

**Pope Francis Appoints Prelate Who Served In Ghana,
As New Archbishop of Tokyo, Japan**

His Holiness Pope Francis has named Bishop Tarcisio Kikuchi, a Japanese Priest who served as an SVD Missionary in Accra and Koforidua Dioceses between 1986 and 1992, as the new Catholic Archbishop of Tokyo to succeed Most Rev. Takeo Okada who has resigned.

The installation ceremony of the new Archbishop, who is currently the Bishop of Niigata, will take place at 11h00am on 16th December, 2017 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Tokyo.

A four-member delegation of the Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference will be in attendance at the ceremony when the Archbishop-elect takes canonical possession of his new See. The delegation from Ghana will be led by Archbishop G. Charles Palmer-Buckle, Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra, and will include Bishop Joseph Afrifa-Agyekum of Koforidua Diocese, Bishop Gabriel Kumordji of Keta-Akatsi Diocese and Rev. Father Kobina Louis, Rector of the Catholic Institute of Business and Technology (CIBT) in Accra. They will be joined by the Ambassador of Ghana in Japan, his spouse and staff of the Ghana Embassy.

Ghanaians in Japan who want to associate with this happy occasion may attend the celebration and send good will messages.

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