundred and Ninety Nine Million Japanese Yen, and it was the largest Grant ever donated to the Government of Jamaica since the

establishment of JICA Jamaica Office.

**2017** Signing of the Record of Discussions (R/D) for the Technical Cooperation “**Project to Promote Energy Efficiency in Caribbean Countries**” on April 12, 2017 in Kingston in the area of Renewable Energy and the Promotion of Energy Efficiency in Jamaica and two other Caribbean countries.

**2017** 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Signing of Exchange of Notes for the Dispatch of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers, JOCV to Jamaica.

**2017** Introduction of JICA's First ever US Dollar-Denominated Loan. This US Dollar-denominated loan was provided to Jamaica under the “**Energy Management and Efficiency Program**”. JICA introduced Japanese ODA Loan with Currency Conversion Option, enabling the repayment of ODA Loans in US dollars.

**2018** 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the JICA Alumni Association in Jamaica, JAAJ.

**2018** Participation of One Jamaican Lecturer from the Caribbean Maritime University in the Program entitled “**Japan Expert Development for Future Leaders in Latin America and the Caribbean**” to study Marine Engineering at the Doctor's Degree Level for three years in Japan.

**2019** First Joint Coordinating Committee Meeting of the “Project to Promote Energy Efficiency in Caribbean Countries” was held in Kingston from October 22 to October 25, 2019.

**2019** Prime Minister of Jamaica, the Most Honourable Andrew Holness, ON, MP paid an official working visit to Japan from December 11 to December 13, 2019.



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