

# The Sunday Gleaner

## ARTS & EDUCATION

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SECTION E



**THIS WEEK'S 'EDUQUOTE'**

If you can't fly, then run; if you can't run, then walk; if you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.

— Martin Luther King Jr

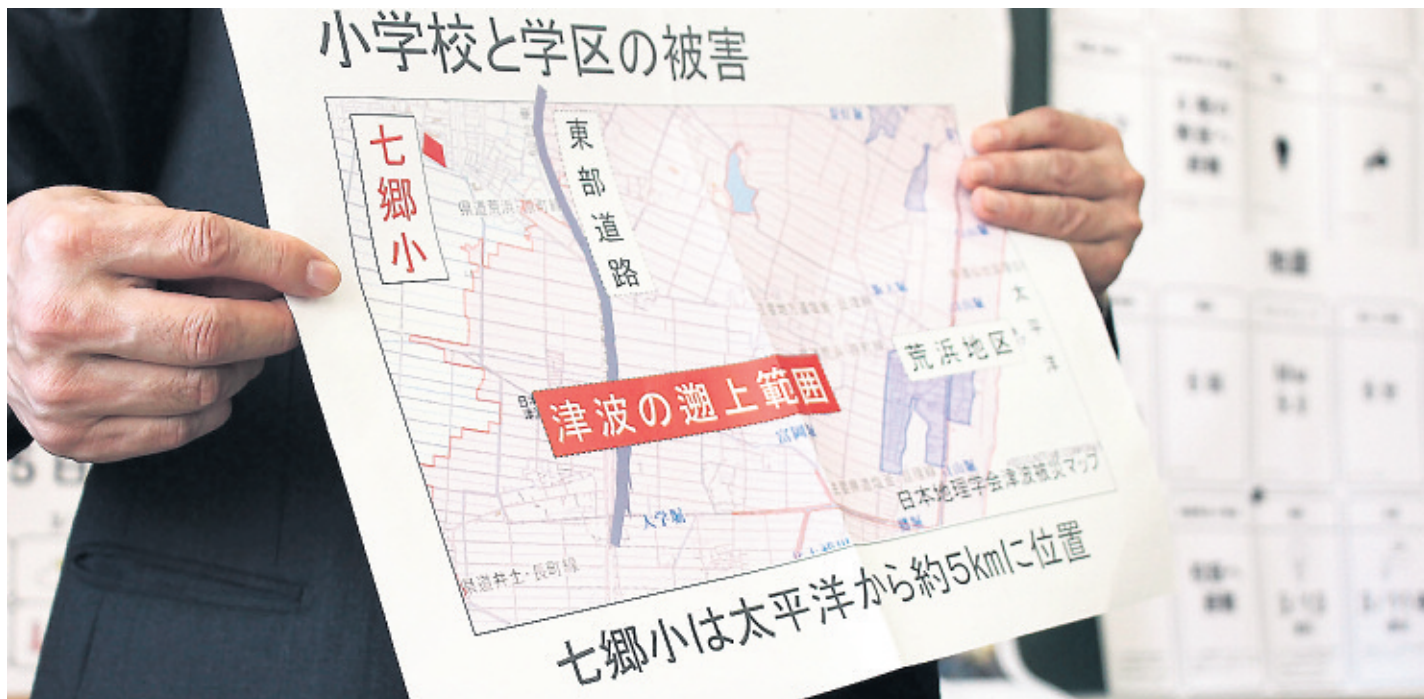


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Masaki Nakatsuji, vice-principal of the Shichigo Elementary School in Sendai, shows the extent of damage done by the March 2011 tsunami. The red shaded area denotes the neighbourhoods that were inundated.



**POET LAUREATE OF JAMAICA**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

for  
The Poet Laureate of Jamaica (2017-2020)  
opens  
**Monday, January 9, 2017**  
and closes on  
**Monday, February 13, 2017**

Nomination Form available at  
<http://www.nlj.gov.jm/poetlaureate/Nominations.htm>



## Early lessons in disaster preparedness



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**T**HE YEAR 1907 is buried somewhere in history – not anywhere in the living memory of most people – but on January 14 of that year, on a sunny Monday afternoon, the Earth shook, and within the space of 20 seconds, three shocks reduced most of downtown Kingston to rubble. The

earthquake of 1907 has been described as one of the worst natural disasters recorded in history. This year marks 110 years since that earthquake struck Jamaica's capital – but it is a memory that is buried and forgotten in reams of yellowing pages in the annals of time.

But neither Mother Nature, nor her fury, has changed, and there are lessons to be learnt: to be prepared in the event of such disasters.

Around 13,000 kilometres away from Jamaica, in Sendai city, Japan, children are learning those valuable lessons at school.

Shichigo Elementary School, the third largest school in the city, was affected by the 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

The school, post the 2011 earthquake and tsunami, was nominated by the ministry of education for disaster-management training. The curriculum was developed by the teachers in the school,

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**Positioning yourself to build your career**

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**Start-up develops device that helps blind to read**

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**Scholarships for J'can students**

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**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION YOUTH & INFORMATION**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE**

**THEME: PREPARING PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS FOR AN INCLUSIVE SOCIETY: BENEFITS OF THE COLLABORATIVE PROCESS**

**ROUNDTABLE VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION:**

**THE JAMAICA PEGASUS HOTEL**  
Kingston, Jamaica

**REGISTRATION DETAILS:**  
Registration Fee - 165 USD  
Register here:  
<http://moey.gov.jm/r/specedroundtable.php>  
Email: [estp@moey.gov.jm](mailto:estp@moey.gov.jm)  
Telephone:  
(876) 612-5870; 612-5890;  
612-6093; 612-5885

**Date: January 24 to 26, 2017**

The Jamaican Ministry of Education, Youth and Information invites you to a conversation on key collaborative considerations for preparation of children and youth for life beyond school.



