

Appointment Ceremony of Honorary Consul of Japan in Saint George's, Grenada

On November 12, 2025, His Excellency Dr. Akima UMEZAWA, Ambassador of Japan announced the appointment of Dr. Nicole Phillip as the first Honorary Consul of Japan in Grenada.

Ambassador UMEZAWA hosted the ceremony to introduce Dr. Nicole Phillip as the Honorary Consul of Japan in Saint George's, Grenada. The ceremony was held at the Radisson Grenada Beach Resort with participants of distinguished guests, as well as other senior Government officials and members of the Diplomatic and Honorary Consul Corps.

In the ceremony, Ambassador UMEZAWA emphasized that the appointment will significantly deepen the half century friendship relations between the two countries. Ambassador UMEZAWA referred to the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations as a "golden jubilee," showcasing the significant progress in cooperation and support across diverse fields including Grenada's vibrant carnival parade at Expo 2025 Osaka; Japan's provision of special vessels for sargassum countermeasures; support for the expansion of vocational training centers; and the promotion of exchanges through media tours to Japan's ODA facilities. The Ambassador also highlighted Dr. Phillip's academic contributions, positioning her as an "enduring face" to lead the future of bilateral relations. He concluded his speech by calling for continued support and expressing gratitude to all stakeholders.

The Honorable Phillip Telesford, Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Health, congratulated Dr. Phillip on her appointment while paying tribute to five decades of cooperation and friendship between Grenada and Japan.

Dr. Phillip expressed her profound gratitude for her selection as the first Honorary Consul of Japan to Grenada and for the opportunity to contribute to deepening relations between two countries which share another fifty years of close bilateral engagements in the future.

Presently, Dr. Phillip is the Acting Director of the University of the West Indies Global Campus in St. George's with qualifications in History and demonstrable leadership in academia and beyond.

Finally, the formal program of the ceremony concluded with a live melodious performance by Mr. Yosuke Irie, an acclaimed Japanese Shakuhachi performer of the bamboo flute.



His Excellency Dr. Akima UMEZAWA, Ambassador of Japan to Grenada, delivers opening remarks at the reception to install the new Honorary Consul of Japan in Grenada



Ambassador Umezawa presents Dr. Nicole Phillip with the Letters of Appointment of the Honorary Consul of Japan in Grenada



The Honorable Phillip Telesford, Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Health, delivers remarks on behalf of the Government of Grenada