
Bolivia Independence Day Special

Youth lead the way toward bicentennial

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On Aug. 6, we commemorate 198 years of Bolivian independence, an opportunity I wish to use to extend an affectionate greeting to my dear compatriots residing in Japan.

Bolivia will commemorate 200 years of independence in 2025, a historic moment that provides an invaluable opportunity to reflect on the past, celebrate achievements and, above all, look ahead. In this context, the role of youth is essential for the construction of a prosperous and united nation, which is why 2023 has been declared the “Year of Youth towards the Bicentennial.”

Bolivian youths represent a vital and

dynamic force, capable of promoting significant changes in society. It is a generation with dreams, aspirations and a fresh vision of the world. Their energy, creativity and commitment to justice, equality and progress are fundamental to move forward toward a more inclusive, united and democratic Bolivia.

On the one hand, as agents of change, youths have the responsibility of being active participants in the process of building a national identity. It is important that they engage in discussions about our history and current challenges, to gain a deeper understanding of its legacy and work together to build a sustainable future.

On the other hand, the national government, led by President Luis Arce and Vice President David Choquehuanca, has established specific guidelines so that ministries can work and deepen public policies in favor of young people, to promote their active participation in the generation of employment policies, spaces for dialogue,

and access to loans, science and technology, among other things.

On this occasion, I also want to recognize the outstanding role played by our young Bolivians residing in Japan, who over time have become essential builders of the bridge of understanding and friendship between our countries, thus contributing to the strengthening of bilateral ties.

This year represents a unique opportunity to recognize the fundamental role that youths play in the present and future of the country. Today, our government works on their empowerment, providing them with tools and opportunities so they can actively contribute to the construction of a just, inclusive and prosperous society, to advance on the path toward the Bolivia that we dream of by 2025.

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