

# Tanzania National Day Special

## A multilayered and dynamic relationship

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This year we celebrate the 59th anniversary of the union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar that formed the United Republic of Tanzania. Thanks must be given to the late Mwalimu Julius

Kambarage Nyerere, father of the nation and the first president of the United Republic of Tanzania, and the late Abeid Amani Karume, the first president of Zanzibar, for this iconic union.

On behalf of the government and people of the United Republic of Tanzania, let me express my esteemed respect to Their Imperial Majesties Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, and the imperial family. I would also like to express my sincere greetings to Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and to the friendly and brotherly Japanese people.

After one year as ambassador to Japan, I am satisfied with our excellent bilateral relations that have been built over 62 years now. And I am particularly happy that over the past year much has been done to consolidate this relationship.

First, the eighth Tokyo International Conference on African Development was held in Tunis in August 2022, strengthening cooperation between Japan and Tanzania. Prime Minister of Tanzania the Hon. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa led the Tanzanian

delegation to this historic summit and held a virtual meeting with Kishida on the sidelines to address matters of common interest.

Second, Majaliwa attended the state funeral of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Tokyo on Sept. 27, 2022. Once again, Majaliwa met Kishida and exchanged a great deal of concern about issues of bilateral cooperation between Tanzania and Japan.

Finally, Japan continues to partner with Tanzania in various forms. Our countries enjoy a dynamic and multilayered partnership that keeps expanding into new areas. Japan supports Tanzania greatly in the fields of infrastructure development, power generation, agriculture, water, mining, transport, health, education and skills development.

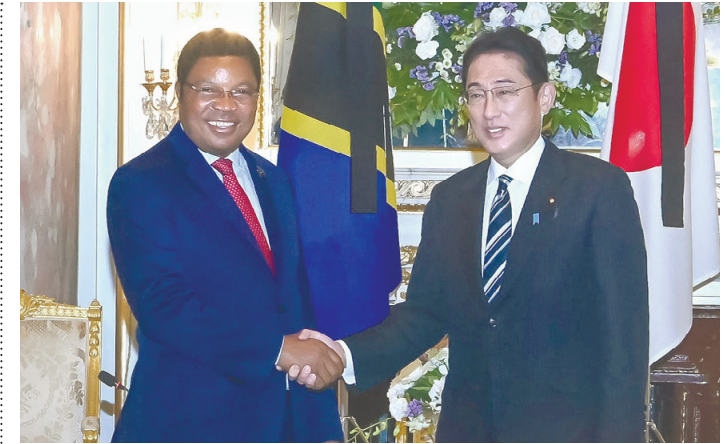
Over the past year, a number of projects have been successfully carried out in Tanza-

nia with Japan's support through the Japan International Cooperation Agency. For instance, the Malindi Fish Landing and Marketing Facilities in Zanzibar were formally inaugurated on Jan. 10, after undergoing rehabilitation and expansion with financial assistance from JICA. The colorful inauguration ceremony was presided over by H.E. Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, president and chairman of the revolutionary government of Zanzibar, with the Ambassador of Japan to Tanzania His Excellency Yasushi Misawa in attendance.

Again, with Japanese financial support, construction of the Gerezaani Bridge in Dar es Salaam, which started in 2019, was completed and it is now operational. The new six-lane bridge is part of the government's strategy to decongest Dar es Salaam for easy

access to the central business areas of the city and Dar Port.

The Sixth Phase Government, under the leadership of President H.E. Samia Suluhu Hassan, continues to improve the investment environment in Tanzania to encourage more foreign investors, among others, by pushing through infrastructure projects that are being implemented across the country, such as the 2,561-kilometer standard gauge railway line and the 2,115-megawatt Julius Nyerere Hydro-power Project. It is my earnest hope that many Japanese investors will seize this opportunity to invest in Tanzania to take advantage of this improved investment climate, as well as our abundant natural resources, in the fields of agriculture, tourism, the "blue economy," mining, financial



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa and Prime Minister Fumio Kishida pose at a bilateral summit in September 2022 in Tokyo.

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services, manufacturing, real estate development and more.

Naturally, I could not end without welcoming Japanese to Tanzania to enjoy the world heritage wonders that abound here, namely, Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, Mount Kilimanjaro — the roof of Africa — the Selous Game Reserve and

the Spice Islands of Zanzibar, to name just a few. While Serengeti National Park was named Africa's Leading National Park, Zanzibar was named Africa's Leading Beach Destination by the World Travel Award for 2022.

*Ahsanteni sana, domo arigato gozaimasu* (thank you).

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