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Ambassador Tatsuo Hirayama Visits Saint Vincent and the Grenadines  
(January 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2022)

On January 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Ambassador Tatsuo Hirayama visited Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and called on Her Excellency Susan Dougan, OBE. Governor General of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Dr. the Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. He also met with the Honourable Keisal Peters, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, the Honourable Saboto Caesar, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation, Industry and Labor. During these meetings, they agreed to further strengthen the longstanding friendly and cooperative relationship between two countries in the areas of fisheries, disaster risk management, climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic and they also discussed global common issues. The Ambassador, who completes his assignment in mid-February, expressed his appreciation to them for their cooperation and support during his three years duty in the Caribbean.

Ambassador Hirayama also visited project sites, which have been implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and World Food Programme (WFP) under the Japan's Emergency Grant Aid in response to the damage from the La Soufrière volcanic eruption in April 2021, and received explanations from relevant organizations on the progress of the projects. On July 13, 2021, the Government of Japan decided to extend the Emergency Grant Aid of 1.58 million US dollars to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to support populations affected by the volcanic eruption and to support shelter renovation and food provision through the IOM and WFP.

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Ambassador visited a fish market in "Little Tokyo", Kingstown, Saint Vincent, which was constructed and refurbished by the Japan's grant aid in the area of fisheries.

## Ambassador Hirayama's Visit to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines



Courtesy call upon Her Excellency Susan Dougan, Governor General (Left)



Meeting with Prime Minister Dr. the Honourable Ralph Gonsalves and the Honourable Keisal Peters, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade (Right)



Meeting with the Honourable Saboto Caesar, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation, Industry and Labor (Left)



Meeting with International Organization for Migration (IOM), World Food Programme (WFP) and relevant organizations (Right)







Visiting project sites



Kingstown fish market in Little Tokyo