

## **Ambassador Hirayama's Visit to St. Vincent and the Grenadines**

On October 15, 2019, Ambassador Tatsuo Hirayama visited St. Vincent and called on Her Excellency Susan Dougan, OBE, Governor General, Dr. the Hon. Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister and the Hon. Sir Louis Straker, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Commerce.

During his call on the Governor General, Ambassador Hirayama expressed his congratulations on the recent appointment as Governor General last August and also expressed appreciation to the Governor General's attendance to the Ceremony of the Enthronement of His Majesty the Emperor on October 22. The Governor General replied that it would be an honor to attend this Ceremony and look forward to it.

In the meetings with Prime Minister Gonsalves and Foreign Minister Straker, bilateral relations between Japan and St. Vincent, as well as regional and global issues were discussed. Ambassador Hirayama expressed his congratulations on St. Vincent and the Grenadines' election as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council.



Ambassador Hirayama is photographed with Governor-General Susan Dougan, OBE



Ambassador Hirayama and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Louis Straker shake hands



Ambassador Hirayama pays a courtesy call on Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves