

His Majesty the Emperor's Birthday Reception 2024

February 23, 2024

On February 23, 2024, Ambassador Fukushima hosted a reception in celebration of the 64th birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan at a hotel on the South Coast of Barbados. The reception was attended by approximately 140 persons, including Her Excellency The Most Honourable Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, President of Barbados, the Honourable Sandra Husbands, acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, the Honourable Kirk Humphrey, Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs, Government officials, heads of the Diplomatic Corps, members of the academia as well as guests from the private sector.

In celebration of Japan-CARICOM Friendship Year 2024, the reception featured an assortment of Japanese sake from nine Prefectures; an exhibit on Nanyo City, the host town for Team Barbados during the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, commemorated exchanges between Nanyo City and Barbados over the years as well as displayed a selection of the city's locally-produced wines. There was also a special keyboard rendition by Ambassador Fukushima of the Japanese folk song "Sakura Sakura" and the Barbadian classic "Beautiful Barbados".



Her Excellency The Most Honourable Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, President of Barbados and Her Excellency Kayoko Fukushima, Ambassador of Japan to Barbados



The Honourable Sandra Husbands



Ambassador Fukushima



Ambassador Fukushima engaging in conversation with H.E. The Most Honourable Dame Sandra Prunella Mason and members of the Diplomatic Corps



Ambassador Fukushima and the Honourable Kirk Humphrey, Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs



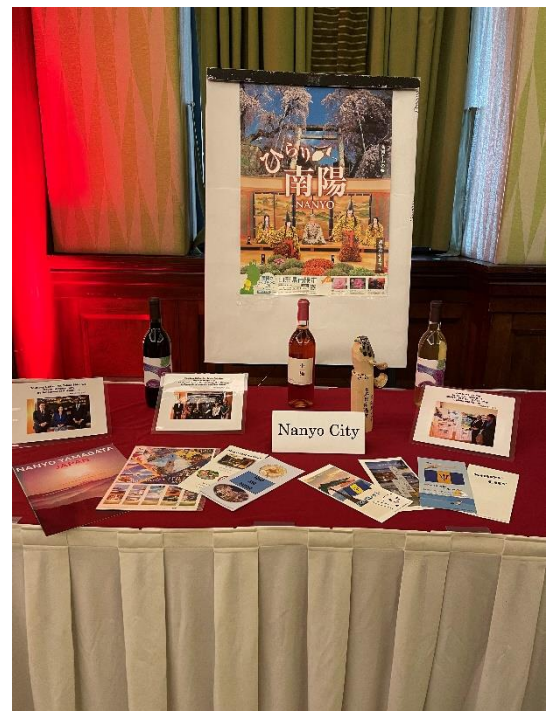
Ambassador Fukushima playing a Japanese folk song entitled “Sakura Sakura” and “Beautiful Barbados” on the keyboard



Guests enjoying the reception



Japanese sake booth



Nanyo City exhibit