



# Celebrating Japan-CARICOM Friendship Year 2024

## 2024 Japanese Calendar Exhibition *An Interactive, Inclusive and International Exchange*

From February 6 to 10, 2024, the Embassy of Japan held it's "**2024 Japanese Calendar Exhibition – An Interactive, Inclusive and International Exchange –**" at the Exchange Interactive Centre in Bridgetown. The event incorporated a series of interactive and inclusive cultural workshops to promote international exchange and mutual understanding in the **Japan-CARICOM Friendship Year 2024**.

**The exhibition** showcased the rich history and evolution of calendar preparation in Japan through both traditional and contemporary calendars. Attendees were afforded the opportunity to explore the seasonal and geographical aspects of Japanese landscapes, gardens and bonsai as well as the cultural aspects of Japanese art and architecture by turning the pages of the exhibited calendars.

The Embassy implemented **several interactive workshops** during the exhibition, including **Japanese paper craft 'Origami', an introductory Japanese language class, Nōgaku demonstration** - a traditional style of Japanese theatre and **a Kimono experience** where 4 male and 4 female volunteers, had the opportunity to be dressed in a kimono and yukata. These activities were well attended by both Barbadians and visitors, with approximately 300 persons participating throughout the exhibition.

On the last day, the calendars on display and origami craft were distributed to those in attendance.







*Calendar Exhibition*



*Kimono Experience*



*Nōgaku demonstration*



*Introductory Japanese language class*



*Japanese paper craft 'Origami'*