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Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share with you The Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean's (DAOC) newsletter for December 2018. In this issue we highlight the Visit by the Ambassador of the Republic of Chile to the Director of the Institute of International Relations (IIR) and the Manager of The Diplomatic Academy; a Training Module 'Protocol and Diplomacy: A Guide for the Modern Professional'; and a series of Diplomatic Dialogues by His Excellency Sung Moon-up, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, His Excellency Serge Lavroff, Ambassador of France and His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan.

Courtesy Visit Paid by Ambassador Juan Aníbal Barría García of the Republic of Chile to The Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean



His Excellency Juan Aníbal Barría
García, Ambassador of the Republic of
Chile

On 15th October, 2018, H.E. Juan Aníbal Barría, Ambassador of Chile to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, accompanied by Sebastián Anich Jadue, Consul, paid a courtesy call on Ms. Mary-Ann Richards, Manager of the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean.

After a tour of the Academy's building and facilities, discussions turned to the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean (DAOC), the first of its kind in the Caribbean region. The DAOC was established to train not only current and future diplomats of the region but also to build a cadre of skilled professionals across the region, involved in international cooperation, negotiations and transactions. The DAOC offers programmes in diplomacy and programmes on diverse subjects relevant to the economic and socio-political environment of the 21st Century.

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Ambassador Barría, in turn, spoke of the Andrés Bello Diplomatic Academy of Chile, its establishment and its mandate to train Chile's future diplomats. Stressing the importance that Chile pays to the region, he pointed out that one of its key foreign policy goals was intensification of links with Latin America and the Caribbean.

He reminded of the offer of a full scholarship extended by the Government of Chile to the

Government of Trinidad and Tobago to have one of its diplomats attend the International Course offered by the Andrés Bello Diplomatic Academy and expressed the hope that the offer would be taken up for the 2019 course. The meeting concluded with Ambassador Barría and Ms Richards committing to exploring the ways in which there can be closer collaboration and interaction between their two Diplomatic Academies.

**Diplomatic Dialogue "Korea: The Journey to Lasting Peace" by His Excellency Sung Moon-up,
Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Trinidad and Tobago**



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On November 9th, 2018, Ambassador Sung Moon-up, delivered a presentation at the Institute of International Relations (IIR) as part of the Institute's yearlong series of Diplomatic Dialogues.

In his background discussion, Ambassador Moon-up described the South Korean population, highlighting the country's high literacy and life expectancy rates. He stressed the importance of democracy and the promotion of human rights for the country. He then examined the economy and outlined major South Korean exports such as semiconductors, shipbuilding and automobiles. He also discussed some key aspects of South Korean culture such as K-Pop music, food, clothing and Martial Arts (Taekwondo).

After comprehensively laying down the historical, economic and cultural foundation of South Korea, Ambassador Moon-up summarised bilateral relations between the Republic of South Korea and Trinidad and Tobago. He highlighted the fact that both nations share common values such as democracy, the market economy and both are

signatories to the United Nations' Conventions on Human Rights and Climate Change. South Korea exports automobiles and electronic products to Trinidad and Tobago and imports Liquefied Natural gas (LNG), Ammonia and other gas products. The two nations cooperate broadly in the areas of technology, investment, trade, education and culture.

Finally, Ambassador Moon-up turned to an examination of the issue of Peace on the Korean peninsula. He reiterated the value placed by South Korea on democracy and human rights. He pointed to the critical need for the de-nuclearisation of North Korea in order to maintain the global non-proliferation regime, prevent the regional nuclear arms race in North East Asia, promote a safe and nuclear free peninsula, reduce military tension and encourage cooperation for prosperity. He emphasised the importance of diplomatic peace talks and the issue of building trust through the de-nuclearisation of North Korea.

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Protocol and Diplomacy: A Guide for the Modern Professional



Participants of “Protocol and Diplomacy: A Guide for the Modern Professional” pose for a photograph after the Opening Ceremony of the Training Module.

From October 30th to November 2nd, 2018, Ms. Gail P. Guy, Retired Diplomat and Protocol Consultant, and Mr. Dennis Francis, Former Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago, delivered an excellent training programme at the DAOC entitled “Protocol and Diplomacy: A Guide for the Modern Professional”.

Professor Jessica Byron, Director, Institute of International Relations, extended a warm welcome at the Opening ceremony, to the participants who hailed from all parts of Trinidad and Tobago, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. In her remarks, Ms. Mary-Ann Richards, Manager of the DAOC, emphasised the aims of the Diplomatic Academy, and the excellence of the Protocol Training Programme upon which they were about embark.

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The programme, which is designed to give participants an understanding of the fundamentals of Protocol and Business Etiquette; knowledge and skills in organising events with careful attention to detail in order to avoid professional and diplomatic gaffes; enhanced ability to represent oneself and one's organisation; greater sensitivity to nuances in a multicultural environment and increased confidence in handling protocol-related situations, covered topics such as the Concepts of a Protocol, State Protocol, Etiquette and Business Etiquette; Diplomacy, Event planning; Forms of Address and Guidelines for the use of National Symbols.

