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On October 5, 2022, Mr. AKIMOTO Masatoshi, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, attended a handing over ceremony at the Marine Police Headquarters in Newport, East Kingston. In attendance were Parliamentary Vice-Minister Akimoto and Ambassador Fujiwara as Japanese representatives, Senator the Honourable Kamina Johnson Smith, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of; Major General Antony Anderson, CD, JP Commissioner of Police, Jamaica Constabulary Force and The Hon. Zavia Mayne, MP Minister of State, Ministry of National Security as Jamaican representatives.

A Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat, which was provided by the Government of Japan's Grant Aid (2019) under the Economic and Social Development Programme was handed over during the ceremony. This project aims to contribute to the strengthening of Jamaica's maritime security and disaster response capabilities through the provision of patrol boats, rescue boats, and other equipment worth 400 million yen (equivalent to 420 million JMD) to Jamaica, which is located at a strategic point for maritime traffic in the Caribbean region. The Government of Jamaica expressed its deep appreciation for the support from people and government of Japan.

**(2) Meeting with Senator the Honourable Kamina JOHNSON SMITH, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Foreign Trade, Jamaica**



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Parliamentary Vice-Minister Mr. Akimoto had a meeting with Minister Jonson Smith. Parliamentary Vice-Minister Mr. Akimoto congratulated Jamaica on its 60th anniversary of independence and expressed his will to contribute to the further development of Japan-Jamaica and Japan-CARICOM relationships toward the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary Japan-Jamaica diplomatic relationship and Japan CARICOM Friendship year in 2024.

Japan and Jamaica, where share the basic value agreed to work together to maintain and strengthen the free and open international order based on the rule of law and to cooperate on issues in the international community including the reform of the Security Council, while mentioning bilateral cooperation in a wide range of areas. We also agreed to continue to work together on the recent ballistic missile launch by North Korea, which is a serious threat to the peace and stability of the international community.

**(3) Meeting with Japanese Business Officials**

Parliamentary Vice-Minister Mr. Akimoto met with local Japanese business officials to exchange views on the needs and challenges of Japanese companies to further promote economic exchange.