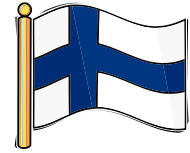


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Press Release

Ambassador of Japan honors memory of 1st Finnish envoy to Japan

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On 22nd May, the Ambassador of Japan to Finland, H.E. Mr. Kenji Shinoda attended the unveiling ceremony of a memorial to Gustaf John Ramstedt, the first Finnish envoy to Japan, in Tammisaari. At the ceremony, Ambassador Kenji Shinoda noted the many accomplishments of the great diplomat and linguistics scholar, emphasizing the significant role G. J. Ramstedt played in the establishment of bilateral relations between Japan and Finland. Ambassador Shinoda took the occasion to present to Ms. Eeva-Sofia Rauramo, granddaughter of G. J. Ramstedt, a copy of one of Ramstedt's diplomatic letters, the original of which is kept today at the Diplomatic Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

The Embassy of Japan in Finland congratulates the completion of the memorial to Gustaf John Ramstedt, which comes at a momentous timing, with 2019 just in the horizon, when Japan and Finland will celebrate 100 years of diplomatic relations.

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