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Press Release

Japan celebrated 62nd birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan

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On February 23, the Embassy of Japan in the Republic of the Marshall Islands hosted a reception to celebrate the 62nd birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan at the Marshall Islands Report. The reception was attended by over 150 guests, including His Excellency President David Kabua, First Lady Ginger Kabua, Honorable Members of the Council of Iroij, Honorable Foreign Minister Casten Nemra, Honorable Ministers and Senators, members of the diplomatic corps, government officials, business communities, Japanese-Marshallese community and other invited guests.

Guests were warmly welcomed by the flower arrangements presented by Japanese-Marshallese Mrs. Philomina Asma Muller and enjoyed Japanese sweets displayed on origami sweet boxes on guest tables. Japanese sake brought from northern and southern parts of Japan for this special occasion were also served.

Ambassador TANAKA opened his remark by celebrating the 62nd birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan and expressed gratitude to all the guests for advancing the Japan-Marshall Islands friendship. In his speech, Ambassador touched on historical ties and cultural exchanges between Japan and the Marshall Islands, the bilateral fishery cooperation that the two countries continue to benefit each other, and a number of past and continuing economic cooperation by Japan for the economic and social development of the Marshall Islands.

Foreign Minister Nemra congratulated the 62nd birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan on behalf of His Excellency President David Kabua, the people and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Minister Nemra appreciated Japan's continued support that are visible in the Marshall Islands including the donation of over 20 school buses, renovation of schools in Majuro and neighboring islands through grass-roots grant aid projects, and scholarship and training opportunities provided by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

During the reception, a congratulatory video message by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan HAYASHI Yoshimasa were shown. Followed by the message, guests of honor were invited to the stage to break open the sake barrel with wooden mallets, which expressed the opening of good fortune. The reception ended with a buffet dinner of Japanese cuisine including Nigiri sushi and sashimi, Japanese Sake and wine, and entertainment performed by the Embassy staff.

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