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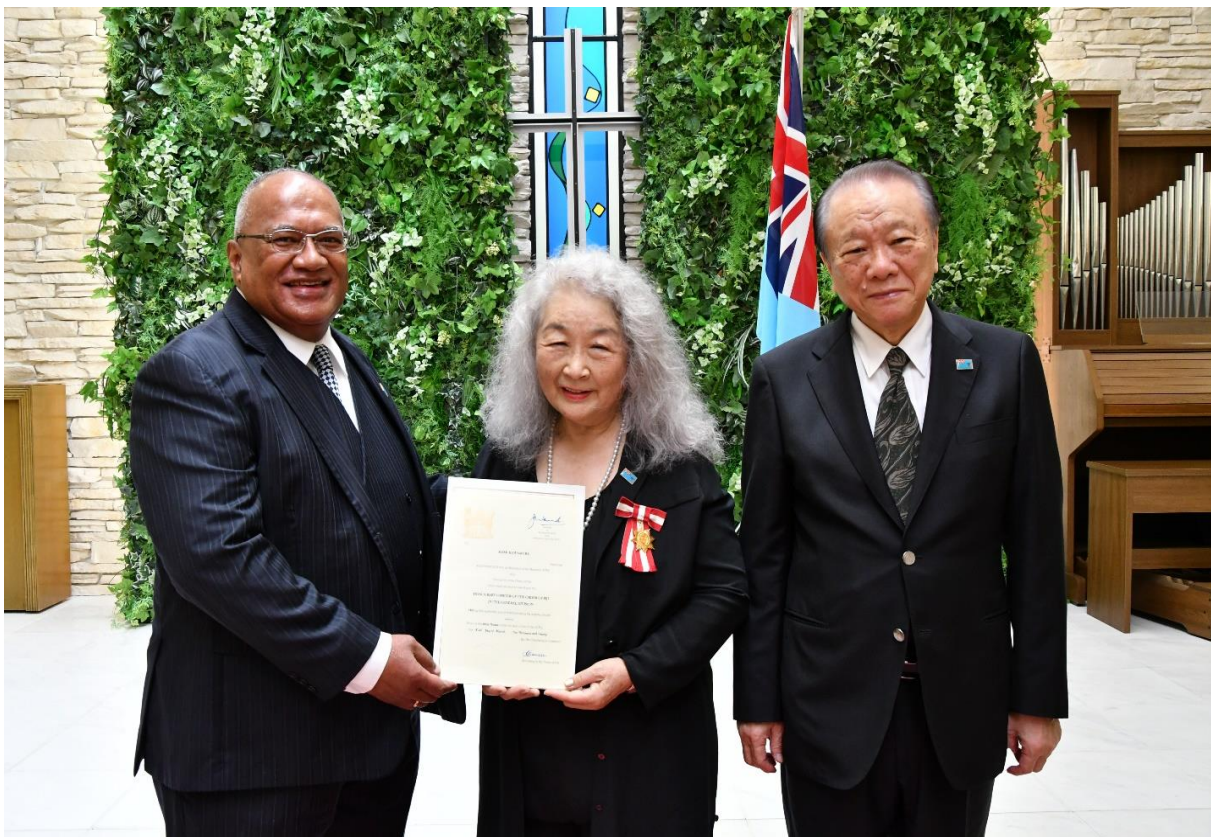
**FIJI'S HONORARY CONSUL IN BEPPU, OITA, MRS MAMI KAWAMURA
HONOURED AT THE INVESTITURE CEREMONY**

Administered on behalf of His Excellency Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konusi Konrote, President of the Republic of Fiji and Chancellor of the Order of Fiji, HE Mr. Isikeli Maitoga, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Fiji to Japan successfully conferred an Award for Honourary Officer of the Order of Fiji to Honorary Consul Mrs. Mami Kawamura on Friday, 16 July 2021. HC Kawamura is Fiji's Honorary Consul in Beppu, Oita, for the Kyushu region, which constitutes seven large prefectures. All awards in Fiji were bestowed by His Excellency the President on 24 November 2020.



The investiture ceremony was marked by the official handing over of the Honourary Officer of the Order of Fiji (MOF) Medal and the Certificate that was signed by His Excellency Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konusi Konrote, President of the Republic of Fiji and Chancellor of the Order of Fiji, by Ambassador Maitoga to HC Kawamura. This is awarded for distinguished service of a high degree to diplomatic relations and tourism. It was held at the Hotel Nikko Oita Oasis Tower before 20 guests, constituting the Honourable Mr. Seiichi Eto MP, Vice Mayors of Oita City and Beppu City, senior government officials, business affiliates, and close family members.

The ceremony acknowledged HC Kawamura's exceptionally hard work in diligently carrying out her duties in promoting Fiji within the region and all over Japan, where she has a wide network of contacts and businesses. It also noted that HC Kawamura's efforts to create greater awareness and deeper diplomatic relations between Fiji and Japan had led several business owners and friends to visit Fiji and explore opportunities for tourism, trade, and investment relations. Another significant note was HC Kawamura's willingness to share her personal contacts with high-level politicians from Oita, who are senior Ministers and officials in the Japanese Government, directly contributed to raising awareness about Fiji and its international agenda in Japan. This resulted in a special visit to Japan of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Fiji, Honourable Mr. Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama, in 2015 and in 2018. HC Kawamura has been a loyal and dedicated representative of the Fiji Government and its people.



Following the ceremony; Ambassador Mataitoga with HC Mami Kawamura and her beloved husband Mr Kozo Kawamura

A reception organized in the same building followed to commemorate the said event. Ambassador Mataitoga further congratulated HC Kawamura for her achievement and reminded her that this should be a proud occasion for her and her family and friends.

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