Cherry blossoms and smiles



Ann Marie



High Commissioner for

Australia Robyn Mudie

Hideki and Misaka



and also to celebrate the 82nd Birthday of His Majesty Emperor Akhito, a gala reception was held recently at the residence of thethe Japanese Ambassador in Sri Lanka,

o mark the National Day of Japan

Kenichi Suganuma. The birthday of His Majesty falls on December 23. Emperor Akhito, who was enthroned as the 125th Emperor of Japan on January 7, 1989, is "the symbol of the State and of the unity of the people" as stated in the Constitution of Japan.

The Ambassador for Japan Kenichi Suganuma and Mrs. Suganuma welcomed the guests who included, Ministers, Members of Parliament, Diplomatic Corps and other VIPs. Minister of Special Assignments, Sarath Amunugama was the Minister in attendance on behalf of the Government of Sri Lanka.



Ambassador for Japan Kenichi Suganuma and Mrs. Akilo Suganuma



Minister Sarath Amunugama toasting the Ambassador for Japan Kenichi Suganuma



Ambassador for Thailand Nopporu Adchariyavanich and Pornraves



Sisira and Hiranya

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Ambassador for the Arab Republic of Egypt Hishana Assram and Sherene Elalfy



Masaki and Sachiyo Takaoka



Major General Shakeel Hussain and Mrs. Syeda Asghari Shakeel



Dr. Anil Jasinghe



