

## **Cocktail Reception held to mark the opening of the Embassy of Japan in Barbados**

A Cocktail Reception to mark the opening of the Embassy of Japan in Barbados was held at the Hilton Hotel from 12:00 PM on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. His Excellency Mitsuhiko Okada and his wife Mrs. Mari Okada hosted this reception which was attend by about 90 guests, including His Excellency Sir Elliott Fitzroy Belgrave, the Governor General of Barbados, and other dignitaries, such as Senator the Honourable Maxine McClean, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, The Honourable Richard Llewellyn Sealy, Minister of Tourism and International Transport and The Honourable Michael Lashley, Minister of Transport and Works.

Ambassador Okada addressed the gathering to offer welcome remarks, followed by Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Senator the Honourable Maxine McClean who delivered the feature address on behalf of the Government of Barbados.

During the course of the afternoon's proceedings, former Honorary Consul-General for Japan, Mr. Wayne Kirton, was recognized for his many years of service. A certificate of commendation from Mr. Fumio Kishida, Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs was presented to Mr. Kirton by Ambassador Okada.



His Excellency Sir Elliott Fitzroy Belgrave  
The Governor General of Barbados (left)  
and Ambassador Okada



Ambassador Okada



Senator the Honourable Maxine McClean  
Minister of Foreign Affairs and  
Foreign Trade



Commendation of Mr. Wayne Kirton  
Former Honorary Consul-General  
for Japan