Long history of friendly bilateral relations

Serbia looks at Japan as one of its most important partners and friends and places high priority on further strengthening bilateral ties in all fields, including economy, culture, science, sports and people-to-people exchange. Both countries have always been good neighbors and friends and place high priority on further strengthening of economic ties.

Economic relations between Serbia and Japan are continuing to develop in many areas, leading to an increase in imports from Serbia. Serbia is a growing partner among Japanese companies. In the year 2014, Serbia marked an important step in this direction. We sincerely welcome the opportunity to address the public on this joyous occasion. It is my great honor and pleasure to offer my sincere congratulations on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Serbia, on “Strategic Day of the Statehood” on behalf of the Japan-Serbia Society and my own.

I am determining the day we would like to underline that it should be marked as a day for a new beginning in our traditional good relations that date back more than 130 years. Our relations have always been good, but they could always be better. Our society is willing to strengthen its efforts for better understanding of Serbia in Japan and to cooperate with Serbia to showcase positive images of Serbia so that better mutual understanding and development of economic and cultural relations may be achieved.

Increased personal contact between our peoples may be an important means of achieving this goal. I am convinced that a Japan-Serbia friendship and meeting with Serbian people for the first time is usually, if not always, very much impressed with the kindness, sincerity, friendliness and positive attitude for future cooperation.

I am grateful that Serbia and Japan have a long history. The year 2018 marked the 138th anniversary of the first formal communication between our two countries. In 1896, King Milos Obrenovic of Serbia and Emperor Meiji of Japan established the foundation of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Our embassy has now established an office in Serbia to provide services for Serbian citizens residing in Japan. Friendly ties between Serbia and Japan have a long history. They were marked by his painted national recognition at the Berlin Congress in 1878, which made it one of the 19 countries considered equal.

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Striving for economic growth

Let us offer our warmest congratulations on the occasion of the Republic of Serbia National Day. The Republic of Serbia has grown through great adversity and is part of former Yugoslavia. As a key country of the Balkan Peninsula, Serbia is now making all out efforts to grow and develop further.

Serbia has a crucial role to play in promoting the stability and prosperity of Southeast Europe and the Mediterranean. In the present, Serbia seeks to be a stable and democratic political process to improve human rights and democracy. When honored and capable Serbia is now up to their potential, the Serbian dream is certain to achieve impressive growth. I hope that Serbia still joins the European Union in an early date. It is also important that the international community correctly understand the history and current conditions in Kosovo.

Serbia is also a land of world-class athletes. I am convinced Serbian athletes will continue to perform splendidly in the coming years. Pelješlo, Djordjević, and Minačević, as well as the 20-year-old Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro and further major international sporting events, Serbian athletes are determined to demonstrate exceptional talent in the world of music and other arts.

By adhering to the principles of peace and respect for the world, Serbia and Japan have enjoyed friendly relations for a long time. We maintain understanding and harmony, and respect each other and will work for the advancement of our communities. As president of the Japan-Serbia Parliamentary League of Friendship, I will do my utmost to further the development of bilateral ties.

Congratulations to the People of the Republic of Serbia on the Occasion of Their National Day

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