

Jamaican Scouts Discover Japan 2016

On Monday, July 18, 2016, the Embassy of Japan and the Scouts Association of Jamaica co-hosted “the Jamaican Scouts Discover Japan 2016” at the Scouts Association of Jamaica headquarters in Kingston. This event followed the first “Jamaican Scouts Discover Japan” held last year. This year, the event coincided with the visit of Mr. Shinji Hirai, Governor of Tottori, Japan and his delegation to Jamaica, and they exhibited culture of Tottori at the event.

A 2012 Karate (Kata) World Champion, Ms. Rika Usami came from Tottori and performed her world-level kata. Other staff from Tottori appeared on the stage in Samurai Armor made of paper and also performed their traditional dance, Shan Shan Umbrella Dance. On the other hand, the scouts represented Jamaican culture by drumming, playing drama and offering homemade sweets and fruit. Visitors also enjoyed gymnastics demonstration, Japanese dance, yukata dressing demonstration, etc, as well as experienced Japanese culture including *Origami* (folding paper), *Wanage* (Ringtoss) and Japanese calligraphy.



(left) Remarks by Mr. John Leiba, Chairman of the Scout Association of Jamaica



(right) Remarks by Mr. Masanori Nakano, Ambassador of Japan to Jamaica



Remarks by Mr. Shinji Hirai, Governor of Tottori Prefecture, Japan



Origami (folding paper)



Japanese Calligraphy



Panel Exhibition of Tottori



Samurai Armor



Shan-Shan Umbrella Dance



Karate (Kata) Performance by Ms. Usami



Soran-bushi dance



Gymnastics