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His Excellency Kota Matsudaira presented today to His Excellency the Governor-General his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Canada. The ceremony of presentation took place at Government House.

External Affairs, Mr. R. A. MacKay, was in attendance on the Governor-General on this occasion. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. H. F. Feaver, presented the Ambassador to the Governor-General. The Ambassador was accompanied by Mr. Kazuyoshi Inagaki, Counsellor of his Embassy. Mr. Lionel Massey, Secretary to the Governor-General, was also present.

Mr. Matsudaira was born in 1903. He is a career diplomat, having entered the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1926. He has represented his country in Paris, Washington and Moscow and has held various pests in the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Since 1952 he has been Special Assistant to the Minister for Foreign Affairs.