

Guinea national day

Investors invited to help develop politically stable nation

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That it is allowed for me first of all to express my recognition and thankfulness to the daily newspaper The Japan Times for the opportunity it offers to me today to transfer to its faithful readers on the occasion of the commemoration of the 55th anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Guinea, my country.

That it is also allowed for me to transfer to His Imperial Majesty Emperor Akihito, to the Imperial family, to the government and to the people of Japan the very warmest greetings of the people of Guinea, of the government and its President H.E. professor Alpha Condé, as well as the expression of their thankfulness and of their deep gratitude for the quality of friendly relations and of existing cooperation between Japan and Guinea.

The first democratically elected president in Guinea, professor Condé, since his accession to the supreme magistracy in 2010, has promised to enhance the country and to restore the state of right, to bestow privileges on the visible measures before tackling



President Alpha Condé of the Republic of Guinea

structural problems of the country.

On this acknowledgement, the president of the republic declared: "Main advancements have been realized, by the newly acquired credibility, especially by the trust gained inside and outside our borders. The confidence with our partners is essential. A new opportunity to reduce poverty and to create employment. But the extermination of poverty will not be possible without better access to the health and to the essential services, such as water and electricity."

It is in this context that H.E.



Natural resources: Located in southeastern Guinea in the country's mountainous, forested region, Simandou is a 110-km-long range of hills that is planned to become the site of the largest integrated iron ore mine and infrastructure project ever conducted in Africa. RIOTINTO

professor Alpha Condé, president of the Republic of Guinea, launched the slogan "Guinea Is Back," to magnify the preeminent role played by Guinea in the history of Africa in general and its return on the international scene in particular

The political situation in Guinea has been featured by the legislative election preparations, which is still a fundamental stage to bring back the confidence to put an end to the political transition in our country. The maintaining of this legislative was possible thanks to the consensus with the Guinean party

in power and oppositions, and the implication of international communities across the political agreement signed on July 3, 2013. A pacific election campaign owes to the tolerance that allows more and more Guineans to go to voting locations. This is an opportunity to install today the principal institution of our young democracy, that is the National Assembly.

On the bilateral phase, this is as such for me the place where I am very pleased to praise the spirit and the exemplary quality of the aid that Japan agreed and continues to agree to pro-

vide to Guinea. This friendly aid replies to the priorities of the government of professor Condé, president of the republic, in the framework of the strategy of sustainable development and of the struggle against poverty, and contribute to the betterment of life conditions of our population.

Outside the works proper of TICAD V (fifth Tokyo International Conference for African Development), the head of the Guinean state took advantage of the opportunity to magnify Guinea-Japanese cooperation, reminding of the political commitment of Japan in favor of

Guinea, at the time of its admission to the United Nations, and its implication in the realization of development projects for establishment of a prosperous Guinea have never made default. He reassured the partners at all levels with his commitment and that of his government to follow the program of necessary and indispensable change for the economic take-off of Guinea, by a series of measures susceptible to attire new investors and establish a solid confidence by the instauration of transparency and of good governance. "I hasten to see Guinea live at the level of his capacity; it comes by work, by unity, by strictness and by solidarity," President Condé said.

On the economic phase, the macroeconomic financial situation was remarkably improved in Guinea through the respect of commitment with the international financial institutions and by the measures taken by the government for the economic recovery. The transformation on the way and the environmental purification of business have renewed the confidence of our foreign partners motivated by the measures taken against corruption and the new politics of give-and-take partnership.

To all Japanese partners, I will send out an invitation to invest in Guinea, a country with multiple resources, a country of the future, where the liberty of enterprising, freedom of capital transfer, equality between pri-

vate and public, between foreigners and nationals as well as that of protection of acquired rights, and above all, Guinea is a haven of peace, with the charm of its population and its legendary hospitality, offers to you the

guaranty of the guaranty, that is to say: the political stability.

To all my compatriots living in Japan, I do wish you a happy anniversary.

Thank you.

Domo arigato gozaimashita.

Congratulations to the People of the Republic of Guinea on Their Independence Day

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