

Summer Chiru

On Saturday, July 30, 2016, the Embassy of Japan and JA Cosplayaz co-hosted Japanese culture event, “Summer Chiru (Japanese spelling of “chill”)” at UWI Mona Visitors’ Lodge and Conference Centre. Embassy of Japan and JA Cosplayaz have been hosting an event, “Animation” since 2010 except last year. “Summer Chiru” was a somewhat smaller but more intimate version of the festival, where patrons could experience various aspects of Japanese culture.

Cosplay contest being a main programme as usual, the venue was livened up different programmes including video game tournament, karaoke, band performance, gymnastics demonstration, etc. Some of the patrons exhibited their passion for anime, game, and more generally Japanese culture. Other participants were excited to see their collections. Embassy of Japan, in cooperation with JICA volunteers and other Japanese residents, offered a roleplaying game with a familiar idea to many patrons using Japanese *Origami* (folding paper), *Kanji* (one of the Japanese writing systems), *Wanage* (ringtoss) and *Kendama* (cup & ball game). They experienced Japanese culture through this fun game.



(left) Ambassador Nakano, Mrs. Nakano and Cosplayers
(right) Kanji Challenge



Origami Challenge



Video game tournament



Gymnastics Demonstration



Karaoke with friends



(left) Singing by the Embassy team and Resident Representative of JICA Jamaica Office
(right) Winner of Cosplay Contest

