

Reception to Celebrate the Emperor's Birthday

On February 5, 2020, the Embassy of Japan organized the Emperor's Birthday Reception (His Majesty the Emperor Naruhito, born on February 23, 1960) at the Accra Beach Hotel and Spa. About 130 guests including Her Excellency Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, G.C.M.G., D.A., Q.C., the Governor General of Barbados, wearing a Kimono and four Cabinet ministers attended.

The Honourable Cheryl Sandra V. Husbands, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Trade delivered remarks on behalf of the Government of Barbados and stressed the friendly relations between the two countries. Ambassador SHINADA also pointed out the increasing exchanges between the two countries, and said that Nanyo City, Yamagata Prefecture, host town of Barbados in Tokyo Olympic Games, would welcome the Barbadian team with maximum hospitality.

At the reception venue, wine and pound cake from Nanyo City were also tasted. Bonsai display provided by Bonsai Barbados was admired by the guests.

Media also covered the event.



The Hon. Sandra Husbands, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Trade delivering her speech



Ambassador SHINADA delivering his speech



Governor General in Kimono and Sandra Osborne SCM, QC, President of Barbados Olympic Association



The Hon. John A. King, M.P, Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports in Happi gifted by Nanyo City and Ambassador SHINADA



Scene from the venue



Governor-General (centre), Ambassador (left) and his wife (right)
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