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### **Foreign Minister Receives Letters of Credence from Five New Ambassadors to Belize**

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Hon. Eamon Courtenay, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, and Immigration, received copies of the Letters of Credence of five new ambassadors to Belize at a virtual ceremony held today.

Presenting their letters of credence were Archbishop H.E. Fortunatus Nwachukwu, non-resident ambassador of the Holy See; H.E. Mr. Khaled AbdelRahman Shamaa, non-resident ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt; H.E. Mrs. Terézia Šajgalíková, non-resident ambassador of the Slovak Republic; H.E. Mr. Masaya Fujiwara, non-resident ambassador of Japan; and H.E. Mr. Zvi Tal, non-resident ambassador of Israel.

The ambassadors thanked the Foreign Minister for welcoming them and each conveyed on behalf of their respective countries the intention of cooperating with Belize in several areas of priority, which include health care, agriculture, food security, Schengen visa waiver, and the fair global distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Accompanying the Foreign Minister was Hon. Ramon Cervantes, Minister of State, and Ambassador Amalia Mai, Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade.

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