

Togo National Day Special

Mutual cooperation continues to strengthen

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The celebration of the 64th anniversary of Togo's independence offers me the opportunity to express my gratitude to their majesties the emperor and empress, to the Japanese govern-

ment, to our partners and to the Japanese people for the hospitality shown to diplomatic missions.

I would like to express my happiness on the quality of the cooperation between our countries, which continues to strengthen and diversify. Indeed, this partnership, which covers multiple areas including infrastructure, scholarships for students and capacity-building for civil servants, received a boost thanks to a donation of around ¥4 billion for the construction of a 13-kilometer bypass road in the center of my country.

The completion of this project will significantly reduce the volume of traffic in this area as well as promote the use of the national road, thus facilitating trade and free movement of people and goods.

My country continues its path toward development by creating opportunities for domestic and foreign investment to promote the local processing of certain products. That is why the Adetikope Industrial Platform was created and is diversifying its activities. This platform is a unique opportunity given to any person or entity who wishes to invest in Togo, in the area of their choice and interest, in complete security and benefit from all the related facilities.

On the diplomatic level, my country stands out in the subregion for its peace policy through its very fruitful mediations of the various crises that are shaking it. An

African resolution of African challenges is the credo of the Togolese government.

Togo wants to be, in the subregion, the torchbearer of Pan-Africanism. It is thus putting everything in place to make the ninth Pan-African Congress scheduled to be held in Lome from Oct. 29 to Nov. 2, a true Pan-African tool that mobilizes the talents of diasporas and Afro-descendants in the service of development.

The coming months in Japan will be rich and intense in diplomatic and economic activities. I want to mention here that the ninth Tokyo International Conference on African Development ministerial meeting scheduled for Aug. 24 and 25, the 2025 World Expo in Osaka and TICAD 9 itself, scheduled for Aug. 20 to 22, 2025, in Yoko-

hama, are important events in these areas.

Togo wishes all these meetings every success and intends to fully play its part.

For now, I very cordially invite the Japanese people to visit the Togolese pavilion during the expo to discover the potential of my country and all the opportunities it offers.

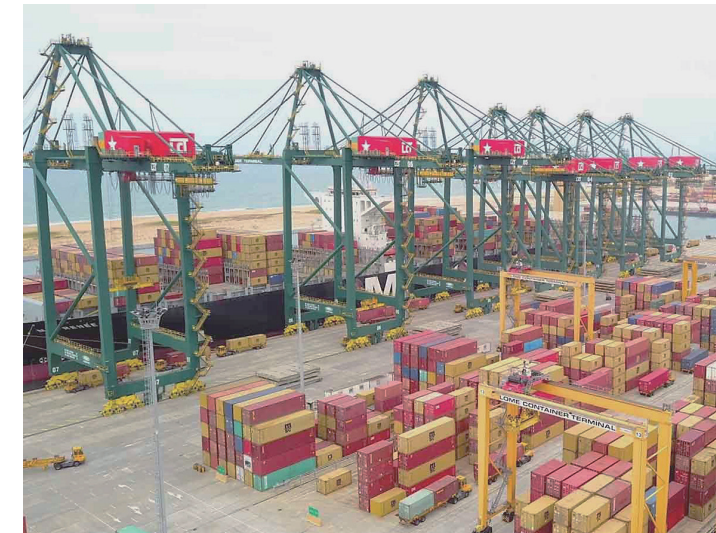
I wish a continued strengthening and diversification of the excellent relations between our peoples and countries.

Happy Independence Day to all my compatriots and to all friends of Togo.

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