

## Japanese flag raising ceremony at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, Japanese Flag raising ceremony was held to celebrate the Birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan and Japan-Ontario relationships at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

The participants are below,

- The Honourable Ted Arnott, M.P.P
- Ms. Jennifer French, M.P.P (New Democratic Party)
- Ms. Lucille Collard, M.P.P (Liberal Party)
- Ms. Ms. Doly Begum, M.P.P
- Mr. SASAYAMA Takuya, Consul General of Japan in Toronto
- Staff members from JETRO, JNTO, JCCC, Japan Foundation and Japan Society

The Honourable Ted Arnott, M.P.P, Ms. Jennifer French, M.P.P, and Ms. Lucille Collard, M.P.P congratulated the Emperor's Birthday. Each of them expressed further development of the Japan-Ontario friendship through economic and cultural exchanges. Ms. French spoke Japanese during her speech. Additionally, Mr. Mike Schreiner (Green Party) who could not attend this ceremony sent us a warm message on this occasion.



Group photo



The Honourable Ted Arnett



Ms. Jennifer French



Ms. Lucille Collard

Consul-General Sasayama highlighted the importance of the cooperative ties between Japan and Canada which share common values such as democracy and role of law, and emphasized the cooperation with Ukraine.

He reflected on the symbolism of friendly relations from the cherry blossoms planted across Ontario. He spoke about continuation of strong relations expanding through economic and cultural exchanges for the future.



Mr. SASAYAMA Takuya



Japanese Flag

It was a great opportunity to reaffirm Japan and Ontario's friendship.