

*Message from His Excellency
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Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of Japan to Belize*

My name is Masaya Fujiwara. I presented my Letter of Credentials to His Excellency Sir Colville Norbert Young, Governor General of Belize on 23rd February 2021, and thereafter officially commenced duties as Ambassador of Japan to Belize.

It is my honour to be able to work to develop the friendship between Japan and Belize, a naturally beautiful country known as the 'Jewel of the Caribbean', with an abundance of tourism resources such as the Mayan culture.

Between Japan and Belize, since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1982, we have been making various cooperation and exchanges such as Grassroots Human Security Project and the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) programme. To further strengthen this relationship, our Embassy in Belize was established in 2019. Recently, the relationship between Japan and Caribbean countries has been deepening with, for example, the first Japan-CARICOM Summit meeting held in 2014. Since Japan and Belize have common values such as freedom, democracy, and market economy, we would like to further strengthen the cooperation to tackle the various issues of international society.

Although the world is in a difficult situation because of the

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COVID-19 pandemic, overcoming this difficult situation, I would like to do my best for further development in the areas of cooperation and interchanges between Japan and Belize.

Towards that end, I appreciate your continued support.

Thank you.

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