Practical group activities and simulation exercises aided in concretising knowledge gained, and the rich melange of local and regional professionals from the public and private sectors, enabled lively interactions and discussions.



Participants engage in a Special Luncheon and Dining Etiquette exercise

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Newly-trained cadre of professionals pose with their Certificates of training

Testimonial from “Protocol and Diplomacy: A Guide for the Modern Professional”



“This course was well delivered with the right balance between theory and practice (by means of exercises) that highlighted the importance of all players in diplomacy and business etiquette. The course facilitators kept us engaged while sharing a wealth of knowledge. I highly recommend this [Protocol Training Module] to those new to the subject area or anyone desiring a refresher course.”

Ms. Anselma Fadlin, Saint Lucia
Library & Information Services Officer, Eastern Caribbean Central Bank

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Diplomatic Dialogue “Climate Change: a challenge to stability and security in the world of tomorrow. The urgent need for Climate Diplomacy” by His Excellency Serge Lavroff, Ambassador of France

Ambassador Lavroff gave an extremely informative presentation on October 31st, 2018, on the topic of climate change and the many ways in which it is already impacting communities, individual countries, and the planet.

In the course of his presentation, he gave a virtual tour of what is happening on almost every continent, the challenges, the impact, the action and strategies being pursued and adopted and most importantly, the alliances and collaborative action being undertaken, particularly at the regional and international levels. He stressed that the time for mankind to act is now, given that in many zones and regions it is no longer a question of adapting to climate change but a question of survival.



His Excellency Serge Lavroff,
Ambassador of France to Trinidad and
Tobago

Ambassador Lavroff described the signing of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change (December 2015) as one of the greatest achievements of the 21st century so far. With the signing of the Paris Agreement, countries reached an ambitious and binding agreement on global cooperation to tackle one of the most complex issues to ever confront humanity.

He pointed out that for some countries with advanced technological and financial means, the changes wrought by climate change are seen as a source of tremendous economic potential (water, minerals, land,

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oil, gas). However, for the majority of the earth's population, it will hold the threat of increasing instability and insecurity in the world with attendant hardships. There will be increased international competition for energy resources, food and water in the face of declining biodiversity, hence the urgent need for climate diplomacy, for cooperation rather than confrontation, to craft a solution.

In spite of the dismal picture, Ambassador Lavroff argued that all is not lost and the outcome is not a foregone conclusion. Rather, he ventured, the challenges posed by climate change, present opportunities for mankind to find new ways of seeking solidarity, cooperation and innovative solutions by converging towards a common goal for the well-being of humanity and Planet Earth. He noted the growing evidence of progress, increasing awareness and plans for action which could be far-reaching and promise success.

Of particular relevance in this regard, is the call for the adoption of a Global Pact for the Environment, a comprehensive text that goes beyond the question of climate to establish the

guiding principles of global environmental governance.

In the particular case of the Caribbean, Ambassador Lavroff drew attention to the Caribbean Climate Smart Coalition, an initiative launched in Jamaica in August 2018 involving 26 countries and 40 sponsors with a funding target of US \$1 billion, and the Sandy Shorelands coastal erosion project launched in 2017 by the Caribbean Sea Commission of the Association of Caribbean States.

He reminded that the U.N. Climate Change Conference - COP 24, will take place in Poland from 3rd to 14th December, 2018.



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**Diplomatic Dialogue entitled “Developmental Partnerships between Japan and Caribbean Countries” by His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada,
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan**



His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan

The third Diplomatic Dialogue for Semester One 2018/2019 was entitled “Developmental Partnerships between Japan and Caribbean Countries” and it took place on November 9th, 2018. The presenter was His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana and the member countries of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States. The session was chaired by Professor of Practice, Winston Dookeran. Ambassador Okada introduced his country as an island nation of 127 million people, the third largest global economy with a society steeped in tradition yet extremely advanced in its technology and industrialization.

His talk emphasized the shared interests and experiences of Japan and Caribbean countries, which include the fact that they are maritime countries with low-lying coastal areas and high levels of vulnerability to natural disasters. He described his country and the Caribbean region as global partners with common

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interests like the protection of human rights and democracy and common challenges like the threat of climate change. Japan's long experience of finding solutions to the Energy Crisis of the 1970s, and the lessons learned during successive natural disasters means that it can share much hardware and software for disaster reduction, such as appropriate building codes. These common interests have formed the basis for Japan-Caribbean friendship and cooperation for more than fifty years.

Ambassador Okada presented recent highlights of this cooperation, such as the visit of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to Trinidad in 2014 (Japan-CARICOM Year of Friendship), the Sixth Japan-CARICOM

Ministerial Meeting in 2018, and visits of Japanese ministers of government to Trinidad, Suriname and Saint Lucia in 2017, and to Antigua and Dominica in 2018. Likewise, several prominent Caribbean representatives of government, regional organizations and academia have visited Japan during this period.

