

50th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between JAPAN and GUYANA

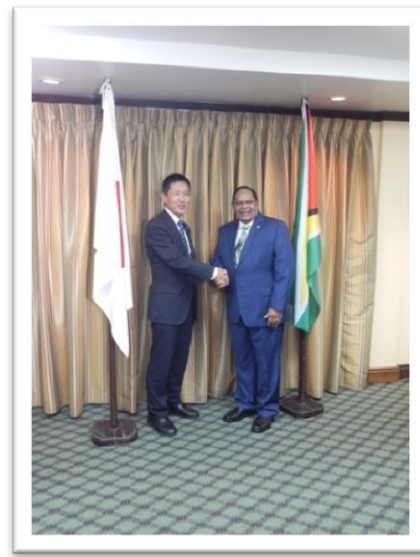
On September 27th, a reception to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Japan and the Cooperative Republic of Guyana was held at Cara Lodge Hotel in Georgetown, Guyana. His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan, and Mrs. Okada hosted the reception which was attended by approximately 100 guests, including Hon. Moses Nagamootoo, Prime Minister and Acting President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, the Honorable Khemraj Ramjattan, Vice-President and Minister of Public Security, the Honorable Joseph Harmon, Minister of State in the Ministry of the Presidency and Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Honorable Winston Jordan, Minister of Finance, Mr. Kashir Khan, Honorable Consul-General of Japan in Guyana and Japanese residents in Guyana.

The reception began with a speech from Ambassador Okada, followed by the national anthem of Guyana, after which Prime Minister Nagamootoo offered remarks before the playing of the Japanese national anthem. In his speech, Ambassador Okada referred to the robust human exchanges between the two nations in the fields of fisheries development, disaster risk reduction and water resource management, highlighting technical assistance to Guyana at the community level by senior JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) volunteers.

In his remarks, Prime Minister Nagamootoo said that the relationship between the two countries would be fostered and consolidated in the years to come and commended Japan for the work done in the areas of fisheries, utility and exchange programmes over the last 50 years and expressed his hope for continued friendly relations.



Speech by Ambassador Okada



Ambassador Okada and Prime Minister Nagamootoo



Remarks by Prime Minister Nagamootoo



Speech by Consul-General Khan