

Hon. Melford Nicholas, Minister of Information Communication Technologies, Utilities and Energy of Antigua and Barbuda, Visits Hiroshima Prefecture



On August 4, 2026, the Honourable Melford Nicholas, Minister of Information, Communication Technologies, Utilities, and Energy of Antigua and Barbuda, who was visiting Japan at the invitation of the Association for Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC), visited a demonstration site operated by WOTA Corp. in Takehara City, Hiroshima Prefecture.

During the visit, Minister Nicholas inspected a district where WOTA Corp.'s residential water recycling system has been installed, as well as an elementary school designated as an evacuation centre during disasters. The visit provided an opportunity for Minister Nicholas to observe first-hand the application of WOTA's technology, which enables domestic wastewater to be recycled into safe, reusable water.

Later that afternoon, Minister Nicholas met with Takehara Mayor Akimichi Hirai to exchange views on the demonstration project and its potential from the perspective of local government administration. During the meeting, Minister Nicholas expressed his desire to further strengthen the friendly relationship between Antigua and Barbuda and the City of Takehara.

Governor of Hiroshima Prefecture Mika Yokota welcomed the Minister's visit to Hiroshima, noted the WOTA pilot underway in Takehara, and expressed her hope to see the system deployed in Antigua and Barbuda.

Building on the visit and the positive exchange, the Embassy of Japan remains committed to supporting continued cooperation and fostering closer ties between Antigua and Barbuda and the City of Takehara.

