## Sakura Planting Ceremony in Markham

There was a Sakura planting ceremony in Toogood Pond Park in Markham in June 3, held to commemorate the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Japan-Canada diplomatic relations, as well as the planting of 40 Sakura trees by Japanese donors. The ceremony was well-attended with about 70 people present, including residents of Markham, members of the Japanese community, and representatives of the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre (JCCC).

In his remarks, Consul-General of Japan in Toronto SASAYAMA Takuya touched upon the anniversary, adding that he hoped the Sakura planted that day will be enjoyed by local citizens for a long time to come, symbolizing the friendship between Japan and Canada and between Japan and Markham.



The planting ceremony



Consul-General Sasayama gives remarks.



His Worship Frank Scarpitti, Mayor of Markham



Ms. SETOYAMA Chako and Mr. James Matsumoto who contributed to the planting



The plaque commemorating the planting



Group photo