

## Reception to Celebrate the Emperor's Birthday

On December 12, 2018, the Japanese National Day reception was held at the Accra Beach Hotel and Spa. Approximately 140 guests, including Her Excellency Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, G.C.M.G.D.A.,Q.C., the Governor General of Barbados and four Cabinet ministers were in attendance.

The Hon. Sandra Husbands, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Trade, spoke on behalf of Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Sen. Dr. the Hon. Jerome X. Walcott, who was at the time out of the country for business trip. In her speech, she pointed out that Japan and Barbados have shared friendly ties in areas such as education, climate change, renewable energy, the arts, sport and technology, and that these ties have only grown stronger since the establishment of the Embassy of Japan in Barbados in 2016. Ambassador Shinada also introduced guests to an interesting episode regarding the history of the relations between the two countries.

The Embassy arranged a special booth for Nanyo City, the host town for the Barbados Olympic team for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. The city contributed a selection of locally produced red & white wines, Japanese sake, fruit juices and snacks to the reception. Also displayed were four bonsai provided by Bonsai Barbados. All cultivated in Barbados, these were very popular with the guests.



Ambassador Shinada welcomes the H. E. Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, G.C.M.G.D.A.,Q.C., the Governor General of Barbados



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Ambassador Shinada gives a speech and toast



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Sandra Osborne, SCM. QC, president of The Barbados Olympic Association Inc.



Toast with the Governor General



Scene from the venue



Booth of Nanyo City, the host town for the Barbados Olympic team for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo

