

Mozambique National Day Special

Building a stable and lasting partnership

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AMBASSADOR OF MOZAMBIQUE



In celebrating the 48th anniversary of the independence of Mozambique, on behalf of the people and government of the Republic of Mozambique and of the Mozambican community resid-

ing in Japan, I have the honor to extend our warmest and best wishes to Their Majesties Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, and to the government and people of Japan.

On this occasion, we pay tribute to our nation's founders, saluting their achievements, cherishing the accomplishments of the present and reaffirming our determination and confidence in the future, continuing the pact for development, improving the lives of its people, strengthening its institu-

tions and maturing as a democratic nation.

On this path, Japan has been a reliable partner for Mozambique, with a comprehensive program of cooperation with important development initiatives and investments in strategic areas. These include the energy transition sector, where Japanese financial institutions and companies specializing in liquefied natural gas technology are already investing in the country, capitalizing on Mozambique's ambition to become a significant energy exporter.

Our bilateral relations are strong, as the successful visit to Mozambique on May 3 and 4 of H.E. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida demonstrated. Mozambique is determined to build a firm, stable and long-term partnership with Japan, bringing more prosperity to our cooperation along with increased investments and growth in trade relations.

As global investors continue to seek new frontiers for economic growth, Japanese investors are finding promise in Mozambique. With abundant natural resources, a

strategic location and an increasingly favorable investment climate, Mozambique presents a compelling case for Japanese businesses looking to expand their presence in Africa. Beyond the many clear opportunities, other key sectors like agriculture and manufacturing offer significant arenas for investment, given our historic relationship and Japan's strength in these areas.

By leveraging Japanese expertise, technological advancement and commitment to sustainability, investors can contribute to Mozambique's economic diversification, job creation and inclusive development, while simultaneously tapping into the country's emerging market, which is projected to become one of the world's fastest-growing economies in the coming years.

As Japan strengthens its economic ties with Africa, Mozambique stands out as a compelling destination for investors seeking mutually beneficial partnerships in the region. You are welcome in Mozambique.

Last, I would like to express our appre-

dent Filipe Nyusi and business leaders. Our government has promised to incentivize the private sector to boost business and aid in security and disaster recovery.

Mozambique has a long history of exchange with my hometown of Matsu-

yama, Ehime Prefecture, and I will do my utmost to ensure relations continue to flourish.

To conclude, I would like to express my sincerest wishes for everlasting friendship and goodwill between our nations.

Working to cultivate a strong bilateral relationship

JUNZO YAMAMOTO
JAPAN-AFRICAN UNION PARLIAMENTARY
FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE



Congratulations to the Republic of Mozambique upon the 48th anniversary of its independence.

While serving as the Japan-African Union Parliamentary Friendship

Association's representative for Mozambique, I have had the pleasure of visiting several times and meeting dignitaries who have visited Japan.

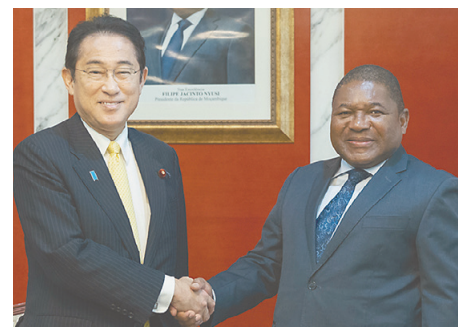
With the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic behind us, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and about 50 businesspeople visited Mozambique in May to meet Presi-

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on the Anniversary of the Independence of
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Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and President Filipe Nyusi in May EMBASSY OF MOZAMBIQUE

ciation to our corporate partners and The Japan Times for their sponsorship and publication of this message. To my fellow compatriots, I extend my congratulations on the occasion of the 48th anniversary of the independence of our beloved country.

Investors see potential for growth

TATSUO YASUNAGA
CHAIRMAN, JAPAN-MOZAMBIQUE
BUSINESS FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION



It is my distinct honor to offer my heartiest congratulations to the people of the Republic of Mozambique on the joyful occasion of the 48th anniversary of their independence. This is also the 46th

anniversary of diplomatic relations between Mozambique and Japan.

I am pleased to see tourism and trade

resuming, thanks to our ongoing recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida visited Mozambique and held a summit meeting with H.E. President Filipe Nyusi in May. At the meeting, Kishida stated he would support Japanese corporate investment in Mozambique.

Mozambique's steady growth and prospects are attracting international attention. As chairman of the Japan-Mozambique Business Friendship Association, I reaffirm our commitment to helping unlock business potential through the development of Mozambique-Japan relations.

In closing, I offer my best wishes for the further prosperity of the Republic of Mozambique and its wonderful citizens.

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