

**Ambassador Nakano Hosts Reception in Commemoration of the 15th Anniversary of
Jamaican Japan Exchange & Teaching Programme Alumni Association (JJETAA) in
Collaboration with JJETAA**

On the evening of Friday, September 1, 2017, Ambassador Nakano hosted a reception as part of the commemorative activities to mark the 15th Anniversary of JJETAA. This milestone achievement would not have been possible without the wholehearted commitment of the JJETAA members, and the indelible impact of Japan on their lives.

Since the inception of the Association in 2002 in Jamaica, the JET Alumni have worked hard to enhance cultural bonds between Japan and Jamaica by school visits, exhibitions, assisting the Embassy to execute cultural events and engage in the annual recruitment process of the new JETs who depart for Japan each year.

The evening was a very delightful one, and saw personalities such as Mrs. Florence Blackwood, Senior Director, Sports Monitoring & Development representing the Hon. Oliver Grange, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sports, Ambassador Elinor Felix, Chief of State Protocol at the Office of Prime Minister, Ambassador Claudia Barnes, Former Ambassador of Jamaica to Japan, universities, colleges, media and other support groups in attendance.



Greetings by Ambassador Nakano



Speech by Ms. Jarrett, President of JJETAA



(left) Mrs. Blackwood brings remarks on behalf of the Hon. Minister Grange, Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sports



(right) Ambassador Barnes, Former Ambassador of Jamaica to Japan proposes a toast



Guests in attendance



Group photo of JJETAA members



Part of the exhibition area



Musical performance by Mr. Gordon, JJETAA



(left) Presentation of special awards

(from left at the center) Mrs. Blackwood, Ambassador Nakano, Ms. Jarrett and recipients of special awards around them