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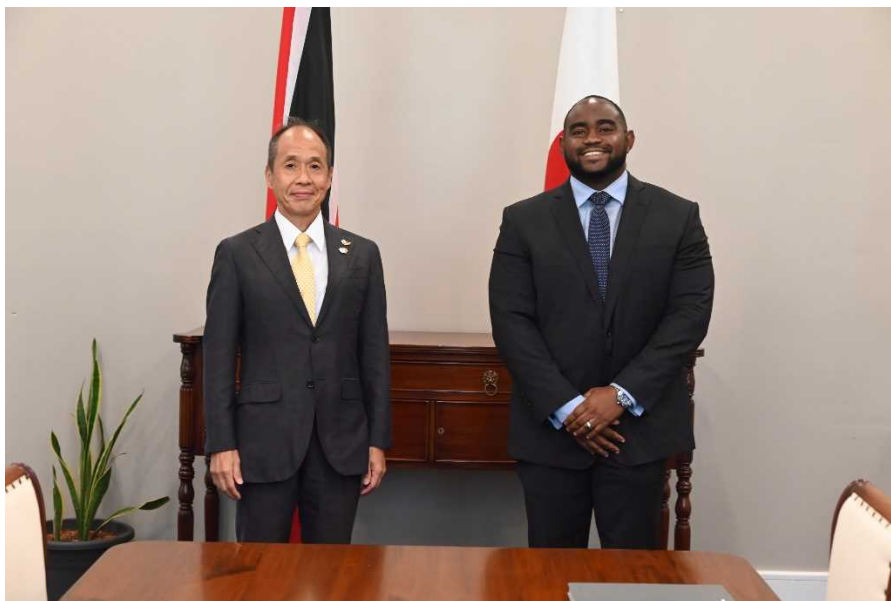
**Ambassador of Japan to Trinidad and Tobago, H.E. Dr. Akima UMEZAWA, Calls  
on the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs**

On June 4, 2025, His Excellency Dr. Akima UMEZAWA, Ambassador of Japan, paid a courtesy call on the Honourable Sean Sobers, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs.

During the call, Ambassador UMEZAWA reaffirmed Japan's commitment to fostering enhanced bilateral cooperation and strengthened partnerships with the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. The discussions encompassed ongoing economic cooperation initiatives, notably Japan-funded projects undertaken by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). These collaborative efforts seek to contribute to overcoming vulnerabilities faced of CARICOM countries through various means, including improved sargassum management capabilities, the development of heavy rainfall early warning systems, and technology and equipment transfer in the fields of environment, agriculture, health, and disaster prevention.

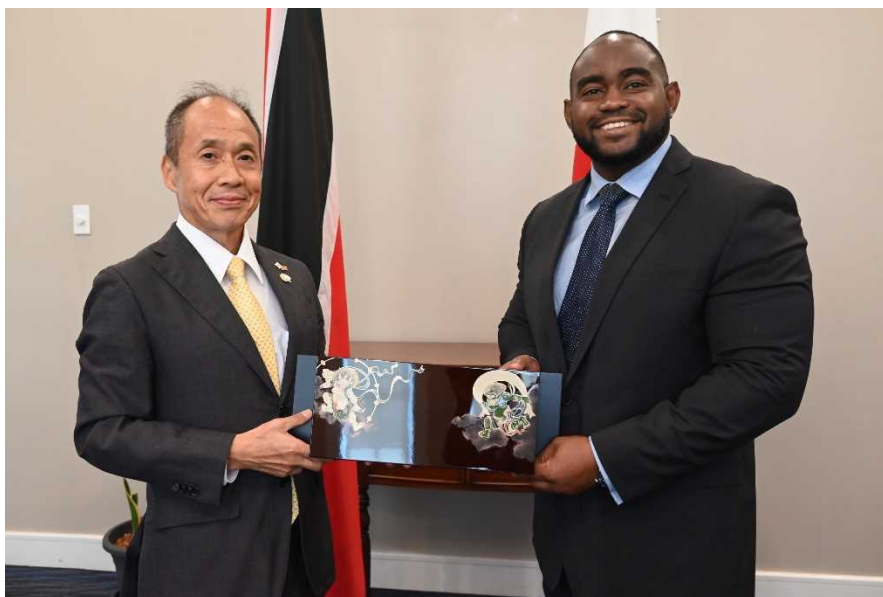
In addition, Ambassador UMEZAWA highlighted current opportunities for cultural exchange such as the MEXT scholarship programme and the recent Japan Night hosted at the National Library of Trinidad and Tobago on the opening day of Asian Nights in May.

Notably, Ambassador UMEZAWA shared his delight that Trinidad and Tobago opted to participate in the Japan Expo 2025, which provides an invaluable opportunity for countries to showcase their culture and promote investment on the world stage, and invited official guests at the Ministerial level to partake in celebrating Trinidad and Tobago's Expo National Day in Osaka, Japan, on August 11, 2025.



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Ambassador UMEZAWA pays a courtesy call on the Honourable Sean Sobers, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, on June 4, 2025.



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Ambassador UMEZAWA presents the Honourable Sean Sobers, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, with a Japanese lacquer panel during their courtesy call.