



# Invest Barbados Sweepstakes

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Fusako Fukui, who visited the Barbados Pavilion at the 2025 Osaka-Kansai Expo, was selected as the winner of the “Invest Barbados Sweepstakes,” a tourism promotion campaign jointly organized by Invest Barbados and the Barbados Tourism Marketing Corporation during the Expo. She was chosen from more than 300 entrants and received a six-night, seven-day trip to Barbados for two people as her prize.

On July 14, Ms. Fukui arrived in Barbados with her friend, Ms. Ayuri Suzuki, and attended a welcome reception hosted by Invest Barbados. At the event, they received a warm welcome from Invest Barbados CEO Ms. Kay-Ann Greenwich, Counselor of the Embassy of Japan in Barbados Mr. Arata Nakae, and other distinguished guests.



(From left in the photo): Ms. Sandra Payne, Deputy CEO of Invest Barbados; Ms. Ayuri Suzuki; Ms. Fusako Fukui; Mr. Arata Nakae, Counselor at the Embassy of Japan in Barbados; and Ms. Kaye-Anne Greenidge, CEO of Invest Barbados



(From left in the photo) Ms. Fusako Fukui, Ms. Ayuri Suzuki, and Mr. Adrian Sealy, Investment Generation and Aftercare Manager of Invest Barbados



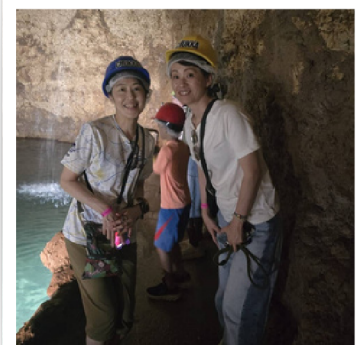
Visiting the statue of Mother Sally in St. Lucy, northern Barbados — an iconic folk character representing West African heritage, cultural pride, and ancestral traditions.

Ms. Fukui and Ms. Suzuki had previously visited Barbados 15 years ago as participants in a voyage organized by the Youth Exchange Program. In addition, Ms. Fukui had served as a volunteer supporting the Barbados swimming team during the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. For this trip, she brought with her a Barbados flag towel that had been gifted to her by the team’s coach as a token of appreciation. Their unexpected return to Barbados and their long-standing connection with the country created a warm and heartfelt atmosphere throughout the reception.

Expressing their excitement, Ms. Fukui and Ms. Suzuki said, “It feels like a miracle that we are able to visit Barbados again. We still cannot believe that we are here.” In response, CEO Greenwich welcomed them, saying, “Welcome to Barbados, and welcome back,” and added, “We hope you will create many new memories during your stay.”

During their visit, Ms. Fukui and Ms. Suzuki explored various attractions across the island, enjoying Barbados’ rich natural beauty and cultural heritage while engaging with local communities. In addition, Ms. Suzuki, a nationally certified drone pilot, produced aerial footage showcasing the stunning landscapes of Barbados and donated the video to Invest Barbados and the Embassy of Japan in Barbados.

This connection, made possible through the World Expo, has created a new bond between Japan and Barbados. The Embassy of Japan in Barbados will continue to promote and strengthen these meaningful people-to-people exchanges while further advancing friendly and cooperative relationship between our two countries as we approach the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations in 2027.



Discovering the natural wonder of Harrison’s Cave, Barbados’ iconic limestone cave.

