

Visit of Mayor Of Nanyo City, Japan

- Host town for Barbadian Athletes for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games -

Mr. Takao Shiraiwa, Mayor of Nanyo City, Japan, and his delegation visited Barbados from November 4th to 9th 2017 to conclude a basic agreement between the Barbados Olympic Association (BOA) and Nanyo City, ahead of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. The Signing Ceremony of the Basic Agreement between Mayor Shiraiwa and newly-elected BOA President, Ms. Sandra Osborne, SMC, QC took place at the BOA's Olympic Centre on Wednesday November 8th. (Official HP of BOA: <https://prmrinc.sharefile.com/d-s48859dc29b346a78>)

During his time in Barbados, Mayor Shiraiwa paid courtesy calls to the Minister of Tourism and International Transport, The Hon. Richard Sealy, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Sen. The Hon. Maxine McClean. The Mayor visited not only the BOA but also the Lodge School where they enjoyed many tasty local treats made by Home Economics students. The Nanyo City delegation was also invited to visit Marine Gardens Dojo (home of the Barbados Judo Association) and they also included several other local sports facilities in their tour of the island.

Accompanying the Japanese delegation was a Barbadian native. Ms. Dawn Springer presently works at the city hall in Nanyo City as a member of the Host Town project. She ably acted as interpreter(Japanese-English) throughout the trip. It is expected that she will continue working with Nanyo City hall and contribute to the further deepening of bond between Japan and Barbados.

(Official HP of GIS: <http://gisbarbados.gov.bb/blog/flying-the-bajan-flag-high-in-japan/>)

Courtesy call at the BOA (November 6, 2017)



Courtesy call and general discussion at BOA



Olympic Museum at the BOA

From right Mayer Shiraiwa, BOA President Ms.Osborne,SMC,QC,
Ambassador Shinada

Courtesy calls on Cabinet Ministers (November 7, 2017)



Mayor Shiraiwa makes a point to the Honourable Richard Sealy, M.P.,
Minister of Tourism and International Transport



The Mayor with Minister Sealy and the Ambassador



Senator the Honourable Maxine McClean, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, greets the Mayor

Visit to Lodge School : November 7th



A quick inspection of the
the Lodge School Cadet Corps



At center : Mr.william Dowrich Principal,
to his left,Mr. Patterson Cheltenham, GCM,QC
Chairman of the Board of Management of the Lodge School

Judo Training at Marine Dojo: November 7th



A scene from judo practice



Guests of honour : At centre (left to right) Sandra Osborne (BOA President), Ambassador Shinada, Mayor Shiraiwa, Dawn Springer (interpreter), Prof. Hoskins Caddle (BJA President), Erskine Simmons (BOA Secretary General)

Ceremony for the Signing of the Basic Agreement (November 8, 2017)



Signing of the Basic Agreement



President of the BOA, Ms. Sandra Osborne, SCM, QC, with Mayor Shiraiwa, Ambassador Shinada and Secretary General of the BOA, Mr. Erskine Simmons



Ms. Sandra Osborne, SCM, QC, makes a speech