

The Embassy of Japan in the Independent State of Samoa

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The Government of Japan has officially decided to open the Embassy of Japan* in Apia** in January 2013.

Japan and Samoa have built a friendly relationship in fields such as development cooperation and political, economic, and people-to-people exchanges. Japan and Samoa have also advanced this cooperative relationship in the international arena. Japan places strategic importance on the Asia Pacific region and Samoa has been one of the most important partners for Japan's South Pacific diplomacy.

Mr Hideto Mitamura, Ambassador of Japan to the Independent State of Samoa resident in Wellington said "there is no doubt that the opening of the Embassy in Samoa will further strengthen the traditional relationship between the two nations, not only at an official governmental level, but also at the people-to-people level".

* Currently, the Embassy of Japan in New Zealand is responsible for matters relating to the Independent State of Samoa.

** The Embassy to be opened in Apia will have permanent Japanese diplomats including a Charge d'Affaires, while the Ambassador of Japan to New Zealand will remain concurrently as the Ambassador of Japan to the Independent State of Samoa.

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