

Dear Japanese residents and guests to this homepage



My name is Yasuhiko Kitagawa, the new Japanese Ambassador to Iceland. I handed over my Credentials to the President of Iceland, H.E. Mr Guðni Th. Jóhannesson on the 21st of November and newly started my official duties as an Ambassador. Considering that my posts overseas have so far been limited to tropical countries, I am particularly glad to work in this nature-rich and beautiful country in the far north region.

Iceland is a country which has many things in common with Japan, such as both being islands, the volcanoes, the hot springs, the fisheries including the whaling, and the longevity of our people. Iceland and Japan are partnering countries that share mutual interests including the utilization of the Arctic sea. Furthermore, this year marks the 60 year anniversary of the diplomatic relations between our two countries.

I will do my best to further strengthen the both countries' friendly and cordial relationship which was established through efforts by many of my predecessors.

I also intend to further improve the Public Diplomacy and Consular Service for not only the Japanese residents in Iceland but also for the Japanese people who visit Iceland on a sightseeing trip or business trip in order to make their stay at ease. If any, please feel free to contact with the Embassy. All the staff members of the Embassy, including myself, will be glad to meet your expectations as „Team Iceland“. Thank you for your continuous understanding and support.

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Yasuhiko Kitagawa