

South Africa National Day Special

Gratitude for freedom and democracy

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This year South Africa celebrates Freedom Day under the theme “Consolidating and Safeguarding Democratic Gains.”

April 27 marks the 29th anniversary of South Africa’s first

democratic elections. This day, now known as Freedom Day, is commemorated every year to honor those unsung heroes and heroines who fought for South Africa’s freedom and paved the way for an equal, representative, nonracial nation.

The commemoration of Freedom Day provides an opportunity to reflect on the progress made over our democratic journey thus far and gives us occasion to consider how we can further strengthen our democracy.

On Freedom Day, South Africa also celebrates its rich cultural heritage and seeks to

promote South Africa as a preferred tourist and investment destination.

South Africa’s first democratic elections on April 27, 1994, gave birth to its constitutional democracy, with the majority of South Africans casting their vote for the first time. Through the power of the vote, South Africans made their stand against social, political and economic injustice and changed the course of the nation.

This year we also commemorate the 27th anniversary of the enactment of the South African Constitution as the supreme law of our country.

Our history abounds with selfless partners who worked tirelessly to pave the way for a democratic and free South Africa, not least of which is Japan, with which South Africa enjoys a well-established relationship. This relationship is testament to the solidarity that Japan provided to South Africa in its struggle for freedom.

South Africa’s bilateral relations with Japan continue to flourish across multiple areas of cooperation, particularly in the fields of trade and investment, science and technology, and development cooperation.



Table Mountain offers a panoramic view of Cape Town. S.A. TOURISM

Japan is one of South Africa’s major investment partners. As of 2020, there are 268 Japanese companies in South Africa, sustaining over 200,000 local jobs to the benefit of many South African households.

South Africa shares a special relationship with the people of Japan and will continue to work closely with its Japanese partners to promote and further enhance the ties of friendship and cooperation over many years.

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Congratulations
on the anniversary of
Freedom Day:
27th April 2023

*Honouring the anniversary of
South Africa’s first
democratic elections in 1994.*

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*on the Anniversary of
the Freedom Day of
the Republic of South Africa*

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