

On December 11th, Wednesday, Consulate-General of Japan in Hagatna hosted the “U.S. military appreciation reception” at Hotel Nikko Guam.

This is the fifth time we hosted this event in appreciation for U.S. military personnel (active-duty, civilians, veterans and their family members) on Guam who have previously served in Japan. This time, we welcomed more than 300 participants, which was the highest turnout so far.

In the opening remarks, Consul-General SEKI acknowledged the hard work and efforts of the U.S. military members stationed in Japan, which contributes to deepening long-standing Japan-U.S. alliance. After that, we did “Kagami-Wari” ceremony to wish good luck for the guests. The meaning of “Kagami-Wari” is to “break the Sake cask” and it is the traditional Japanese ritual that is believed to bring blessings of health, happiness and prosperity to all.

The reception then kicked off by RDML Menoni’s speech and toast. During the reception, the guests enjoyed delicious and genuine Japanese food and Sake specially served for them. Also, some guests participated in a Chopsticks Championship and everybody was astonished by the amazing chopsticks skills of all the competitors.

Consulate-General of Japan in Hagatna would like to once again thank you for all coming to the reception, and we hope to see even more guests next year.

Consul-General SEKI greets guests



CG SEKI greets RDML John Menoni, Commander, Joint Region Marianas



CG SEKI greets CAPT Hans Sholley, JRM COS and his wife



CG SEKI delivers a speech as well as introduces JASDF airmen



CG SEKI and military DVs conducting Kagami-Wari ceremony



RDML John Menoni proposes a toast



Japan Consulate staff serving Japanese Sake



CG SEKI and military DVs compete in a Chopsticks Championship



Guests pose for a group photo

