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Presentation Ceremony of Credentials to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Tatsuo Hirayama, Ambassador of Japan to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, presented his credentials to His Excellency Sir Frederick Ballantyne, Governor General of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, on Wednesday February 13, 2019, at the Office of the Governor General. Ambassador Hirayama also paid courtesy calls to the Hon. Saboto Caesar, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation, Industry, Labour, the Hon. Jomo Thomas, Speaker of the House of Assembly, Dr. the Hon. Godwin Friday, Member of Parliament and Leader of the Opposition, Mrs. Sandy Peters-Phillips, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Commerce, and H.E. Vilma Valdespino, Ambassador of Cuba in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps.

Following his Presentation of Credentials, Ambassador Hirayama informed Governor General Ballantyne of his intention to strengthen cordial bilateral relations, as exemplified by the visit of Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonzalves to Japan last year. In response, Governor General Ballantyne expressed deep appreciation for Japan's assistance to St. Vincent and the Grenadines, especially in the fields of agriculture and fisheries, and his hope to further the two countries' bilateral relations.

Ambassador Hirayama took the opportunity to sign a Grant Assistance for the Grassroots Human Security Project to the renovation of St. Mary's Roman Catholic School, as well as to attend a handing-over ceremony of disaster preparedness and mitigation equipment purchased under the Japan's grant assistance.



Presentation of Credentials by
Ambassador Hirayama (right) to
H.E. Governor General Ballantyne (left)



Ambassador Hirayama (right)
paid a courtesy call to
the Hon. Minister Caesar (left)



Ambassador Hirayama pays a courtesy call to the Hon. Speaker Thomas (left)



Courtesy Call to Dr. the Hon. Friday, Member of Parliament
(From right: Mrs. Hirayama, Dr. the Hon. Friday, Ambassador Hirayama)



Ambassador Hirayama greets Permanent Secretary Peters-Phillips (right)



Ambassador and Mrs. Hirayama meet with H.E. Ambassador Valdespino (right)