

# Mongolia National Day Special

## Special partnership opens new chapter in relations

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Dear reader of  
The Japan Times, I  
would like to extend  
my heartfelt greet-  
ings on the occasion  
of the National Day  
of Mongolia.

The year 2023 is  
one that marks the  
beginning of a new

chapter of relations between Mongolia  
and Japan under the special strategic part-  
nership for peace and prosperity.

Mongolia and Japan celebrated the his-  
toric 50th anniversary of diplomatic rela-  
tions in 2022. Our two nations, bound by  
shared democratic values, have strength-  
ened diplomatic ties over the past decades  
and the anniversary marked a significant  
milestone in our relationship, with our  
strategic partnership being elevated to the  
new heights of a special strategic partner-  
ship for peace and prosperity during the

visit of the President of Mongolia Ukhnaa  
Khurelsukh to Japan.

The special strategic partnership sig-  
nifies a new level of collaboration and  
cooperation between our nations and  
underscores our shared commitment to  
promoting peace, prosperity and stability  
in this region and throughout the world.

Mongolia and Japan have taken an  
important step forward in realizing our  
special strategic partnership for peace  
and prosperity by announcing an action  
plan to guide our joint efforts and initia-  
tives in the coming decade that sets out a  
comprehensive human-centered frame-  
work for cooperation across a wide range  
of areas. These include politics, security,  
economics and culture, and the action  
plan reflects our shared commitment to  
democracy, human rights and the rule of  
law. These values lie at the heart of our  
partnership, and they serve as a strong  
foundation for even closer cooperation  
between our nations in further strength-  
ening our collaboration on regional and  
global issues.

As we embark on this new chapter of  
our relationship, it is important that we  
further prioritize and strengthen the ties  
between our peoples. Through this action  
plan, we will work together to enhance  
exchange programs between the youth  
and children of both countries, building  
the foundation for long-lasting friend-  
ships that will serve as a bridge between  
our nations and foster the next generation  
of leaders who will be instrumental in  
shaping the future of our relationship.

Mongolia's first economic partnership  
agreement with Japan has been in force  
since 2016. Under this mechanism, there is  
a wide range of opportunities to increase  
bilateral trade.

Our country is landlocked and provides  
most of its consumption through coal-fired  
power plants. There are also large reserves  
of brown coal. In this sense, we are eager to  
cooperate with the Japanese government  
in implementing a pilot project to extract  
hydrogen from brown coal, as well as the  
feasibility of building a hydrogen power  
plant based on coal deposits.

The Mongolian government has  
declared "Welcome to Mongolia" as the  
slogan for 2023 to 2025, a period that  
has been designated as the time to visit  
Mongolia. This catchphrase captures the  
essence of Mongolian hospitality and  
our eagerness to welcome visitors from  
around the world to experience the natu-  
ral beauty, rich culture and warm hospi-  
tality of our country. This is an exciting  
development, as it reflects Mongolia's  
commitment to promoting tourism and  
sharing the beauty and unique culture of  
our country with the world.

I am confident that "Welcome to Mon-  
golia" will inspire many visitors from  
Japan and elsewhere to explore our  
beautiful country and participate in our  
unique traditions, strengthening our  
friendship and cooperation for many  
years to come.

As we move forward, I am confident  
the partnership between Mongolia and  
Japan will continue to thrive and grow  
for a brighter future for the people of our  
nations and the wider world.



**Left: The Government Palace hosts Mongolia's parliament, the State Great Khural. Right: A pair of wild horses graze on the high plains under the Altai Mountains.** GETTY IMAGES

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**Congratulations**  
**to the People of Mongolia on the Occasion of**  
**the Anniversary of Their National Day**



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