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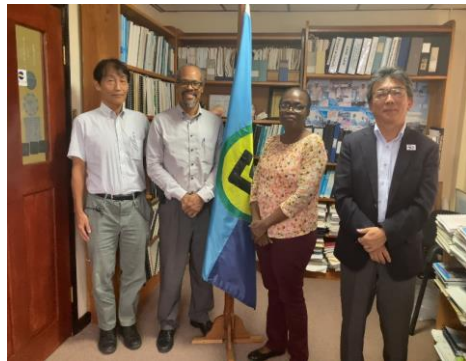
JICA is a **Japanese** government agency responsible for executing **Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA)**. JICA has **96** overseas offices (as of July, 2020) and conducts ODA projects in **150** developing countries (during fiscal year 2019). JICA has offices in St. Lucia, Jamaica, Belize and Dominican Republic in the Caribbean. We are enhancing the capacity of DR office to serve better to Caribbean people.



St. Vincent and the Grenadines



The Project for Strengthening Sustainable Use and Management of Coastal Fisheries Resource in CARICOM Countries: Mr. Tetsuya Miyahara with Choiseul Secondary School started sea-moss raft farming as part of School-based Sea-moss Farming and Processing Program (SSFPP), and demonstrated sea-moss planting at Piaye Bay, St Lucia



Mr. Yoshikazu Tachihara, Resident Representative of JICA Belize and Mr. Tatsuya Morita visited CRFM, NEMO and SIDS-DOCK and had fruitful discussions.



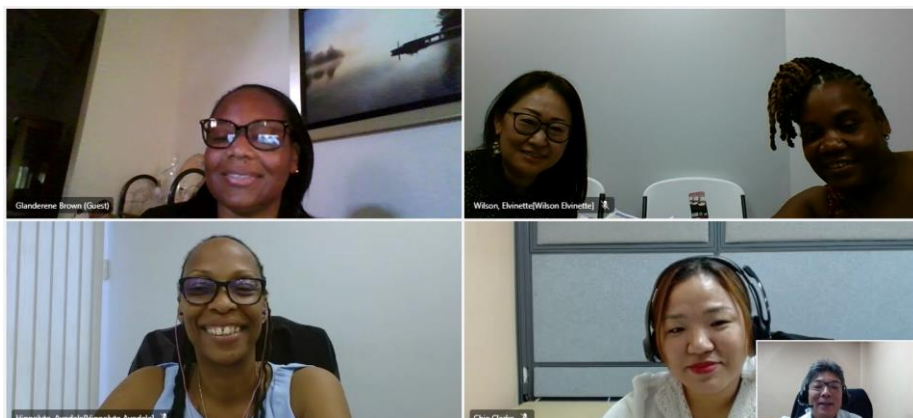
Mr. Kenichi Machida, Advisor on With/Post COVID-19 Agricultural Value Chain Improvement in Belize held a workshop to improve the value chain of potato that is high demand throughout the year. Pitahaya, high demand in the tourism sector, is promoted by the Ministry of Agriculture. **Ms. Orellana**, Pitahaya is one of the biggest producer of Pitahaya.

The project completion seminar of “Technical Cooperation Project on Advisor for Marine Plastic Litter Management in the Caribbean” was held in Georgetown, Guyana from October 23 to 25, 2023. The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development, Mr. Anand Persaud opened the seminar followed by the remarks from the CARICOM Secretariat, Mr. Kareem Sabir and the Chief Representative of JICA St. Lucia, Mr. Ichiro Mimura. The seminar also received video messages from Mr. Sefanaia Nawadra, Director General of South Pacific Environment Programme (SPREP), with whom JICA has been collaborating more than 20 years in the area of waste management. JICA promotes peer learning among SIDS.



The Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

JICA's Knowledge Co-Creation Programs are a form of technical cooperation that JICA carries out in Japan. Some of the knowledge that Japanese society has accumulated, including its background in areas such as organizational know-how and social systems, can only be understood through first-hand experience. The programs are an important means of technical cooperation which supports human resource development and resolving issues in developing countries.



Ms. Glandereene Brown, Public Health Nurse, the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines participated in “Ending TB and Response to Health Emergency-Innovation in Health System Development” and gave the presentation of her action plan to JICA St. Lucia Office.

JICA Volunteer

JICA's volunteer programs support activities by Japanese citizens who wish to cooperate in the economic and social development as well as the reconstruction of developing countries. Through these cooperation activities, participating volunteers can not only contribute to the development of partner countries but also gain valuable experience in terms of international goodwill, mutual understanding and an expansion in their international perspectives. 1,071 volunteers have been working with Caribbean people so far (as of June 2023).



Ms. Noriko Okada, Softball Coach, National Sports Council of Belize, assisted a softball summer camp.



Ms. Shoko Funae, Social Worker works with elderly people at HelpAge, an NGO in Belize.

JICA congratulates Haiti on its Two Hundred and Twentieth Anniversary of Independence.

We would like to introduce our colleagues in Haiti.

JICA was established in Haiti on April 2010, after four months of the terrible earthquake of January 12, 2010. Since its establishment, JICA has collaborated with the Haitian government in the sectors of health, education, agriculture, water and sanitation, and infrastructure. JICA is trying to plan together with the Ministry of Agriculture via the Direction of Training and Promotion of Agricultural Entrepreneurship (DFPEA) a project to strengthen the capacities of technicians and Agricultural Extensionist for improvement of the supervision of farmers.



Mr. Giraldo CASIMIR is responsible for coordinating JICA's KCCP program, supervising Association des ex-Boursiers Haitiens du Japon (ABHJ) activities. He also provides assistances to Japanese staffs in project formulation.



Mrs. Darline PETIT HOMME CLORMEUS is the administrator of the office. She is in charge of the management works, administration and temporary accounting works, as well, she works together with Mr. Casimir to make the necessary follow up in some cases.



Jan. 21 – 27, 2024 Smallholders Horticulture Empowerment and Promotion (SHEP) Training in Guatemala

Jan.27 – Mar.5 2024 Data Collection Survey for Water Security in Eastern Caribbean Countries

Feb.2024 Consultation Mission for The Project for Strengthening Sustainable Use and Management of Coastal Fisheries Resource in CARICOM Countries

Feb. 7 -8, 2024 JICA and The Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management (GTRCMC) will organize a Third Country Training Course for Enhancement of Sharing Experience/Knowledge and Partnership with Caribbean Region Countries on Tourism Crisis Management, which will be held in Kingston, Jamaica

Feb. 2024 Japanese Expert to CDEMA will visit Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Barbados and St. Lucia

Feb. 2024 Tree-Planting activity by JICA St. Lucia Alumni Association

Mar. 4 – 15, 2024 Third Country Training Course for Jamaica Capacity Building on the Community Police-KOBAN System will be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC) and the Ministry of Justice and Public Security of Brazil in collaboration with JICA will provide trainings to the officers of Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF).

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