

Haiti independence day

Haiti enters new era of national security, stability

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On this auspicious occasion, it gives me great pleasure and honor to extend my wishes on behalf of my government and the people of Haiti.



I would like to first congratulate Their Imperial Majesties (Golden Wedding Anniversary, 20th Anniversary of the Accession to the Throne and the holiday season) Emperor Akihito and

Empress Michiko and convey also my best wishes of good health and prosperity to the members of the Imperial family, the government of Japan and the friendly and hospitable people of Japan.

The situation of Haiti is different from other underdeveloped nations. After years or even decades of instability, Haiti is about to cope efficiently with its long-existing issues.

With the recent and rapid ratification of our new prime minister in early November, who decided to combat poverty as his first priority, we are

hopeful that the new approach will bear fruit in the near future. Of course, we are still facing many challenges, but with the new policy implemented over the past year by His Excellency Rene Preval, president of the Republic of Haiti, the country is now enjoying a peaceful atmosphere up to the point that some members of its large diaspora around the world have started to return to their motherland and are now looking for investment opportunities in different activities. Now Haiti is undoubtedly on the threshold of a new era of national security and political stability.

At this point, no one can challenge our determination aiming at the implementation of democracy, national reconciliation and good governance. Our president has also shown a crucial resoluteness and devotion to create more jobs and to help improve the quality of life of our citizens in order to achieve higher economic growth. In this regard, the new government of Haiti headed by H.E. Jean-Max Bel-



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lerive as prime minister has already undertaken reforms related to education in its fight against illiteracy and has started to establish major policies for the protection of the environment. Haiti will hopefully return to its former sta-

tus of "The Pearl of the Antilles" after decades of environmental degradation and restore its position as the most important destination in the tourism industry.

Once again, with the assistance of the international com-

munity, the government of Haiti is taking measures to curb a dangerous tendency threatening the whole ecosystem. We are convinced, that in our efforts, Japan as usual will continue to help us to find the best solutions.

Congratulations

on the 206th Anniversary of the
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