

## JET Send-Off Reception 2015

On June 26, 2015, a Send-Off Reception was held at the official residence of H.E. Mr. Masanori Nakano, Ambassador of Japan to Jamaica, for the newly selected 34 participants of the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme who are leaving for Japan at the end of July. This year, 40 Jamaicans, including 6 participants who departed in April and May, are participating in JET in Japan. After arriving in Japan, they will commence their work as Assistant Language Teachers of English at elementary, junior high, and senior high schools.

The Hon. Rev. Ronald Thwaites, Minister of Education, H.E. Claudia Barnes, Former Ambassador of Jamaica to Japan, Mrs. Roxanne Chambers, the President of JETAA (JET Alumni Association), among others attended the Reception to encourage the new JET participants. Ambassador Nakano told the new JET participants that he was pleased to send almost two times more JETs than that of the previous year, and hoped that they would make as many friends as possible and learn more Japanese so that they can promote further friendship between the peoples of Japan and Jamaica. The representative of the new JET participants told the guests that they were looking forward to going to Japan and were ready to make contributions to enhancing the Japan-Jamaica friendly relations as Good-Will Ambassadors to Japan.

The Embassy of Japan sincerely wishes them success in their new endeavours in Japan.

The Reception was featured in the Observer (“JET numbers soar” on July 5, 2015 - [http://jam.live.mediaspanonline.com/magazines/career/JET-numbers-soar\\_19153951](http://jam.live.mediaspanonline.com/magazines/career/JET-numbers-soar_19153951)).



(left) A JET Participant greeting to Ambassador and Mrs. Nakano in Japanese

(right) (From left) Representative of new JETs, Mr. Brian Stewart and JETAAI (JET Alumni Association International) President, Ms. Kay Dunkley (Emcee)



(left) Greetings by Hon. Rev. Ronald Thwaites, Minister of Education

(right) JETs with Hon. Rev. Ronald Thwaites, Minister of Education; Mrs. Thwaites, H.E. Ms. Claudia Barnes, Former Ambassador; H.E. Mr. Masanori Nakano, Ambassador of Japan to Jamaica; and Mrs. Nakano