Honoring 137 years of friendship with Japan

On the occasion of Serbia's National Day, Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic extended his warmest greetings to the people of Japan and his government:

"It is my great honor and pleasure to address my sincere congratulations on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Serbia, on Stari Vasko Day (Republic Day), on behalf of the Japan-Serbia Society and myself.

As we celebrate 137 years of friendship between Japan and Serbia, it is fitting to reflect on the progress made between the two countries in recent years. In particular, I would like to emphasize our commitment to continuing a strong bilateral relationship, especially in the areas of trade, economic cooperation, and cultural exchanges.

Japan and Serbia have a long history of diplomatic relations, and the visit to Japan by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in January 2018 exemplifies the strong bond that exists between the two nations. We look forward to further deepening our friendship and cooperation in the years to come.

Through the support of the Japan-Serbia Society, we have been able to strengthen our cultural ties, including through the support of exchange programs and cultural events. The Japan-Serbia Society has been instrumental in promoting cultural exchange, and we are grateful for their continued support.

As Serbia continues to make leaps forward in the regions of politics, economy, and culture, we hope that Japan will continue to play a prominent role in Serbia's development. Let us build on our strong foundation of cooperation and friendship, and work together to achieve common goals.

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