The rest of the Diplomatic Dialogue focused on the many areas of valuable development assistance, technical cooperation and solidarity provided by Japan to the Caribbean in recent years. These include Japanese emergency relief to Dominica in 2015 and 2017, and to Antigua in 2017 followed up by grants in aid to both

countries in 2018. In its strategic partnership with Developing Countries for the achievement of Agenda 2030,

Japan emphasizes resilience building and disaster preparedness. This is reflected in its relationship with the Caribbean, where Japan provides such assistance regardless of the income levels of the beneficiary countries. Since 2014, Japan has donated disaster management equipment to the value of 18 million USD to seven Caribbean countries including Trinidad and Tobago.

In addition to sharing its expertise in disaster technologies, a major focus for Japan has been its Actions for a Cool Earth Programme which budgets up to 12 billion USD of

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public and private sector finance to developing countries. Japan has partnered with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the Caribbean since 2015 on climate change mitigation cooperation in several countries. The projects include the provision of solar energy equipment to Suriname, other energy efficiency and renewable energy projects and Climate Change public education campaigns in countries from Belize and Jamaica in the Northern Caribbean down to Guyana and Suriname in South America.

In terms of cooperation on global governance reform, Japan has maintained consultations with CARICOM on appropriate representation in the United Nations Security Council.

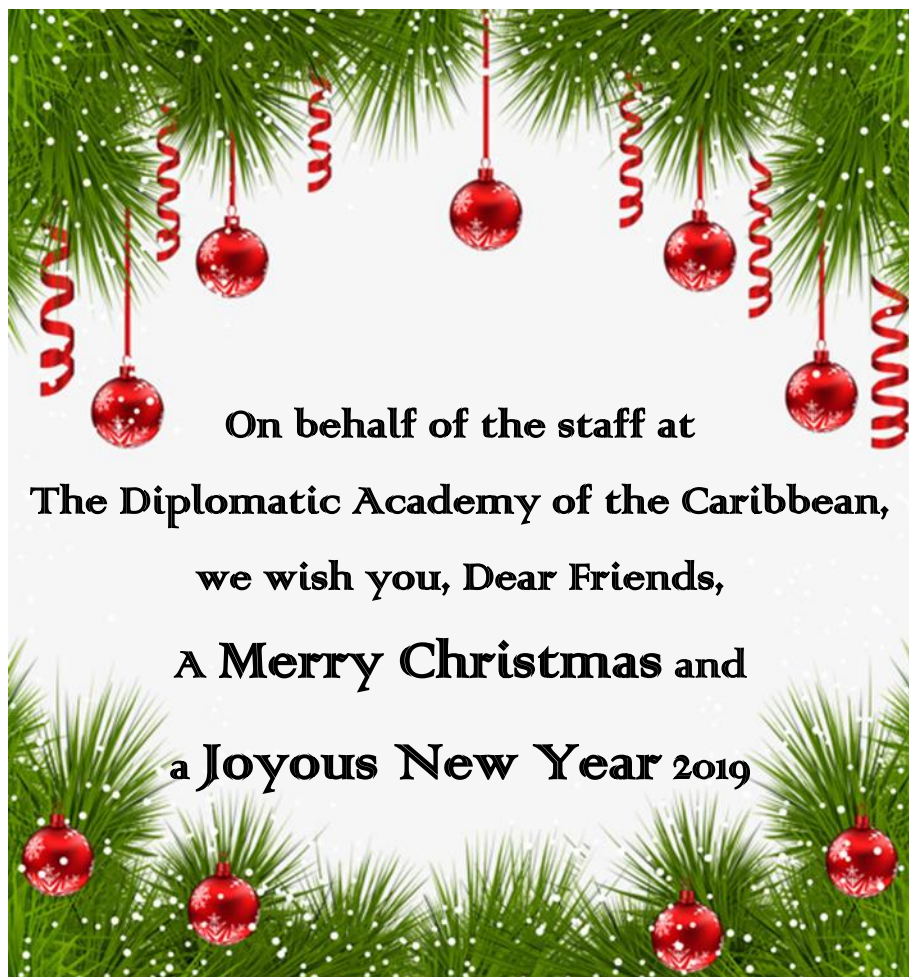
The final pillar of cooperation discussed was that of people-to-people exchanges which cement friendship and understanding between countries. The transfer of technical expertise programme has involved the mobility of some three thousand Japanese and Caribbean nationals between the two regions in recent years. Likewise, there are presently 55 nationals of Trinidad and Tobago

working as English language teachers and cultural ambassadors in Japan through the JET programme. Tourism is another major area of

exchange and in this respect, Ambassador Okada mentioned the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Japan has already facilitated host town agreements between its local communities and Barbados, Belize and Jamaica, and looks forward to hosting some 40 million global visitors in 2020. Ambassador Okada expressed the hope that Japan will welcome many such visitors from Trinidad and Tobago.



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NOTICE: The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago, will be closed from December 24th, 2018 to January 1st, 2019.

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