

National Day Reception Celebrating His Majesty the Emperor of Japan's Birthday



L-R: H.E. MIYASAKA Yusuke, Ambassador of Japan to Barbados, H.E. The Most Honourable Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, President of Barbados and the Honourable Miss Santia Bradshaw, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, performing the Kagami Biraki (sake barrel breaking) ceremony.

On March 21, 2025, Ambassador of Japan to Barbados, H.E. Mr. MIYASAKA and Mrs. MIYASAKA, hosted a reception in celebration of the 65th birthday of His Majesty, the Emperor of Japan, at the residence of the Ambassador. The reception was attended by over 100 attendees, including Her Excellency The Most Honourable Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, President of Barbados, the Honourable Miss Santia Bradshaw, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, the Honourable Sandra Husbands, Minister of Training and Tertiary Education, Hon. Wilfred A. Abrahams, S.C., M.P., Minister of Home Affairs and Information, Government officials, heads of the Diplomatic corps, honorary Consular corps, as well as guests from the private sector.



L-R: Mrs. Shinobu MIYASAKA, Ambassador's wife, H.E. MIYASAKA Yusuke, Ambassador of Japan to Barbados and H.E. The Most Honourable Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, President of Barbados.



The Honourable Sandra Husbands, Minister of Training and Tertiary Education, giving remarks on behalf of the Government and people of Barbados.



H.E. MIYASAKA Yusuke, Ambassador of Japan to Barbados, giving remarks at the Emperor's Birthday Reception.



Attendees celebrating the Emperor's Birthday at the Ambassador's Residence

During the reception, Her Excellency The Most Honourable Dame Sandra Prunella Mason and the Honourable Miss Santia Bradshaw, M.P. joined Ambassador MIYASAKA for a Kagami Biraki ceremony. The Kagami Biraki, or sake barrel breaking ceremony, is a tradition that symbolizes unity and good fortune.

Attendees enjoyed a variety of Japanese cuisine specially curated and prepared by Japanese Chef, Sakamoto, Sake and wines sourced from Japan and various exhibits showcasing Japanese traditions and innovations.



H.E. The Most Honourable Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, President of Barbados and the Honourable Miss Santia Bradshaw, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister, dressed in happi (traditional Japanese coats)



Ambassador MIYASAKA and Mrs. MIYASAKA sharing a light moment with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) training program alumnus.



Variety of Japanese Sake and wines on display