

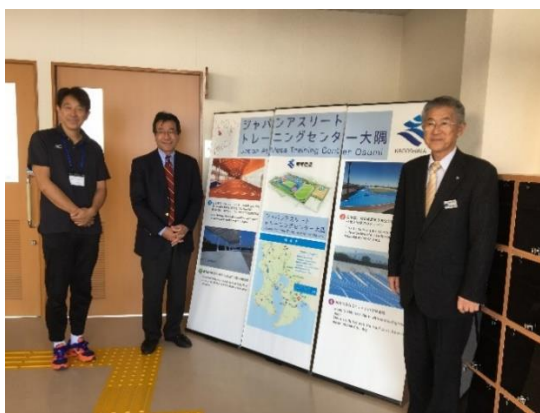
Ambassador Hirayama's Visit to Kagoshima

On November 5 and 6, 2019, Ambassador Tatsuo Hirayama visited Osaki-Town, Kagoshima Prefecture and the Kagoshima Prefectural Government.

Osaki-Town is a host town for Trinidad and Tobago for 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. On November 5, Ambassador Hirayama visited the Japan Athlete Training Center Osumi, with Mayor Yasuhiro Higashi of Osaki-Town. The Trinidad and Tobago relay team used this Center just before IAAF World Relays in Yokohama in May, 2019, and eventually won gold medal in men's 4x400 relay. This is a unique facility in Japan which is dedicated to training. It is expected that the Trinidad and Tobago team for the Tokyo Games will come to this Center for pre-training and engage in exchange programs.

Also, Osaki-Town has more than 80% waste recycling rate, the highest in Japan for 11 years in a row. Ambassador Hirayama visited the Town's recycle center and was briefed on the recycle programs.

On November 6, Ambassador called on Mr. Satoshi Mitazono, Governor of Kagoshima Prefecture. As there are 5 more host town arrangements besides Osaki-Town with his cross-accredited countries, Ambassador Hirayama expressed his appreciation of the support by Kagoshima Prefecture for these arrangements and his hope for expanding exchange between Kagoshima and Caribbean countries utilizing these opportunities. Governor Mitazono replied that Kagoshima is a good place for pre-training for the Tokyo Games because of its mild weather and he hoped to expand cultural and people-to-people exchange with these countries as all are island countries.



Training Centre Entrance
(Director Matsumoto, Mayor Higashi)



Practice track



Indoor track



Meeting with the Governor of Mitazono,
Kagoshima Prefecture



Recycling Centre



Recycled waste (PET bottles)