

# Marshall Islands national day

## Saluting a true friend

Jurelang Zedkaia  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE  
MARSHALL ISLANDS

On this day, I extend the warmest greetings from the people and government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to all our friends, and diplomatic allies and partners. This year's observation of the Marshall Islands Constitution marks the 32nd "birthday" of our small country.

Our freedom is secured because we have you as true friends. The trust in our institutions and in the way we conduct our foreign affairs is evidenced by the generous contribution to our cooperation in many fields from many countries and leaders of international organizations. Our philosophy, as islanders, is similar in many ways to that of Japan, perhaps coincid-



ing with the fact that Japan is an island as well and a very big part of the Pacific community.

I wish to take this moment to especially thank you Japan. Your successive leaders never failed to consider its role in the Pacific environment community. Their Imperial Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko have

always thought about the people of the Pacific area. Japan has always been a radiant leader for taking on some of the toughest challenges in the world. However, this year is particularly a difficult time. Indeed, the huge challenge of the 2011 Tohoku-Pacific Earthquake requires the toughest decisions and the determination to overcome the situation on the ground.

As a true friend, on behalf of the chiefs and the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, I hereby extend to your fishermen whose foundation of life has been wiped out by the Tohoku-Pacific Earthquake and its tsunami free use of our fisheries zones in the Marshall Islands until they have re-established themselves.

God bless the Marshall Islands and Japan.



**Modern architecture: The Capitol Building in Majuro City is a symbol of the independence of the Marshall Islands.** EMBASSY OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

## Nation celebrates 32 years of freedom, unity

Jiba B. Kabua  
AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
MARSHALL ISLANDS

On May 1 every year, the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands celebrate the freedom that was sealed in their Constitution in 1979. Thus, today is once again that special day of festivities and thanksgiving in appreciation for the peaceful cooperation, and co-existence between all of our islands' tribes in the archipelago of the Marshall Islands, and with our many new friends who have come to work and settle in the country.

As we celebrate our National Day once more this year, we are much obliged to reflect on the promises and covenants that we



made with respect to the law of the land, and in respecting of others, we are very appreciative of the generous assistance that has been provided to the development of our country by numerous countries, governments, organizations as well as by individuals who have demonstrated the true meaning of friendship throughout the years in which

our people have become unified successfully under one government.

As the ambassador of the people of the Marshall Islands to Japan, I wish to take this opportunity to once again express our country's sincere appreciation for Japan's generous contribution to our economic and social progress. Joining other ambassadors in To-

kyo, I would like to especially extend my sincere wish to Their Imperial Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, the government and the people of Japan during this extremely difficult time after the Tohoku-Pacific Earthquake of March 11, for the most speedy return to normalcy from such a disaster and healing from the loss of loved ones.

This year is a very special year for Japan and its people. It has given the leaders of this great nation a time to reflect deeply. Yet, it is also a very significant year for the rest of the world in its connection to Japan. In our humble way as a small Pacific Islands country, a message from my president, His Excellency Jurelang Zedkaia, is hereby presented.



**Bilateral link: Majuro Bridge (called Nakasone Bridge), the highest point in Majuro, was built with Japan ODA financing in 1984.** EMBASSY OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

**Congratulations**  
and Best Wishes to the Government  
and People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands  
on the 32nd Anniversary of Their Constitution



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