

30 November 2021

Ambassador Tatsuo Hirayama Visits Saint Lucia  
(November 25-26, 2021)

During the period November 25-26, 2021, Mr. Tatsuo Hirayama, Ambassador of Japan, visited Saint Lucia and met with the Honourable Alva Romanus Baptiste, Minister for External Affairs, International Trade, Civil Aviation and Diaspora Affairs and Mr. Guillaume Simon, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry. They agreed to further strengthen the longstanding friendly relationship between Japan and Saint Lucia, in particular focused on the areas of fisheries, disaster risk management, climate change, combating the COVID-19 pandemic. They also discussed issues of global challenges common to the two countries.

On November 25, 2021, Ambassador Hirayama attended, together with the Honourable Shawn A. Edward, Minister for Education, Sustainable Development, Innovation, Science, Technology and Vocational Training, the handing-over ceremony for the Project for Reusing Secondhand Garbage Collection Trucks in Castries, which was carried out through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme.

On November 26, 2021, the Ambassador attended the completion ceremony for the Project for Improving Health Environment at Piaye Combined School, which was also carried out through a grant from the GGP. Also in attendance at the event was the Honourable Bradley Felix, Parliamentary Representative of Choiseul/Saltibus, who is the former Minister for Commerce, Industry, Investment, Enterprise Development and Consumer Affairs.

## Ambassador Hirayama's Visit to Saint Lucia



Completion ceremony of the Project for Reusing Second-hand Garbage Collection Trucks in Castries  
(Saint Lucia Solid Waste Management Authority)



Completion ceremony of the Project for Improving Health Environment at Piaye Combined School