

For Immediate Release
May 15, 2003

Contact: John Sewell
601-359-2916

Governor Musgrove Meets with Japanese Ambassador

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove met today with Ambassador Ryozo Kato, Ambassador of Japan to the United States of America. The meeting took place at the Woolfolk Office Building.

“I was honored to welcome Ambassador Kato to Mississippi and share with him the great progress we’re making in areas such as education and jobs,” said Musgrove. “We are building a strong partnership with Japan, as evidenced by the Nissan facility that opens later this month.”

Musgrove has taken several trips to Japan to strengthen Mississippi’s economic and cultural ties. His leadership in job creation and trade development resulted most notably in the location of a \$1.5 billion Nissan plant, which will create more than 5,000 new jobs. When the plant is in full operation, it will produce approximately 450,000 cars per year, including the Altima sedan, the Titan truck, the Pathfinder Armada SUV, and the Quest minivan.

###