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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Ministry of Education and Youth (MoEY) wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the invaluable contribution made by the JICA/Naruto University Volunteers. The participating schools have benefited tremendously from the JICA/Naruto University Programme. The volunteers' dedication and commitment to enhancing mathematics education in our schools have had a profound impact on our school communities.

The collaboration started in September 2014 and was guided by the following objectives for both teachers and students:

- Develop a better appreciation for Mathematics.
- Calculate mentally, more accurately and efficiently.
- Integrate calculation skills developed in other subject disciplines.

The Volunteers consistently demonstrated their passion for mathematics throughout the project. They were eager to share their knowledge with students and teachers through workshops, coaching sessions, and whole class activities. Their enthusiasm was contagious, and their efforts have undoubtedly sparked curiosity and excitement in countless minds.

The experience with the participants has been a memorable one. Our teachers and students were exposed to many new methodologies in Mathematics, which they found very useful and practical. The Volunteers made mathematics learning a fun exploration for our students.

Moreover, the learning experiences facilitated by these Volunteers went far beyond fractions and decimals. Not only did they share mathematical concepts, but they also gave us insights into Japanese culture, language, and way of life. Our children were so proud to be able to count in Japanese and became fascinated with even the simplest of origami boxes that they learned to make. Students also shared the Jamaican culture with the Volunteers.

We are grateful to JICA/Naruto University for organizing and facilitating the work of your Volunteers in Jamaica, and your commitment to promoting mathematics education and cultural

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exchange. The impact of these initiatives extended far beyond the classroom, shaping the future leaders and innovators of tomorrow. Please convey our sincerest thanks to all the Volunteers and members of the team who dedicated their time and expertise to making this initiative a success. Their selflessness and generosity are truly commendable, and we hope they continue to inspire and empower others for many years to come.

We will always remember and treasure these experiences and look forward to the time when this programme will be reintroduced in our schools.

With warmest regards,



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