

Burkina Faso National Day Special

Strong alliance built on cooperation

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Dec. 11 marks the celebration of the 63rd anniversary of the independence of Burkina Faso. This historic date symbolizes the accession to national and international sovereignty of our country, which the Burkinabe people celebrate with pride.

This unforgettable date in the history of our country reminds us that it was through struggle that it was conquered, an everyday struggle, in which we spared neither our strength nor our deprivations, neither our suffering nor our blood. This struggle, which continues to this day and which we assume with pride, is proof of the commitment of our people to positively improve their relationships with other peoples to ensure their true independence.

Despite the multiple challenges, 2023 was marked by the great resilience of all Burkinabe people, the effort of the government and the support of countries friendly to Burkina Faso to ensure peace, as well as economic and social well-being under the leadership of His Excellency President of Transition Ibrahim Traore.

It should be remembered that diplomatic relations between Burkina Faso and Japan date back to after independence, precisely on July 1, 1962.

The quality of this cooperative relationship has allowed Burkina Faso to benefit from Japan's support for invaluable development actions, which are materialized by financial assistance for nonrepayable projects and technical cooperation for support in specific sectors in the form of technical assistance and carrying out project studies. Japan's support can also be seen in food aid intended to increase food stocks through the acquisition of rice, subsidies intended for financing and promoting development projects, and concessional loans with flexible interest rates with a sustainable repayment period.

In short, it should be noted that cooperation between Japan and Burkina Faso is doing well and deserves to be well maintained. It is executed through the two mechanisms of bilateral aid that come in the form of grants and loans at a concessional rate and multilateral aid in support of developing countries channeled through international institutions.

The state of this fruitful cooperation offers me the pleasant opportunity to express on behalf of the people and the government of Burkina Faso, as well as on my own behalf, our recognition and thanks to the Japanese people.

The embassy expresses its wishes for peace, prosperity and continued progress to Burkina Faso's partners. Burkina Faso reaffirms its commitment to working with other countries to continually strengthen cooperation in the interest of our peoples.

The commemoration of National Day is being held at a time when the Sahel region is facing a multidimensional crisis seriously affecting the existence and survival of the countries of the region, and we are certain that these countries will



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emerge victorious with the support of the international community.

I welcome the progress made by your valiant people over the past decades that has enabled Japan to rise to the firmament of the most prosperous nations in the world and to be cited today as an example.

Happy Independence Day to the entire Burkinabe community living in Japan.

Long live the friendship and cooperation between Japan and Burkina Faso.

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Congratulations

to the People of

Burkina Faso

on the Anniversary of

Their Independence

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