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Ambassador Tatsuo Hirayama Visits Saint Lucia
(October 20-22, 2021)

During the period October 20-22, 2021, Mr. Tatsuo Hirayama, Ambassador of Japan, visited Saint Lucia and paid courtesy calls upon the Honourable Philip J. Pierre, Prime Minister of St. Lucia and other Cabinet Ministers. He also visited a construction site of a grant assistance project from the Government of Japan.

On October 21-22, 2021, Ambassador Hirayama paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Pierre, who assumed that post at the end of July. The Ambassador also met with the Honourable Alva Romanus Baptiste, Minister for External Affairs, International Trade, Civil Aviation and Diaspora Affairs; the Honourable Alfred P. Prospere, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Rural Development; and Mr. Guillaume Simon, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, International Trade, Civil Aviation and Diaspora Affairs. During these meetings, he reaffirmed the longstanding friendly and cooperative relationships between Japan and Saint Lucia, and discussed future cooperation to common challenges and global common issues in the areas of the COVID-19 pandemic, disaster management, climate change and fisheries, among others.

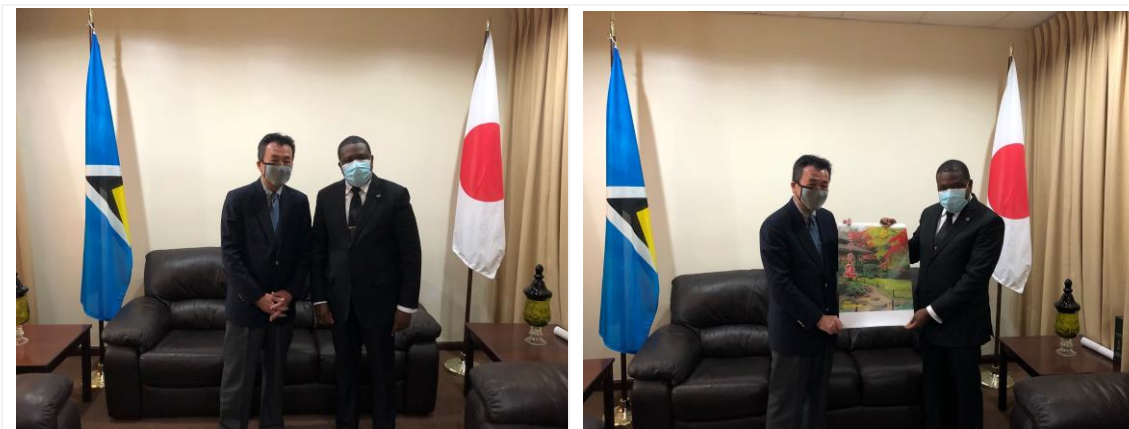
Ambassador Hirayama also met with His Excellency Dr. Didacus Jules, Director-General, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and discussed the cooperative relationship between Japan and the OECS.

Ambassador Hirayama also visited one of the Japan's ODA project sites for "the Project for Reconstruction of Bridges in Cul-De-Sac Basin in Saint Lucia". This reconstruction project is supported by a grant of 1.53 billion Japanese Yen (approximately 14 million US dollars) from the Government of Japan. He was briefed by representatives from the Government of Saint Lucia, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Japanese construction companies that the new bridge would include the construction of an 81-meter bridge which will replace the current 13 meter bridge and would be 3 meters higher than now. Thus, the new bridge would prevent flooding even in cases of heavy rains.

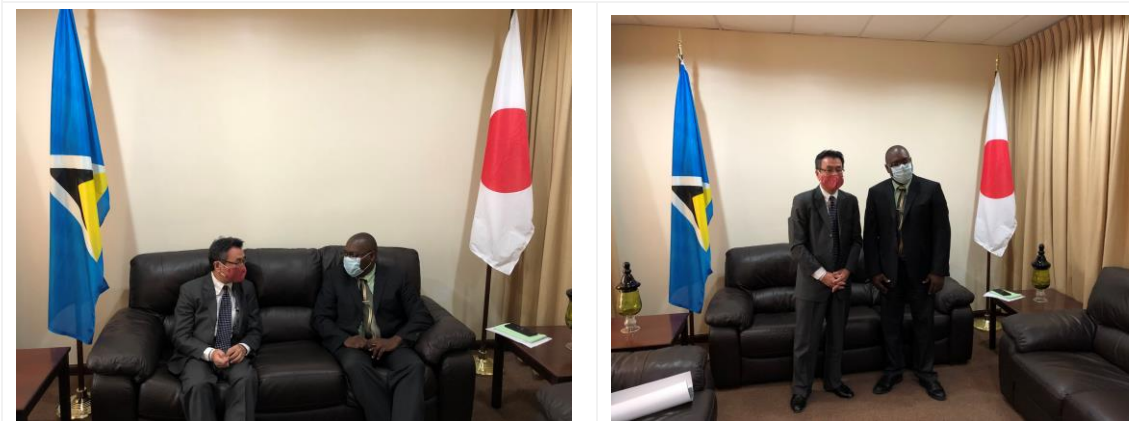
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Visiting Cul-De-Sac Bridge



Townscape of Castries, the capital of Sain Lucia

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