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## **Press Release**

### **Ambassador Umezawa Presents Credentials to the Governor General of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**

His Excellency Dr. Akima UMEZAWA, Ambassador of Japan, presented his Letter of Credence to Her Excellency Dame Susan Dougan GCMG, OBE, Governor General of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, commencing his tenure as the non-resident Ambassador of Japan to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on March 28, 2025.

During their discussions, Ambassador UMEZAWA delivered a formal message from His Majesty the Emperor of Japan and reiterated Japan's commitment to the continued bilateral cooperation and strengthening of partnerships to advance mutual interests between Japan and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The Governor General also expressed appreciation for the longstanding and cooperative relationship between the countries. She specifically highlighted the Kingstown Fisheries Complex as a concrete example of Japan's impactful contributions to the nation's economic development, and noted its indispensability to public life to such an extent that it has garnered the affectionate moniker "Little Tokyo," signifying its cultural integration and association to Japan.

The presentation of credentials marks the continuation of a strong and enduring relationship between the two nations, built on shared values and mutual respect.



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