## Presentation Ceremony of Credentials to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana & CARICOM Secretariat

H.E. Tatsuo Hirayama, Ambassador of Japan, paid an official visit to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana during the period July 16 - 17, 2019.

On Wednesday 17 July, Ambassador Hirayama presented his credentials to His Excellency Brigadier David Granger, President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana. President Granger made remarks that he was willing to strengthen the long and friendly relations between the two countries and that the Japanese assistance project to promote renewable energy was well in line with Guyana's green development strategy.

Ambassador Hirayama then visited the CARICOM Secretariat and presented his credentials to Ambassador Irwin LaRocque, Secretary General. The Secretary General said that the partnership between Japan and the CARICOM Secretariat has been strong and Prime Minister Abe's meeting with the CARICOM leaders in 2014 was an important event. He also expressed his appreciation to Japan's assistance to CARICOM. Ambassador Hirayama also met with Ambassador Colin Granderson, the Assistant Secretary General and Ambassador Manorma Soeknandan, the Deputy Secretary General at the CARICOM Secretariat.

During the visit, Ambassador Hirayama paid courtesy calls to the Honourable Moses Nagamootoo, Prime Minister, the Honourable Basil Williams, Attorney General, Minister of Legal Affairs and Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Honourable Dr. Noel Holder, Minister of Agriculture.

Ambassador Hirayama also met with Mr. Kalam Azad Juman-Yassin, President of the Guyana Olympic Association, to discuss the upcoming Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.



Ambassador Hirayama and His Excellency Brigadier David Granger, President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana.



Ambassador Hirayama and Ambassador Irwin LaRocque, Secretary General of the CARICOM Secretariat.



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Mrs Hirayma, Ambassador Hirayama and the Honourable Moses Nagamootoo, Prime Minister of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana