

Mr. NAKAE Arata, Deputy Chief of Mission, handed over a sample of guidance rubber mats to Mr. Mark Franklin, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs



L-R : Deputy NAKAE, First Secretary MIURA, and Permanent Secretary Franklin

On October 24, Mr. NAKAE Arata, Deputy Chief of Mission, met with Mr. Mark Franklin, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs, to officially hand over a sample of guidance rubber mats aimed at fostering greater accessibility in Barbados.

The rubber mats, provided by Kinjo Rubber Co. Ltd., a Japanese company specializing in the design and manufacture of accessibility materials, represent another step in Japan and Barbados' ongoing partnership to advance disability inclusion.

During the meeting, the two shared their countries' efforts to remove barriers for persons with disabilities and empower vulnerable groups, while exploring opportunities for future collaboration.

Also in attendance were Ms. Asha PITT, Foreign Service Officer II, Ms. Carolyn ESTWICK-BEST, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs, Ms. Sherry WAITHE, Administrative Officer II, Mr. Shitau MIURA, First Secretary and Ms. Shebree BROOMES, Secretary to the Ambassador.

Mr. Hatsuse, Director of the Japan Blind Judo Federation, was instrumental in facilitating this collaboration with Kinjo Rubber Co. Ltd. The picture is taken when He visited Barbados in November 2024.

