

Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation Awarded to the Burlington Mundialization Committee Itabashi Subcommittee



The presentation ceremony at Burlington's Itabashi Garden.

On Aug. 9, Consul-General of Japan SASAYAMA Takuya visited Burlington and presented the Foreign Minister's Commendation to the Burlington Mundialization Committee Itabashi Subcommittee. The presentation ceremony was held in Burlington's Itabashi Garden in the presence of Her Worship Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of Burlington, the members of the Subcommittee, and others. The Foreign Minister's Commendations are awarded to individuals and groups with outstanding achievements in international fields, in order to acknowledge their contributions to the promotion of

friendship between Japan and other countries and areas. The Commendations also aim to promote the understanding and support of the Japanese public for the activities of the recipients.

The Burlington Mundialization Committee Itabashi Subcommittee was established in 1989 coinciding with the sister-city agreement between Itabashi Ward in Tokyo and the City of Burlington. Since then, the Subcommittee has carried out commemorative projects, mutual visits by delegations and citizens, and youth exchanges in order to promote mutual understanding between Japan and Canada. The Subcommittee has also promoted understanding of Japanese culture among the people of Burlington through such events as exhibitions of armour and traditional woodblock prints (*ukiyo-e*). The commendation was awarded in recognition of the Subcommittee's contributions toward the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Canada.