

Guinea national day

Democratic process restarts growth, development

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On this happy occasion of celebrating the 53rd anniversary of the independence of my country, the Republic of Guinea, it is for me a great pleasure to thank the management and the personnel of The Japan Times for having allowed me to address its numerous and faithful readers.



It is also a great pleasure to extend through your estimated daily to His Imperial Majesty the Emperor Akihito and to Her Imperial Majesty Empress Michiko, to the Imperial Family, to the government and the people of Japan the friendly greetings of the Guinean people as well as

the expression of their profound appreciation for the assistance extended to Guinea by Japan.

Democratic elections

Readers may remember the Joint Declaration of Ouagadougou on Jan. 15, 2010, which served as the base of a new transition in Guinea and allowed to elect by means of a free, transparent and democratic voting process Alpha Conde as the president of Guinea, the head of state, on Nov. 7, 2010, and the establishment of a government that fixed its mission to achieve the democratic process, restart economic growth and development.

On the economic front

The people of Guinea opted for the change by installing new forms of winning partners, winners more adapted to the Guinean context between public and



President Alpha Conde of the
Republic of Guinea

private actors, and associating thereto collectivities, civil associations and non-governmental organizations (NGO), everything by starting a fecund and durable dialogue between the partners to the development of Guinea.

The reform of the state and its modernization essentially based on struggles against impunity and structural reforms, accompanied by rigorous measures undertaken by the government allowing a more efficient management of our human and financial resources, an improvement of practices toward good governance.

On the bilateral front

I take this opportunity to present once again to the people and the government of Japan my sincere condolences following the earthquake that occurred on March 11. By the same occasion, I thank the people and the government, which through the World Food Program (WFP) and UNICEF bring an important support in the struggle against food insecurity on the one part, and for the health and the protection of



Industry: A conveyor belt (left) helps carry bauxite, of which Guinea has almost half of the world's reserves, to barges. The country is also often called the "water tower of West Africa" because it is home to the sources of many rivers in the region. EMBASSY OF GUINEA

the vulnerable class by granting them gift envelopes. I make an appeal in order to mobilize the technical and financial partners of Guinea around the reforms to be undertaken to support the growth that will make it possible to realize the objective of the millenary for development and the national strategy of reducing poverty.

I remain confident in the destiny of "Guinea is back," and I

would like to express my wish that this historical date of Oct. 2 would be a factor of rapprochement in this process of reconciliation of all Guineans.

To conclude, I would like to address my sincere congratulations to all my compatriots living in Japan, Australia, the Philippines and in the Fiji islands, and I wish them a happy anniversary.

May God bless Guinea.
I thank you.



Culture: The local arts and crafts made in Guinea come in many varieties. EMBASSY OF GUINEA

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