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Press Release

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

On July 15, 2025, His Excellency Dr. Akima UMEZAWA presented his Letters of Credence as the new non-resident Ambassador of Japan to Her Excellency Dame Cécile La Grenade, GCMG, OBE, PhD., Governor General of Grenada.

During their exchange, Ambassador UMEZAWA conveyed how deeply honoured he felt to be appointed as Ambassador to Grenada during this special year of 2025, which marks 50 years of diplomatic relations between Japan and Grenada. At the same time, he introduced the Embassy's plan to host a cultural event to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations. Ambassador UMEZAWA took the opportunity to highlight the ongoing project to remove sargassum, which includes the provision of vessels, trucks and fences, and also made special mention of Grenada's first-time participation in Japan Exchange Teaching Programme (JET), with two (2) Grenadians travelling to teach English in Japan this year.

Her Excellency Dame Cécile La Grenade, GCMG, OBE, PhD., warmly welcomed Ambassador UMEZAWA, while also noting the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations between Grenada and Japan. The Governor General expressed appreciation for Japan's humanitarian assistance in response to the damage caused by hurricane Beryl, as well as appreciation for the economic cooperation provided; especially in the areas of fisheries and education through the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) scholarship.

This latest accreditation of Ambassador UMEZAWA marks another significant step in deepening the bonds of friendship between Japan and Grenada, as the two countries celebrate five decades of cooperation and bilateral exchanges.



His Excellency Dr. Akima UMEZAWA, Ambassador of Japan, shakes hands with Her Excellency Dame Cécile La Grenade, GCMG, OBE, PhD., Governor General of Grenada, during the ceremony for the presentation of credentials on July 15, 2025.