



Heritage: The Black Rocks at Pungo Andongo have imprints of the footsteps of the 17th-century Queen Nzinga of the Ndongo and Matamba kingdoms of the Mbundu people in southwestern Africa. EMBASSY OF ANGOLA

Angola seeks investment

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further promote investment and strengthen the existing economic relationship ties as well as the creation of favorable conditions for greater investment by investors from both countries, the economic and technical cooperation will evolve rapidly.

I would like to commend the sterling work that the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and other related Japanese agencies are undertaking in Angola in the field of technical cooperation and infrastructure development. The recent opening of JICA's office in Angola, the conclusion last August of the Emergency Rehabilitation Project of the Namibe Port, the rehabilitation of Josina Machel Hospital, the construction of a Vocational Training Center in Viana Municipality; the ongoing efforts for the financing aimed to rehabilitate the Angolan textile industry; the implementation of the SMASSE Project aimed at training the trainers in the mathematics field, among others are, indeed, a visible and encouraging showcase of the cooperation between Angola and Japan.

It is important to note that Angola is not a country closed to the outside world. Since its independence, Angola has established and enjoys good and fruitful relations with all countries in the world as well as with the Bretton Woods institutions, namely the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, based on universal guiding principles, namely, mutual respect and understanding, real cooperation and a win-win approach.

Angola welcomes Japan's continuous commitment for the consolidation of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD), as well as the acceptance of the African Union

Commission as a co-organizer of this partnership forum. We believe that the full participation of the AU in the TICAD process will add a new, multi-lateral dimension to Japan's already strong bilateral relations with African countries and, therefore, bring the much needed synergy to a clear implementation and followup of the agreed to commitments for mutual benefit. We also strongly believe that the TICAD framework is the most appropriate way to motivate and implement the much needed people-to-people exchanges and contacts between the peoples of Africa and Japan.

I take the opportunity to salute all the members of the Angola-Japan Friendship Association and all the friends of Angola who have been working tirelessly in spreading awareness of the Angolan reality in Japanese society. We believe that everyone's efforts are an important component for the successful and increasing cooperation between Angola and Japan.

To the many companies who had the opportunity to express their greetings to the Angolan people, through their sponsorship, I would like to take the occasion to express our deep appreciation and gratitude for their cooperation, friendship and understanding. I assure them that their sponsorship, patronage and cooperation, which we highly value, will never be forgotten.

Last but not least, I would like to express my deep appreciation to The Japan Times for giving me, once again, the opportunity to address its distinguished readers on this joyous occasion and provide an overview of some of Angola's achievements.

Thank you very much and let's meet in Angola so that we can talk about business.



Rare species: The giant sable antelope is native to the region between the Cuango and Luando rivers in Angola.

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