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State Minister Sonoura visits Trinidad and Tobago

On 24 July, His Excellency Kentaro Sonoura, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, visited the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and met Senator the Honourable Dennis Moses, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs and Her Excellency Dr. June Soomer, Secretary General of Association of Caribbean States (ACS). This is the first ministerial-level visit from Japan since Dr. the Honourable Keith Rowley, Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago took office with his current administration.

In the meeting with Minister Moses, State Minister Sonoura called for cooperation with Trinidad and Tobago in various areas, including development cooperation in disaster reduction and environment, the smooth operation of Japanese companies in Trinidad and Tobago, and the issue of United Nations Security Council reform. In response, Minister Moses welcomed the visit of State Minister Sonoura and expressed his intention to further bilateral cooperation with Japan as well as cooperation in international fora.

State Minister Sonoura, in his meeting with Secretary General Dr. Soomer, stated the importance of the ACS where 25 countries join in the cooperation in international settings. Dr. Soomer expressed her appreciation for support of Japan to the Caribbean region and her wish to deepen the cooperation with Japan to overcome the vulnerabilities of the Region.



State Minister Sonoura (left) and
Foreign Minister Moses (right)



Secretary General Dr. Soomer (left) and
State Minister Sonoura (right)