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The Emperor's Birthday Reception in Guyana

On 28 November 2018, a reception was held at the Pegasus Hotel in Georgetown to celebrate the Birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan. His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan, and Mrs. Okada hosted the reception which was attended by approximately 70 guests, including the Honourable Moses Nagamootoo, Prime Minister and First Vice President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, Ambassador Audrey Waddell, Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Colin Granderson, Assistant Secretary-General of CARICOM Secretariat, His Excellency Donald Ramoutar, Former President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, and Mr. Kashir Khan, Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Guyana.

During his welcome remarks, Ambassador Okada spoke of the impending abdication of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan in 2019, followed by the enthronement of His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince Naruhito. He also referred to the 2020 Tokyo Olympic/Paralympic Games, and recalled the high-level talks and bilateral cooperation projects that have taken place in 2018.

Prime Minister Nagamootoo, in his remarks, noted the important role of Japan in the international arena and its assistance to the CARICOM countries to combat issues related to the effects of climate change in this region. Prime Minister Nagamootoo also recognised Japan's contributions to Guyana in the fields of disaster risk reduction and energy, while expressing his expectation that Japan would also contribute to the development of its oil and gas sector.

During the reception, guests were treated to video presentations on the activities of their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan, the 2020 Tokyo Olympic/Paralympic Games, and Japanese culture and tourism, as well as a display of Japanese calendars and a photo exhibition showing the Embassy's activities in 2018.



Ambassador Okada delivers his welcome speech (from left: Mr. Khan, Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Guyana, Mrs. Okada, Ambassador Okada, Prime Minister Nagamootoo, Mrs. Nagamootoo, Ambassador Waddell)



Prime Minister Nagamootoo gives remarks (from left: Mrs. Okada, Ambassador Okada, Prime Minister Nagamootoo, Mrs. Nagamootoo)



Guests view the Photo Panel Exhibition



Prime Minister Nagamootoo views the Japanese calendars