

Media Release

Consulate-General of Japan

Mr Hidenobu Sobashima, Consul-General of Japan, Melbourne paid a courtesy call to the Premier of Victoria, the Hon Dr Denis Napthine MP on Wednesday 11 September.

Dr Napthine congratulated Japan on the IOC's decision to hold the 2020 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo, and emphasized the importance of the relations between Victoria and Japan.

The Premier said that Japan is one of Victoria's most important economic partners and a country with which Victoria enjoys a long-standing relationship and friendship, including a sister state relationship with Aichi Prefecture.

The Consul-General expressed his determination to contribute to further developing and enriching the long-standing friendly and important relationship between Japan and Victoria.

In this connection, Mr Sobashima hoped that the Premier's visit to Japan planned in October will be instrumental in further expanding economic relations between Victoria and Japan.

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