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**VISIT BY HIS EXCELLENCY TATSUO HIRAYAMA- AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND  
PLENIPOTENTIARY OF JAPAN TO THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

Minister of Energy and Energy Industries and Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister, the Honorable Stuart Young, MP today met with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Tatsuo Hirayama, and First Secretary of the Economy and Development Cooperation section, Mr. Nobuali Hanawa, at the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries.

The parties discussed the commissioning of the Caribbean Gas Chemical Limited plant and noted the production of more than 465,000 metric tonnes of methanol for 2021 with exports to North America, Europe and Japan. There was also discussion on some outstanding matters related to the project.

The parties also explored areas for further cooperation between Japan and Trinidad and Tobago in the energy sector inclusive of the global green agenda, principally in the areas of energy efficiency and renewable energy where Japan has been making great strides globally.

Ambassador Hirayama also indicated opportunities for further cooperation under the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) as an ongoing project which provides technical cooperation to promote energy efficiency in Caribbean Countries until 2023, utilizing Japan's experience and technology.

Minister Young and the Ambassador gave mutual commitments to continue the dialogue to strengthen relations between Japan and Trinidad and Tobago to ensure future collaboration in the area of energy related matters.

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The Minister of Energy and Energy Industries and Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister, the Honourable Stuart R. Young, MP greets His Excellency Tatsuo Hirayama, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.



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