

On October 18th, The Embassy hosted a joint concert of Okinawa songs and Reggae, open to the public at the Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts Music Hall in Kingston.

Fantastic performance was given by “Utakata Project” , composed of musicians Mr. Kazushi Miyazawa, Mr. Taichi Hirata, and the Yui Yui Sisters from Okinawa, and reggae singers Mr. Yami Bolo and Mr. Micah Shemaiah.

About 150 Jamaicans and Japanese residents in Jamaica gathered at the venue for the event, where about a dozen songs were performed, including Miyazawa’ s “SHIMAUTA” and Bob Marley’ s “No Woman, No Cry” which gotten the audience going.

In his remarks, Ambassador Atsumi said “Okinawa and Jamaica are both islands and have many things in common, such as beautiful beaches and people who love singing and dancing” . My dream finally came true because this collaboration concert was realized after a year and half since I was posted Jamaica.

