

Burkina Faso national day

Burkina Faso always working toward peace

Lambert Alexandre Ouedraogo
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I., EMBASSY OF
BURKINA FASO

On the occasion of Burkina Faso's 49th National Day on Dec. 11, it is my great pleasure to extend on behalf of Blaise Compaore, the president of Burkina Faso, and the people of Burkina Faso, our best wishes for peace and prosperity to Their Imperial Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, the members of Imperial family, the government and the wonderful and welcoming people of Japan.

I would also like to convey cheerful greetings to the government and people of the Republic of Korea, the Philip-

pine and Singapore. May the already existing good relations and cooperation between our respective countries be further strengthened.

To my fellow compatriots living in Japan and the region, I say congratulations.

Finally, I wish to express my gratitude once again to The Japan Times for enabling me to address its readers.

Peace building is a central point in our national policy. We strongly believe that no development can take place without peace. Peace among our citizens inside the country and peace with our neighbors.

Therefore, Burkina Faso is engaged in the peace process in many countries, including Cote d'Ivoire, Togo, Sudan, Guinea, and President Com-

paore has been nominated mediator.

Since Dec. 31, 2008, Japan has been a nonpermanent member of the United Nations Security Council for the 10th time and our two delegations are working together on many matters inside the council to promote regional and international peace.

Promotion and protection of human rights as well as international security and nuclear nonproliferation are our common concern.

Burkina Faso and Japan are sharing the same view about peace and development. This situation allows the two countries to have excellent bilateral relations.

The second bilateral consultations between Burkina Faso and Japan took place on Oct. 27 in Ouagadougou.

A number of projects in priority areas such as education, agriculture and water are under way to enable our people to fight poverty and to meet the Millennium Development Goals.

Last September, Burkina Faso faced natural disaster due to floods (too much rain in a very short amount of time) in the capital and some others regions.

Allow me to thank the Japanese government and particularly the Japanese Embassy



President Blaise Compaore

in Burkina Faso for their effective solidarity with the people of Burkina Faso at that very sad moment. Japan is doing much for Burkina Faso through the Japan International Cooperation Agency and Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers.

Japan is also working hard to fulfill the TICAD IV commitments despite the consequences of the international financial crisis.

In the economic field Burkina Faso is a country that welcomes investors. The main factors are: strategic location, political stability and rule of law.

Located at the heart of the West African Economic and Monetary Union and the site of its headquarters, Burkina Faso offers private investors

access to a market of 70 million consumers, a stable democratic political system, a reliable legal system, standardized business law and diversified economic potential.

Free enterprise is the main characteristic of the investment environment. Agriculture, mining, gold, manganese, zinc, phosphates, energy, telecommunications and tourism are all sectors open to private investors. But the foundation and prerequisite of all these possibilities are the peace and security that exist in Burkina Faso.

This peaceful situation also allows Burkina Faso to organize international cultural events on a regular basis.

The best known are SIAO, the International Arts and Crafts Show of Ouagadougou, organized every two years, which represents the largest arts and crafts show on the continent, and the FESPACO, the Pan-African Cinema and Television Festival of Ouagadougou, which takes place every other year.

The SNC, National Week of Culture is also a very important cultural event every year and features performances by 60 ethnic groups in dances, songs, traditional cuisine and clothing art.

Our peaceful country welcomes you all.

Mutual understanding still growing

Norimasa Matsuyama
PRESIDENT, JAPAN-BURKINA FASO
FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

I would like to congratulate Burkina Faso on its 49th independence day from the bottom of my heart. It is a great joy for me that I can greet all friendly people with this newspaper article. Since establishing diplomatic relations in 1962,



Burkina Faso and Japan have continued to deepen their mutual understanding and friendship.

Furthermore, united in understanding, both countries have aimed for new developments to contribute to world peace and prosperity.

In addition, in January 2009, Japan opened an embassy in Ouagadougou, and one of the countries Japan should trust most in the world is Burkina Faso. Japan is allied with the Burkinabe people in a close relationship of mutual trust and

is convinced that the friendly relationship between the two countries makes the trust still firmer.

The Japan-Burkina Faso Friendship Association hopes to be a bridge in deepening the fertile bilateral friendship and mutual understanding by cooperating with all people and organizations that aim for peace and development of Africa.

I would like to thank all people who have contributed from both countries, and I wish this coming year will be full of happiness and prosperity.



Warm welcome: An image of a woman offers a visitor some water in this promotional poster for Burkina Faso.



Cotton harvest: Burkina Faso is one of Africa's largest cotton producers. EMBASSY OF BURKINA FASO

Congratulations to the People of Burkina Faso



HOTEL IBIS ROPPONGI

http://www.ibis-hotel.com
phone:03-3403-4411 fax:03-3479-0609
14-4, Roppongi 7-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Congratulations

to the People of Burkina Faso
on the 49th Anniversary of Their Independence



Beyond Your Expectations

Experience something new. Be amazed. Discover.
With our creative passion and innovative drive,
we go beyond your expectations.
Reaching new heights, together. Marubeni.

Marubeni
www.marubeni.com

Congratulations to the People of Burkina Faso

on the 49th Anniversary of Their Independence

 **MITSUI & CO., LTD.**

Congratulations to the People of Burkina Faso on the 49th Anniversary of Their Independence

Cooperation through Projects
in the Environmental Sector
Projet d'approvisionnement en eau potable dans les
Régions du Plateau Central et du Centre Sud



ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS

JAPAN TECHNO CO., LTD.

Flos Bldg.,
19-7, Hatagaya 2-chome, Shibuya-ku,
Tokyo 151-0072, Japan
Tel: (03) 6703-0510 Fax: (03) 3373-5751
E-mail address: jat-tyo@jat.co.jp
URL: http://www.jat.co.jp/