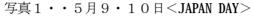
セントビンセント派遣中の とっとり国際協力大使 竹本佳恵さんから報告がありましたので、ご紹介いたします。

5月9・10日セントビンセント及びグレナディーンズ諸島でJICA主催の「JAPAN DAY」というイベントが開催されました。そこで、「日本をもっと知ってもらい、よりよい信頼関係を築いていこう」という目的のもと、習字・折り紙・パネル展示などのコーナー、スチールパン・ジャズ演奏・空手など、現地の人たちとの共演が行われました。

その中で「鳥取しゃんしゃん傘踊り」を披露されました。





JAPAN DAY での傘踊りをきっかけに 5月 1 2日のフィッシャーマンズデイでも傘踊りを披露されました。 写真 2 ・・5月 1 2日<フィッシャーマンズデイ>(左ー竹本さん)





Japan Shan Shan Umbrella dance

Japan Day celebration

JOCV Volunteers held an exhibition and cultural event on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th May 2008 to share with the people of St Vincent and the Grenadines about the customs and culture of Japan This event called Japan Day is the third time that JOCV has presented an exhibition to Vincentians since the organization began its operation here in St Vincent five years ago. This year the exhibition had new performances never done before brought about by the close interaction of the JOCV volunteers with their colleagues and peers. Not only did they come to share their knowledge but they also learnt from Vincentians parts of our culture that can be incorporated into their own.

This year the volunteers took part in the traditional Shan Shan Umbrella dance which is done every August in Tettori city in Japan. Its origin comes from the sounds of tin and a hot spring. The umbrella has many tins and decorated with gold and silver. The Kiai Dojo Karate group performed for the third time in support of the volunteers Japan Day activities. Ms. Sachiyo Yamada, JOCV volunteer and Music Teacher at the Girls' High School, performed with the Lio & SVG Jazztet; she is a member of this band since March 2008. Other performances were done by the Potential Steel Orchestra who list among its members four JOCV volunteers since January 2008. All Volunteers were dressed in the traditional dress of Japan, the informal Kimono called the Yukata.

~竹本大使から~

11月・12月にも傘踊りをしてほしいという声を掛けていただいています。

小さな一歩が次につながっていく感じで嬉しく思っています。

ちなみに現地の人の反応ですが、「COOL」、「BEAUTIFUL」、「日本の傘は穴だらけなのか?」となかなか好印象?! でしたよ。