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Press Release

Ambassador Umezawa Presents Credentials to the President of the Republic of Suriname and Calls on the Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation

On March 18, 2025, His Excellency Dr. Akima UMEZAWA, Ambassador of Japan, presented his Letter of Credence to His Excellency Chandrikapersad Santokhi, President of the Republic of Suriname. This marked the formal beginning of Ambassador UMEZAWA's tenure as the non-resident Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Suriname.

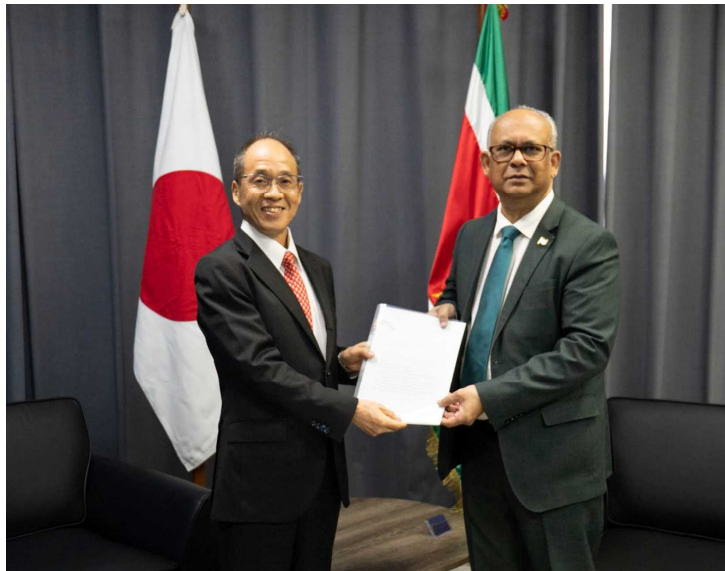
During their meeting, Ambassador UMEZAWA conveyed a message from His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, Naruhito, and reiterated Japan's commitment to deepening bilateral cooperation and strengthening partnerships that advance shared interests. President Santokhi mentioned the recent commissioning of a pediatric oncology unit at the Academic Hospital Paramaribo, as well as the historical foundation of Japan-Suriname cooperation, which has included capacity building via technical training and scholarship opportunities. Additionally, President Santokhi echoed the desire to strengthen existing bilateral relations, emphasising the need for enhanced collaboration in addressing shared global challenges such as climate change and the promotion of global peace.

Preceding this engagement, on March 17, 2025, Ambassador UMEZAWA paid his first courtesy call to His Excellency Albert Ramdin, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation, where he presented a copy of his Letter of Credence.



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Ambassador Umezawa shakes hands with His Excellency Chandrikapersad Santokhi, President of the Republic of Suriname, during the meeting of the presentation of credentials on March 18, 2025.



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Ambassador Umezawa presents a copy of his Letter of Credence to His Excellency Albert Ramdin, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation, on March 17, 2025.