

Celebrating the seventy-sixth birthday of Emperor Akihito of Japan

To mark the birthday of HM Emperor Akihito and his accession to the throne, Japanese Ambassador Koichi Kawakami hosted a reception at the Phoenicia InterContinental Hotel which was attended by many personalities from the political, diplomatic and social worlds.

The representatives of the president, parliamentary speaker and prime minister were respectively Minister Ali Shami, MP Yassin Jaber and Minister Michel Pharaon.

In his speech, the ambassador thanked the many persons present who had come to celebrate the seventy-sixth birthday of the emperor, who is the 125th occupant of the Chrysanthemum Throne.

The ambassador congratulated Lebanon on the formation of its new government and its election as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council. He also noted the close collaboration between Lebanon and Japan and Japan's assistance to Lebanon, and he wished the Lebanese a good and happy 2010. ■



1- Ambassador Koichi Kawakami and his wife, with the president of the Journalists' Association, Melhem Karam

2- Ambassador Liu Zhiming; the secretary-general of the Foreign Ministry, Ambassador William Habib; Ambassador Panos Kalogeropoulos and the dean of the consular corps, Joseph Habis

3- Joseph Karam, Ambassador Aud Lise Norheim, Minister Mona Afeiche and Raffoul Choueiri

4- Dr. Hyam and former-Ambassador Georgine Mallat, Ambassador Jean Dunn, ambassadors Ali Assiri and Rahmat al Zouabi, Jeanne Massad

5- Ambassador Kawakami and his wife with Minister Michel Pharaon

6- Nabil el-Jisr, Ambassador Birgitta Siefke-Eberle and Hélène Badaro

7- Ambassador Kawakami cutting the cake with the representatives of the three senior state officials

8- Ambassadors Mohammad Samir Abdallah, Saad Ali Mouhannadi, Mohammad B.K. Al Jazmi, Idries Suleiman and Ravi Thapar

9- Ambassador Frances Guy

10- Ambassador Juan Carlos Gafo

11- Ambassador Volodymyr Koval, Dr. Hyam Sakr and Dr. Amer Sakr

12- Emir Hareth Shehab and MP Ahmad Fatfat

13- Dr. Céline Rahal

