

Algeria National Day

Promoting regional peace and stability

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This year, Algeria is celebrating the 63rd Anniversary of its National Revolution, as well as the 55th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations

between Algeria and Japan. These auspicious occasions provide the opportunity to convey my sincere and best wishes for the continued good health and happiness of their Imperial Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, the Imperial family and peace and prosperity to the government and people of Japan.

Today, Algeria is a key player undertaking

a critical role in promoting and preserving peace and stability in the region and beyond.

This is one of the common interests of cooperation between Japan and Algeria, which jointly with African countries puts this subject as one of the top priorities of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development partnership process, under which Algeria committed itself to contribute to the achievement of its objectives.

Algeria's growth potential and stability are among its main assets. Algeria believes in the virtues of cooperation based on mutual interest. In this regard, Algerian legislation guarantees proper business conditions for companies, in particular the Japanese ones.

A new economic model better facilitates investment. Also, the governmental industrial revival policy highlighted 12 strategic sectors for promotion, including hydraulic binders,

industrial chemicals, mechanics and automotive, pharmaceutical production, aerospace, construction, ship repair and advanced technology. Furthermore, a renewable energy program (solar, thermal and wind) is aiming to produce 22,000 MW by 2030.

These investment opportunities are in sectors that enable Japanese companies to be the most suitable economic partners for Algeria. In this regard, I would like to highlight the strong will expressed by many Japanese automakers to enhance their presence in Algeria.

Algeria and Japan share many common values and interests and also agree on the need to reform the U.N. system to strengthen its efficiency and representation.

Algeria will continue to work steadily with Japan to promote and preserve the rule of law, democracy, peace and stability and socioeconomic development.

Bilateral economic relations continue to grow

KEISUKE TAKEUCHI

CHAIR, JAPAN-ALGERIA ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, JAPAN BUSINESS FEDERATION (KEIDANREN)

On behalf of the Japan-Algeria Economic Committee of Keidanren, it is my privilege to take this opportunity to extend my most sincere congratulations on the occasion of the 63rd National Day of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and the 55th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Algeria. I wish to express to President Abdelaziz Bouteflika and to the people of



Algeria my heartfelt desire for their health and prosperity, now and long into the future.

As chair of the Japan-Algeria Economic Committee, I welcome that, in September, Japan and Algeria restarted work on a bilateral investment treaty for the first time in six years. I hope both countries will work closely for its early conclusion to further develop and deepen the bilateral

economic relationship. I expect that this treaty will encourage further investment from Japan and contribute to advance and diversify Algerian industries.

In line with Keidanren's activities aiming to promote economic and business relationships between Japan and other countries, and playing a key role in the global economy, the Japan-Algeria Economic Committee will take the lead in strengthening the economic ties between our two countries. We would like to ask all stakeholders for their continued support and cooperation.

Association warmly welcomes all friends of Algeria

AKIRA URABE

PRESIDENT, JAPAN-ALGERIA ASSOCIATION, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO ALGERIA

On behalf of the Japan-Algeria Association, I express my warmest congratulations on the occasion of the National Day of Algeria and the 55th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Algeria.

The history of our association dates back to 1961 before Algeria became an independent state in 1962. The association



was first named the Japan-North Africa Association and supported the Algerian struggle for independence. As Japan enjoys excellent relationships with many countries around the globe, there exist numerous bilateral associations. However, I don't know of any except ours that was created prior to the declaration of independence.

Because bilateral interactions started prior to Algeria's independence, over 3,000 Japanese residents were living in Algeria through the late 1970s, and there are many old friends of Algeria in our country. Furthermore, due to the recent dynamic development of Japan-Algeria relations in diverse areas, the number of people who wish to strengthen their ties with Algeria continues to increase.

We look forward to welcoming both veterans and new friends of Algeria to our association.

Over 50 years of oil and gas cooperation

MASAYUKI SATO

REPRESENTATIVE DIRECTOR, CHAIRMAN AND CEO OF JGC CORP.



On the occasion of this, the 63rd National Day of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, I am sincerely honored to have the opportunity to express my

warmest congratulations to the people of Algeria.

JGC Corp.'s relationship with Algeria began in the mid-1960s, and JGC remains profoundly grateful for the privilege of being permitted, since then, to continue to provide its professional services in the Algerian oil and gas sector for more than

50 years.

This year in particular, JGC has been awarded two very important projects. These undertakings are the Hassi R'Mel Boosting Phase III Project in the Hassi R'Mel region and the Hassi Messaoud Upside North Project in the Hassi Messaoud region, two regions in which we have extensive experience.

As a demonstration of our commitment to Algeria, in 2006 JGC established an engineering subsidiary in Algiers, JGC Algeria S.p.A. Since then, the number of its employees has steadily increased and the company now boasts an engineering staff of more than 300, with 99 percent of the company's employees being Algerian. In fact, JGC Algeria's capabilities have increased to the point that, this year, the subsidiary was able to complete an important project in the Hassi

Messaoud region, mainly using its own resources.

Through the long and warm friendship that we have enjoyed with Sonatrach over the many years that we have worked together in the oil and gas sector, I am confident that JGC has much to offer and can make a significant contribution to Algeria's efforts to seek new ways to diversify its industries. It is, thus, my heartfelt desire that we in JGC may be permitted to continue to serve Algeria further and assist in helping Algeria achieve its goals for diversification.

Finally, on this special day, I would like to express my sincerest wishes for Algeria's continued economic development and its growing prosperity, as well as my hope for the continued strengthening of the very special relationship that JGC enjoys with Algeria.

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the People's Democratic
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