

JICA JAMAICA PROFILE

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HISTORY OF JICA JAMAICA



2021
[Data Collection Survey] "Cooperation for Development with Post-COVID-19 Society in Central American and the Caribbean Region" [Information Collection and Confirmation Survey] "Development Needs and Potentials for the Introduction of Hydrogen Technology and Value Chain in Latin America"



2020
[Data Collection Survey] "North and Latin America Data Collection Survey on Marine Plastic Litter in the Caribbean Region" KCCP facilitated short-term online courses-seven training sessions for Jamaica and one for the Bahamas [KCCP]

2019
[Technical Cooperation] (ON-GOING) Commencement of "The Project to Promote Energy Efficiency in Caribbean Countries" to improve energy security through the introduction of renewable energy and promotion of energy efficiency. Period: 2019 - 2023
Prime Minister of Jamaica, the Most Honourable Andrew Holness, ON, MP, paid an official working visit to Japan and met with JICA's President Dr. KITAOKA Shinichi.



1998
[Technical Cooperation] Commencement of "Strengthening of Health Care in the South Region of Jamaica" to prevent and control chronic non-communicable diseases. Period: 1998 - 2003
JICA Alumni Association of Jamaica (JAAJ) voluntarily established by former participants of JICA's training programme.

1997
[Technical Cooperation] Commencement of "The Improvement of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TIVET)". Period: 1997 - 2002



1991
[ODA Loan] Commencement of "North Coast Development Project" to improve sewerage, roads, ports and drains. Amt: 8.6 Billion Yen



1989

Establishment of JICA Jamaica Office in Kingston. The first three JICA volunteers arrived in Jamaica under the JOCV Programme.

1988

[ODA Loan] Commencement of "Montego Bay Water Supply (Great River) Project". Amt: 4.7 Billion Yen

1987

Exchange of Notes between the governments of Jamaica and Japan for dispatch of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV)



1984

[ODA Loan] Commencement of "Blue Mountain Coffee Development Project". Amt: 5.9 Billion Yen



2002
[ODA Loan] Commencement of "The Kingston Metropolitan Area (KMA) Water Supply Project". Amt: 6.6 Billion Yen

2004

"Human Security" became one of the three important pillars of JICA's reform plan



2015

[Cultural Grant] "The Project for the Improvement of the Exhibition and Audiovisual Equipment of the Institute of Jamaica". Amt: 58 Million Yen
Visit of then Prime Minister ABE Shinzo, first Japanese Prime Minister to visit Jamaica.



2013

[Cultural Grant] "The Project for the Improvement of Japanese Language Learning Equipment of the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus". Amt: 27 Million Yen



2008

JICA merged with the development assistance section of Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) making JICA then the world's largest bilateral development agency.

1974

Establishment of the Japan International Cooperation Agency in Japan.



1964

Establishment of diplomatic relations between Jamaica and Japan.



What's New?

JICA Volunteers

JICA volunteers are returning

Re-assigned Japanese Language Instructor, marks the return of the Japan International Cooperation's (JICA) Volunteer Program in Jamaica. On Monday, November 28, 2022, Ms. Mikiko TAKEDA officially resumed duties at the University of the West Indies, Mona campus following a two-week re-orientation to the island. More volunteers are coming in 2023.



KCCP

Knowledge Co-Creation Programme

JICA's Knowledge Co-Creation Programme (KCCP) is an initiative which emphasizes mutual learning between Japan and other countries. KCCP is offered primarily to government employees who travel to Japan to interact with the people and systems related to their area of study. Since COVID-19 pandemic, the learning sessions were held online. Face-to-face sessions will resume and the participants will have opportunities to visit Japan to join the courses.



An online session participant during COVID-19

Projects

Based on Country the Development Cooperation Policy for Jamaica, JICA Jamaica implements various types of project such as;

- 1) Co-finance Loan Project with IDB,
- 2) Technical Cooperation Project,
- 3) Grant Project, etc.

Japan's Development Cooperation Charter stipulates that, with respect to small island countries and others that are faced with special vulnerabilities despite having attained a certain level of per capita income, Japan will extend necessary cooperation to countries based on their actual development needs and affordability.



"Marine Plastic Litter project" site visit

Advisors for Marine Plastic Litter management observe Jamaica's attempts to prevent plastic waste from leaking into the bay. [April, 2022]

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As one of the world's largest bilateral cooperation organizations, the Japan International Cooperation Agency(JICA) is an incorporated administrative agency of the Japanese Government with a network of 96 overseas offices and projects in more than 150 countries including Jamaica. JICA uses an array of development assistance schemes to support the partner country's socioeconomic development, such as;

- Technical Cooperation
- Official Development Assistance Grants
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Official Development Assistance Loans
- Dispatch of Japanese Volunteers
- Emergency Disaster Relief

465

Volunteers and Counting



Since the first JICA volunteers arrived in Jamaica in 1989, the island has benefitted from the expertise of 465 Japanese nationals who shared and continue to share their expertise in fields ranging from Environmental Education to Engineering.

SGDs Global Leader

Through the SDGs Global Leader programme, JICA aims to foster junior/mid-level government officials, academicians and leading human resources in various fields who are capable of influencing policymaking in their countries or contributing to socioeconomic development in the near future, by providing a Master's / Doctoral program in universities in Japan. Three SDGs Global Leader Scholarship recipients returned to Jamaica after completing their study in Japan in 2022.

<Scholarship recipients from Jamaica>

University in Japan	Field of study	Period		PhD/Master
Tokyo Marine Univ.	Marine Environmental Studies	2019 to 2022	3 years	PhD
Naruto Educational Univ.	Education	2020 to 2022	2 years	Master
Hitotsubashi Univ.	Economy	2020 to 2022	2 years	Master
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific Univ.	Major of International Cooperation Policy	2022 to 2023	1.5 years	Master
Sophia Univ.	Environment	2022 to 2024	2 years	Master

Scholarship recipient from Jamaica
(Mr. Thomas RENNIQUE)

