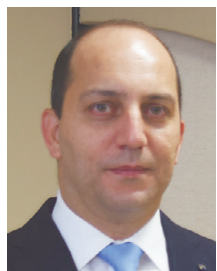


Tunisia National Day Special

A new partnership for peace and prosperity

MOHAMED ELLOUMI
AMBASSADOR OF TUNISIA



At the outset, I would like to express my deep gratitude to The Japan Times for providing the chance to share with its esteemed readers our 67th anniversary celebration of Tunisia's National

Day. On this occasion, I have the honor to extend, on behalf of Tunisian President H.E. Kais Saied and the people of Tunisia, my best wishes of happiness and health to Their Imperial Majesties Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako and members of the imperial family, to H.E Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, members of the government and Diet, as well as further progress and prosperity to the friendly people of Japan.

It is also important to remember that this year marks the 67th anniversary of the establishment of our diplomatic relations. Over the years, Tunisia and Japan have deepened their friendship and built a cooperative relationship in many fields.

Our multilayered partnership keeps flourishing and continues to develop, driven by trust, mutual respect and the shared common values of solidarity, peace, democracy, human rights and sustainable development.

On this occasion, I would like to convey my heartfelt gratitude to the Japanese government for its continuous support to Tunisia's development and its willingness to further strengthen our cooperation to higher levels of common interest. On Aug. 27 and 28, 2022, Tunisia hosted the eighth Tokyo International Conference on African Development. We are convinced the most important task today is the follow-up on the outcomes of this summit.

On the bilateral level, our president had a fruitful online meeting on Aug. 26 with the prime minister, issuing a joint statement titled "A New Partnership Toward Sustainable Development, Peace and Prosperity." In this regard, I would like to welcome new Japanese investments and invite Japan's private sector to take advantage of Tunisia's strategic location at the heart of the Mediterranean, its connections to Africa, the Middle East and Europe, and our quality human resources and competitive economy, making it a hub and gateway to the region.

We will continue regular consultations on international and regional issues under the U.N. Charter and international law.

Today, Tunisia knows a new political transition to correct the course of its revolution and respond to the aspirations of the Tunisian people for freedom, dignity and employment is needed.

I conclude by conveying my best wishes to Japan's Tunisian community.

Ties continue to grow every year

YOSHIRO MORI
FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN



On the occasion of the 67th anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Tunisia, it gives me a great pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes to the people and govern-

ment of Tunisia.

This year is significant for the relations between Japan and Tunisia as it marks the 67th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. Dating back to 1956, the year of Tunisia's Independence, the ties between Japan and Tunisia grow deeper every year, and our countries have continued to build a strategic partnership that is founded on shared values and interests, mutual respect and people-to-people exchanges.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Tunisia for its outstanding success in organizing the eighth Tokyo International Conference on African Development held on Aug. 27 and 28, 2022. It is without a doubt that choosing Tunisia to host this major event, the second of its kind to take place in Africa since TICAD VI in Nairobi, reflects how much trust and respect Tunisia enjoys among Japanese and internationally. It also shows the economic importance of Tunisia as a stepping stone and a regional hub to foster cooperation and partnership with African, European

and Middle Eastern countries.

Tunisia's summit marks a new stage in the pioneering process of the Japan-Africa partnership, and we must continue this unprecedented momentum by translating the outcomes of the TICAD 8 Tunis Declaration into concrete projects of cooperation that will keep Japan an essential and active partner in the development of Africa.

I would like to express, once again, my congratulations on this happy occasion as well as my sincere appreciation to the ambassador of Tunisia to Japan and to wish a long life and prosperity for the Japanese-Tunisian friendship.

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Joined by bonds of mutual trust

HIROAKI TABATA
SECRETARY GENERAL OF JAPAN-TUNISIA
PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP
ASSOCIATION



I would like to extend my sincere greetings to the government and the friendly people of Tunisia, on the occasion of their National Day.

Our countries are linked by deep ties and trust and we are very proud this year to celebrate the 67th anniversary of the establishment of our diplomatic rela-

tions, recalling on this gracious occasion the longstanding bilateral partnership that we succeeded in achieving.

The eighth Tokyo International Conference on African Development, which was hosted by Tunisia on Aug. 27 and 28, 2022, was undoubtedly a successful summit and confirmed once again the strong commitment of our governments to further developing our relationship to the level of a strategic partnership, whether bilaterally or in the framework of a Japan-Tunisia-Africa win-win triangular cooperation plan.

The Japan-Tunisia Parliamentary Friendship Association will continue to consolidate our bilateral ties in different fields. In that spirit, I reiterate my best wishes for all Tunisians on this special day.

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to the People of
the Republic of Tunisia
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