Colombia independence day

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On the occasion of the commemoration of the Independence Day of Colombia, I would like to extend to all my fellow countrymen a message of gratitude to Japan, a country that has always been a source of support and advancement to our nation. Today, Colombia is making significant progress in its economic development, and this is a testament to the strong partnership that exists between our countries.

Colombia and Japan have enjoyed a long-standing partnership that has allowed us to work together towards mutual goals. This year, we are celebrating the 15th anniversary of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) between Colombia and Japan, which was signed in 2003. This agreement has been instrumental in promoting trade and investment between our countries.

In 2012, Colombia became an observer country to the Pacific Alliance, a regional economic bloc that includes Colombia, Peru, Mexico, and Chile. As an observer country, Colombia has been able to participate in the negotiations and discussions that are taking place within the alliance. This has allowed us to learn from the experiences of the other member countries and to contribute to the formulation of policies that are beneficial to our own economy.

Colombia is aware of the importance of the Asia-Pacific region, which is emerging as a key player in the global economy. As such, we have been actively engaged in the negotiations of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP), which aims to create a free trade area that includes 12 countries, including Japan.

The Japanese government, through its Embassy in Colombia, has always been supportive of our efforts to promote our economic growth and development. In this regard, we express our appreciation for the continued support of the Japanese government and people.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to all the members of the Colombia-Japan Chamber of Commerce and its executive committee for their support and cooperation. Together, we can continue to build a stronger relationship between our countries and promote the development of our economies.

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Colombia is one of the countries that is rapidly emerging as an important player in the global economy. It has a large and diverse population, a rich cultural heritage, and a strong commitment to social and economic development. In this regard, Colombia has become an attractive destination for Japanese businesses and investors.

Over the past few years, there has been a significant increase in trade and investment between Colombia and Japan. In 2012, the bilateral trade between the two countries reached US$2 billion, marking a 22% increase compared to the previous year.

The Japanese government has been actively engaged in supporting the development of the Colombian economy. In August 2012, President Juan Manuel Santos visited Japan and met with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, where the two leaders signed a bilateral investment treaty (BIT) and an economic and technological cooperation agreement.

This agreement was followed by a visit to Colombia by President Takuya Hayashi in October 2013, where the two countries signed an agreement on economic and technological cooperation. This agreement was followed by a visit to Colombia by President Kenji Hachigo in April 2014, where the two countries signed an agreement on economic and technological cooperation.

In 2015, Colombia and Japan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on economic and technological cooperation, which was followed by a visit to Colombia by President Takuya Hayashi in May 2015, where the two countries signed an agreement on economic and technological cooperation.

In conclusion, Colombia and Japan have a strong and promising partnership that is expected to continue to grow in the years to come. Together, we can continue to build a stronger relationship between our countries and promote the development of our economies.

We are confident that the Colombia-Japan Chamber of Commerce will continue to play a key role in promoting economic cooperation between our countries. In this regard, we express our appreciation for the continued support of the Colombian government and people.

Colombia and Japan have a long and fruitful history of cooperation that has been characterized by mutual trust and respect. As we celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Economic Partnership Agreement, we look forward to a future of continued growth and development for our countries.

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