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Press Release

**H.E. Dr. Akima UMEZAWA, Ambassador of Japan, Presents Credentials
to the President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana**

On June 25, 2025, His Excellency Dr. Akima UMEZAWA presented his Letters of Credence as the new non-resident Ambassador of Japan to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana to His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

During the meeting, Ambassador UMEZAWA highlighted areas for further advancement of economic cooperation between Japan and Guyana in the fields of agriculture and water resource management, citing the nascent Guyana Climate Resilient Water and Sanitation Infrastructure Improvement Programme, which will be implemented by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), as a key example. He also noted the significant interest from Japanese businesses, including agriculture venture companies, in doing business in Guyana. In addition, discussions focused on facilitating increased people-to-people exchanges through initiatives such as the MEXT scholarship programme and Japanese language training for government officials which have the potential to strengthen the cultural and social bonds between the two nations.

President Ali acknowledged the immense opportunities for Japanese private sector involvement in Guyana's burgeoning economy. In particular, he called for existing cooperation agreements between the two countries to be updated to reflect key areas of national development. The areas identified for broader collaboration included smart and sustainable agriculture, infrastructure, healthcare, education services, and advancements in science, technology and research.

This accreditation marked a significant step in reinforcing the strong bilateral ties between Japan and Guyana, and emphasised the countries' shared vision for increased cooperation and mutual prosperity.



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His Excellency Dr. Akima UMEZAWA presents his Letters of Credence to His Excellency Dr. Irfaan Ali, President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, on June 25, 2025.



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Ambassador UMEZAWA with His Excellency Dr. Irfaan Ali, President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, during the swearing-in ceremony. They were joined by the Honourable Hugh Todd, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Guyana; Mr. Kashir Khan, Honorary Consul of Japan; Mr. Takagi Yasumitsu, Second Secretary; and Ambassador Ivan Evelyn, Chief of Protocol of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.