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Ambassador Daven Joseph Receives National Decoration from Japan

On November 3, the Government of Japan announced its decision to confer a Japanese National Decoration, “The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon”, upon His Excellency Daven C. Joseph, Ambassador and Development Commissioner in charge of Agriculture, Fishery and Barbuda Issues, Office of the Prime Minister, for his outstanding contribution to strengthening bilateral relations between Japan and Antigua and Barbuda. Ambassador Joseph has the distinction of becoming the first national of Antigua and Barbuda to receive a Japanese National Decoration from the Government of Japan.

Established in 1875, the Orders of the Rising Sun was Japan’s first national decoration awarded by the Government of Japan. It features rays of sunlight radiating from the rising sun with an attachment that is fashioned in the shape of a paulownia flower and leaf. The Order of the Rising Sun is conferred on foreign nationals for their significant contributions to advancing relations between Japan and its partners.

As Ambassador-Designate of Antigua and Barbuda to Japan and as Development Commissioner, Ambassador Joseph has greatly supported the implementation of various development cooperation projects executed by Japan, thereby contributing to the strengthening of bilateral relations between Japan and Antigua and Barbuda . As Commissioner of the International Whaling Commission, Ambassador Joseph has been a steadfast and reliable advocate for the sustainable use of marine resources, which is a position that Japan has supported with the cooperation of its international partners.