



# “Juntos!! Exchange Program for Latin America and the Caribbean to Promote Understanding of Japan” CARICOM Young Diplomats & Executive Officers Group

## 1. Program Outline

As part of “Juntos!! Exchange Program for Latin America and the Caribbean to Promote Understanding of Japan” supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, eleven young diplomats and executive officers from member countries of CARICOM (Caribbean Community) visited Japan from Sunday, January 26 to Monday, February 3, 2020. They participated in programs for the purpose of promoting understanding of Japan including its politics, economy, culture, history, and so on. In addition, each member reported his/her interests and experiences through SNS with the aim of strengthening the foundation for mutual understanding and trust between Japan and CARICOM, and in the debriefing session held at the end of the program, they presented in groups action plans based on their experiences in Japan to be implemented after arriving home.

[Participating countries and number of participants]

A total of eleven participants from Antigua and Barbuda, Bahama, Belize, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Surinam, Trinidad and Tobago.

[Places of Visit]

Tokyo, Kanagawa, Hiroshima, Osaka, Nara, Kyoto

## 2. Schedule

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| Sunday, January 26 | Arrival in Japan at Haneda Airport  |
| Monday, January 27 | Orientation upon arrival in Japan<br>Orientation by MOFA [Japan-CARICOM Relations]<br>Briefing by MOFA about foreign policies of Japan, etc.<br>Reception hosted by the Director-General, Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau of MOFA |

Tuesday, January 28      Courtesy visit to Ms. Asako Omi, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Briefing by MOFA about foreign policies of Japan, etc.  
Visit to Yokohama City Wing Power Plant (Hama Wing)

Wednesday, January 29      Visit to Akasaka Palace, State Guest House  
Sophia University Briefing  
JICA Briefing

Thursday, January 30      Travel to Hiroshima  
Visit to Peace Memorial Park  
Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum  
Testimony by an atomic bomb survivor

Friday, January 31      Travel to Osaka  
Briefing by the Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition [about Osaka-Expo]  
Travel to Nara  
Visit to Heijo Palace (Imperial Palace) Ruins  
Travel to Kyoto  
Visit to Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University

Saturday, February 1      Visit to Ryuan-ji Temple  
Visit to Rokuon-ji Temple  
Back to Tokyo

Sunday, February 2      Visit to Japan Olympic Museum  
Visit to Meiji Shrine

Monday, February 3      Workshop and Debriefing Session  
Departure from Narita Airport

### 3. Photographic Record of the Program

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| <p>Monday, January 27<br/>Orientation</p>   | <p>Monday, January 27<br/>MOFA Orientation</p>  |
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| <p>Monday, January 27<br/>MOFA Briefing</p>   | <p>Monday, January 27<br/>Reception hosted by Director-General, Latin<br/>American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau of MOFA</p> |
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(Hama Wing)



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Visit to State Guest House, Akasaka Palace



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Monday, February 3  
Debriefing Session

#### 4. Feedback from the Participants

I could expand my understanding of Japan through the experiences in Japanese culture, tradition, and technical innovations by participating in this program. I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of it. When I go back home, I would like to communicate the experience to my colleagues, and at the same time spread the information extensively to

people I know through SNS.

I couldn't help but be amazed by the diligence of Japanese people and their efforts to run things on time. Also, the beautiful townscape was very impressive to me. Comparing with my home country, I have found many great aspects of Japan. I would love to visit Japan again.

## 5. Feedback from the Hosting Side

Staff member of Yokohama City Wing Power Plant (Hama Wing)

The participants listened to the presentation with great interest. They made me realize that it was necessary to explain in more creative ways. It was a new discovery. They asked many questions, and it was nice to have active exchange of opinions.



Staff member of State Guest House, Akasaka Palace

They showed a great interest during the visit. I was not sure how much they understand the flow of history, and had some difficulty in explaining it. But they eagerly asked many questions, and I think they deepened understandings of Japanese protocol and reception

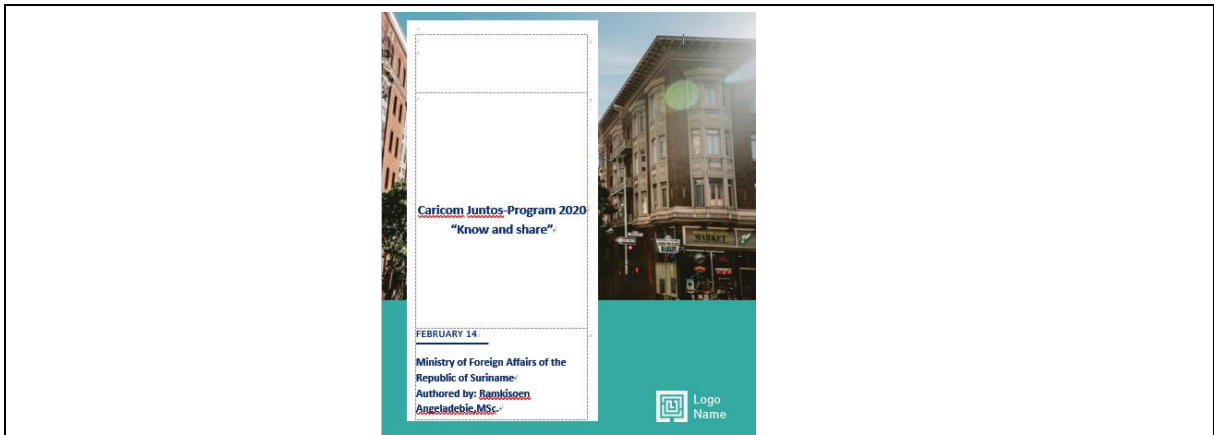
Staff member of Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University

It was good that many participants could have a chance to try the water flowing staircase and flooded door. There are also natural disasters such as floods in the Caribbean countries, and I hope they will take advantage of these experiences and technologies of Japan.

## 6. Outward Transmissions byParticipants

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|  <p>Shanika CampbellさんはHiroshima Peace Memorial Museumにいます。</p> <p>1月31日 11:33 東京都 米子市</p> <p>On August 6, 1945 at around 8:15am, during World War II (1939-45), an American B-29 bomber dropped the world's first deployed atomic bomb over the Japanese city of Hiroshima. The explosion wiped out 90 percent of the city and immediately killed 80,000 people; tens of thousands more would later die of radiation exposure. Three days later, a second B-29 dropped another A-bomb on Nagasaki, killing an estimated 40,000 people.</p> <p>Previous U.S. President Barack Obama paid a tribute to the atomic bombing victims, reaffirmed the U.S.-Japan security alliance and friendship between both nations and called for the elimination of nuclear weapons in a historic and emotional visit to Hiroshima.</p> <p>#japanesehistory #advocateforworldpeace #juntos</p> |  <p>Kristie Anessa RusseleさんはTarran SimmsさんとHiroshima Peace Memorial Parkにいます。</p> <p>1月31日 7:12 広島市</p> <p>I've heard stories, read articles and watched documentaries but it was nothing compared to what I experienced here in Hiroshima, Japan. A somber afternoon as I toured the Peace Memorial Park and Museum. "War is hell. It doesn't matter who started or who ended it or if the acts were justified or not. The fact is ... war costs everyone." - Unknown</p> <p>Let All The Souls Here Rest In Peace<br/>For We Shall Not Repeat The Same Evil</p> <p>#WorldPeace<br/>#TheWorldRemembers<br/>#Bahamas<br/>#Japan<br/>#CaribbeanDiplomat<br/>#BahamianDiplomat<br/>#CARICOMJapanRelations<br/>#Juntos2020<br/>#JapanTourismBureau<br/>#JTB</p> |
| <p>Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum</p> <p>Excerpt from a participant's FACEBOOK</p>   | <p>Peace Memorial Park</p> <p>Excerpt from a participant's FACEBOOK</p>  |

## 7. Action Plan to be implemented upon returning home



### [Action Plan: Excerpts]

- Debriefing session will be held by April, 2020 in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in my country.
- I will post information to promote understanding of Japan on SNS by April, 2020.
- I will communicate my experiences in Japan to my family and friends when I returned home.