Venezuela National Day Special

Celebrating bicentennial of historic battle

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On this auspicious occasion of the celebration of the independence of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, I would like to extend warm greetings and congratulations to the Venezuelan community in Japan. I am honored to extend my best wishes of happiness, health and prosperity to Their Majesties Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, to the government of Japan and its people and convey our



renewed commitment to the continued friendship between Venezuela and Japan.

This year, Venezuelans celebrate the bicentennial of the historic Battle of Carabobo. On June

24, 1821, the patriot army commanded by liberator Simon Bolivar put an end to Spanish colonial rule and, with its military triumph, initiated the great Southern

Campaign that culminated with the independence of the six Bolivarian nations of Venezuela, Colombia, Panama, Ecuador, Bolivia and Peru.

Unilateral coercive measures, commonly known as sanctions, which run contrary to international law and the Charter of the United Nations, continue to be imposed on Venezuela by powerful countries. Two hundred years later, Venezuelans continue the legacy of our forefathers and defend our homeland against forces that try to undermine our independence and sovereignty and our right to live in peace. It is

our Battle of Carabobo today.

On this auspicious day, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela renews once more its irrevocable political and moral commitment to uphold the Charter of the United Nations and the norms of international law — essential guarantees of the peaceful coexistence among peoples and nations.

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