Jamaica JET Alumni Association 20th Anniversary Virtual Reception

On November 20, 2020, the Jamaica JET Alumni Association's (JETAA) virtual 20th Anniversary reception was held.

This year due the ongoing pandemic caused by the spread of the novel coronavirus, it was held online (via ZOOM). In Japan attendees included Jamaican Ambassador to Japan Shorna-Kay Richards, Mr. Isobe Hiroaki, Executive Advisor in the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations, amongst other attendees. In Jamaica attendees included Ambassador Fujiwara, JICA director Mr. Takano, amongst others. In all over 100 persons attended the reception. For entertainment there was a gospel music segment presented by JETAA, and meaningful exchanges between former JET participants of the memories from their time in Japan.

Since the commencement of the JET Programme in Jamaica, celebrating 20 years in 2020, around 400 Jamaicans have been dispatched to work as ALTs (Assistant Language Teachers) in kindergartens, elementary schools, junior high schools, and senior high schools all over Japan. In 2020 22 new participants will be dispatched as the 34th cohort.



Ambassador to Jamaica Fujiwara



Ambassador to Japan Shorna-Kay Richards

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Marsha Dennie, JETAA Jamaica President