

Angola National Day Special

Economic cooperation built on friendship

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As we celebrate the 48th anniversary of Angola's independence on Nov. 11, I would like to take this opportunity to present the greetings of His Excellency President Joao Manuel Goncalves

Lourenco to Their Majesties Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, the imperial family, the prime minister and the people of Japan.

We must celebrate this special date with our vision for the future, so that new generations realize the importance of peace, freedom and the gains of democracy. We live in harmony with all peoples, and we are experiencing a particularly important phase in which our economy is showing signs of growth, with more job creation through the program launched by the Angolan executive aimed at diversifying the economy.

In terms of international trade, the commercial balance between Angola and Japan is concentrated on imports in areas such as machinery, motor vehicles, parts and accessories. In any case, given the fact that Angola has a number of commodities and raw materials, such as oil, gas, diamonds, marble, high-quality wood, drinks and beverages, pulses, fruit, coffee, cotton and other attractive natural resources, we should think about expanding our trade relations.

We intend to continue working on the same basis of the friendship and trust between our nations to strengthen our economic cooperation, taking into account the comparative advantages that will allow the

creation of startups that can develop initiatives for creating products and services with Japanese and Angolan branding concepts.

From a legal point of view, the implementation of the Agreement for the Liberalization, Promotion and Protection of Investments between Angola and Japan, which was signed in August, creates favorable conditions for greater protection of investments among businesspeople, providing encouragement for private companies in both countries.

Japanese businesspeople are welcome to invest in Angola and take advantage of the wide range of business opportunities in various sectors of the economy, such as agriculture, fisheries, industry, tourism and services, but also sectors with a social impact, such as health care and education, where there are currently a number of opportunities for investors.

Our task is now focused on creating the long-awaited Angola-Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which will facilitate interaction between businesspeople from both countries and promote the creation of partnerships that will further explore different business areas.

Angola intends to continue working

toward the exchange of high-level visits aimed at strengthening the trust in relations between our countries and bringing our businesspeople closer together. On Angola's side, we want much more, and we are committed to working hard with the Japanese government to create the conditions for a strategic partnership focused on trade and industry, technological development, renewable energies, fisheries and the "blue economy," as well as tourism and developing human resources.

In addition to these prospects, there is the issue of promoting greater cultural integration that will bring our peoples closer. However, we could overcome those challenges through the establishment of the Angola-Japan Culture Center, where people can participate digitally by taking advantage of Japan's technology

It's important to emphasize that as part of migration expansion policies, Japanese citizens are among those who can visit Angola without tourist visas, and the local authorities are currently adjusting internal procedures to the new regulations.

Our hope is that coffee, cotton, beverages and other Angolan products will be present on the Japanese market and that they

will be appreciated with the same affection that Japanese products are appreciated in our country, and that the invitation that our president made to Japanese companies to invest in our country will be accepted.

The time has come to mark our history, and the opportunity is in front of us for a strategic partnership between our countries.

Happy Independence Day!



Left: The mountains of Serra da Leba rise 2,620 meters above Namibe province. Right: Luanda Bay provides waterfront scenery and is home to several historical monuments in Luanda.
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