

## **Japanese Sake Presentation and Tasting Event (November 6, 2014)**

The Embassy of Japan hosted a “Japanese Sake Presentation and Tasting” event which was supported by the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel at its Legacy Suite, on Thursday, November 6, 2014. This was one of the various events to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relationship and Friendship between Japan and Jamaica as well as Japan-CARICOM Friendship Year 2014.

Two Sake experts, Mr. Noriyoshi Nagai, the 6th Generation President of Nagai Shuzo (Sake Brewer) and Mr. Keisuke Irie from Sake Samurai Association, were dispatched by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Mr. Irie delivered a presentation on Sake, followed by Mr. Nagai’s tasting session featuring his six different Japanese Sake, which he lovingly and skillfully brewed.

Approximately 50 guests that included senior officials such as the Rev. Hon. Ronald Thwaites, Minister of Education and Mrs. Thwaites; the Hon. Anthony Hylton, Minister of Industry, Investment and Commerce; the Most Hon Sir Kenneth Hall, Former Governor General of Jamaica; The Hon. Justice Zaila McCalla, Chief Justice, Supreme Court were in attendance and enjoyed Japanese Sake.

Mr. Nagai and Mr. Irie appeared on the morning programmes of “Smile Jamaica” at TVJ and “Sunrise” at CVM. They were also featured by the Gleaner on November 16, 2014, titled “Sake - the Divine Brew” (<http://jamaica-gleaner.com/gleaner/20141116/arts/arts1.html>).



(left) (From Left) the Most Hon. Sir Kenneth Hall, Former Governor General of Jamaica; Ambassador Takase and Mr. Nagai  
(right) Japanese Sake by Nagai Sake Brewer



(left) (From Left) Mr. Andre Hylton, Member of Parliament; Sen. Sophia Fraser-Binns, Senator  
(right) (From Left) Mrs. Thwaites; the Most Hon. Sir Kenneth Hall, Former Governor General of Jamaica; Mrs. Takase; Mr. Nagai; Ambassador Takase; Mr. Irie; the Rev. Hon. Ronald Thwaites, Minister of Education and the Hon. Justice Zaila McCalla, Chief Justice, Supreme Court



(left) Interview at TVJ "Smile Jamaica" (November 5)



(right) Interview at CVM "Sunrise" (November 6)