

On December 17th, the Embassy of Japan in Jamaica held “Japan Festival 2024” at Hope Gardens in collaboration with JICA Jamaica office as a closing event for the 60th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Japan and Jamaica, and “Japan-CARICOM Friendship Year 2024” .

At the festival, after the national anthems of both countries, Ambassador Atsumi gave opening remarks and expressed his hope for further promotion of relations between Japan and Jamaica through cultural exchange.

On the main stage, there were many wonderful performances such as Dance by the University of the West Indies (UWI) Japan Club, Karate Demonstration by a local karate group, Presentations by JICA’ s Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV), Presentation by JICA Alumni Association in Jamaica (JAAJ), Music Performances by members of the JET (Japan Exchange and Teaching) Programme, and Cosplay Show by a local anime club. The event ended with Dance called “Reggae Bon Bon” , which combined Bon Odori and Reggae, creating a very lively atmosphere. In addition, in the venue next to the stage, there were booths set up to introduce Yukata, Calligraphy, Flower Arrangement, Origami, Cosplay, Shogi, Kyudo, JET Program, JICA Projects, JOCV Activities, and JAAJ Activities. The event was a great success with over 800 participants.





















