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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Japanese Seafood Tasting Event**

On Monday March 25, 2024, the His Excellency MATSUBARA Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan, hosted a Japanese seafood tasting event at his official residence. The event gathered chefs and owners of some of the best-known restaurants in Trinidad and offered nine dishes specially curated by Chef WATANABE Genya, the resident chef of the Ambassador/Embassy of Japan featuring scallops and yellowtail fish from Japan.

In his remarks, Ambassador Matsubara noted the growing appreciation for Japanese cuisine in Trinidad and Tobago as an element of the positive relationship shared between both countries. He noted further that 2024 marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Trinidad and Tobago, and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the relationship between Japan and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) which proved an opportunity to explore new prospects for expanding trade ties through Japanese seafood products.

Additionally, a detailed presentation on Japan's aquaculture sector was delivered by Mr. SAGA Atsushi, First Secretary and fisheries sector expert.

Guests were then treated to a variety of scallop and yellowtail dishes prepared using Japanese techniques, which were paired with a selection of Japanese sake, as well as a discussion with Chef Watanabe on cooking methods and ingredients.

The Embassy of Japan looks forward to furthering the friendly and cooperative relationship between Japan and Trinidad and Tobago and will host several events throughout 2024 to commemorate the milestone anniversary of 60 years of diplomatic relations.

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Ambassador Matsubara delivers opening remarks



Mr. Atsushi Saga delivers a presentation on Japan's aquaculture sector



A selection of yellowtail and scallop dishes



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A guest decides on sake



Guests prepare to sample seafood



Chef Watanabe displays yellowtail to a guest



Ambassador Matsubara, Mrs. Matsubara Masako and guests