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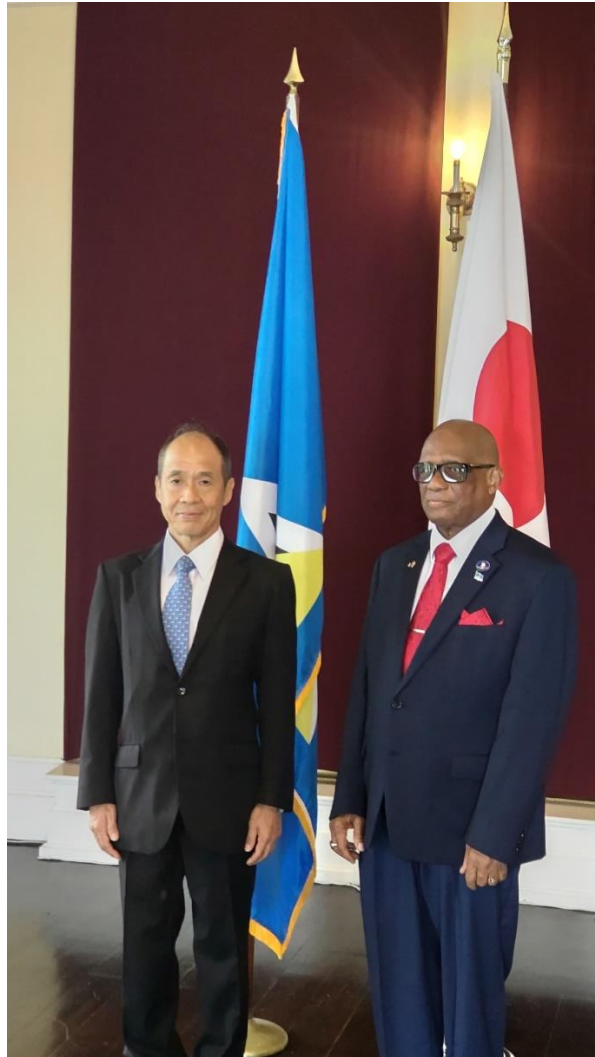
**Ambassador of Japan, H.E. Dr. Akima UMEZAWA, Presents Credentials
to the Governor General of Saint Lucia**

On May 28, 2025, His Excellency Dr. Akima UMEZAWA, Ambassador of Japan, presented his Letter of Credence to His Excellency Sir Cyril Errol Melchiades Charles GCSL, GCMG, Governor-General of Saint Lucia.

Ambassador UMEZAWA conveyed a message from His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, Naruhito, and reaffirmed the Government of Japan's commitment to strengthening diplomatic relations and advancing cooperation with Saint Lucia in areas of mutual interest.

The Governor-General warmly welcomed Ambassador UMEZAWA and expressed his appreciation for Japan's continued economic support in areas such as fisheries, agriculture, and cultural exchange, as well as his hope for strengthening cooperation in economic development, especially in the areas of agriculture, fisheries, health and disaster management. The Governor-General also expressed his gratitude that Japan has organized many training projects inviting several hundred St. Lucian trainees in these areas.

While this occasion marks the beginning of Ambassador UMEZAWA's official tenure as the non-resident Ambassador of Japan to Saint Lucia, Japan and Saint Lucia have enjoyed cordial and fruitful relations since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1980.



Ambassador UMEZAWA and His Excellency Sir Cyril Errol Melchiades Charles
GCSL, GCMG, Governor-General of Saint Lucia