

D.R. Congo National Day Special

United by freedom and democracy

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Dear compatriots of the Congolese diaspora in Japan,

On the occasion of the commemoration of the 63rd anniversary of the accession of our beautiful country to international sov-

ereignty, I have the honor to offer you, on behalf of the staff of the embassy, our best wishes for health, happiness, prosperity and well-being.

This occasion is an ideal time to pay tribute, not only to the fathers of independence, but also to those of democracy, for their brave fight that gave our nation its dignity and control of its destiny.

Our duty is to come together and work to consolidate the national reconstruction, and our sovereignty, through, among other things, the cultivation of effective

and full peace throughout the territory of our state.

This is an opportunity for us to express our gratitude to the brave units of our national armed forces, which at the level of our borders watch with vigilance and abnegation to preserve the Democratic Republic of Congo from outside aggressors whose expansionist tendencies are increasingly manifest in our subregion.

In addition, at the end of this year, the organization of free and transparent general elections will take place. The government spares no effort to support the National Independent Electoral Commission by guaranteeing the financing of these elections. This is an undeniable merit of the government, which is making commendable efforts in this period of unprecedented economic and health crises.

This approach reflects our common determination to perpetuate this dearly acquired democracy, thus remaining in the logic of the Universal Declaration on Democracy that suggests in its fifth point that a true democracy supposes “... that the processes of accession to power, exer-

cise and alternation of power allow a free political competition and emanate from open, free and nondiscriminatory popular participation, exercised in accordance with the rule of law.”

In addition, on the eve of the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development, our embassy is fully involved in the logic of the dynamics driven by His Excellency President Felix Tshisekedi, in the firm assurance of perpetuating the good health of our dear country's diplomatic relations with Japan.

In the same vein, in December 2022, an economic seminar was co-organized by the Congolese Ministry of Mines and the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, and marked by the signing of a joint declaration by two leaders of these ministries. The second stage is planned for next month in Tokyo, and these activities testify to the clear desire of both parties to further invigorate our bilateral relations, which have always been extremely stable.

In short, we reiterate our determina-



The cities of Kinshasa (foreground) and Brazzaville flank the Congo River.

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tion to work in synergy with the large Congolese community here in Japan, as well as all our international partners, carrying out the mission assigned to us by the high hierarchy of our dear country.

Long live the united, free and prosperous Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Happy Independence Day everyone!

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***Congratulations
to the People of
the Democratic
Republic of the Congo
on the Anniversary of
Their Independence***

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