

Venezuela National Day Special

Praise for peace, progress, resilience

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On this auspicious occasion of the celebration of the independence of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, I would like to extend my best wishes of happiness, health and prosper-

ity to Their Imperial Majesties Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, to the government of Japan and the Japanese people.

Over the past year, Venezuela has made significant strides toward social and economic progress, working tirelessly to improve the lives of its citizens and strengthen its international relationships. The commitment shown by the government to fostering stability, social welfare and economic growth is truly commendable.

According to the latest monthly report published by OPEC, Venezuela has reached

its highest level of crude oil production in 2023. The report said an average of 819,000 barrels of crude per day was recorded, approaching its target of 1 million bpd by August and further contributing to the international energy market.

As we highlight these achievements, let us also acknowledge the resilience of the Venezuelan people, who have faced significant challenges in recent years. Unilateral coercive measures, commonly known as sanctions, have been imposed against Venezuela since 2014 by powerful countries, with devastating consequences for its people, especially the most vulnerable. The unwavering spirit and determination of Venezuelans have shown the world the strength of the human spirit.

The bonds of friendship between Venezuela and countries in the Global South continue to grow stronger, rooted in a shared commitment to democracy, independence, sovereignty, peace, prosperity and mutual understanding. During the last year, President Nicolas Maduro has carried forward the Bolivarian Diplomacy of Peace and conducted high-level meetings with



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presidents and authorities of Algeria, Brazil, China, Iran, Qatar, South Africa, Saudi Arabia and Turkey, among other nations.

As we gather to commemorate Independence Day and national day, we send our warmest congratulations to all Venezuelans in Japan. It is a time to celebrate the rich heritage, vibrant culture and remarkable achievements of all Venezuelans in our homeland and around the globe.

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