

# Djibouti national day

## Continuing development of robust relationships

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AMBASSADOR OF DJIBOUTI

The Republic of Djibouti achieved its independence on June 27, 1977. Today, therefore, not only marks our 38th anniversary, but also has a special significance because it coincides with 37th year of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Djibouti and

Japan. On such a momentous occasion, I have the distinct pleasure, on behalf of the government of Djibouti and its people, to express my best wishes for happiness, peace and prosperity to Their Imperial Majesties, Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, the members of Imperial family, the government and the people of Japan.

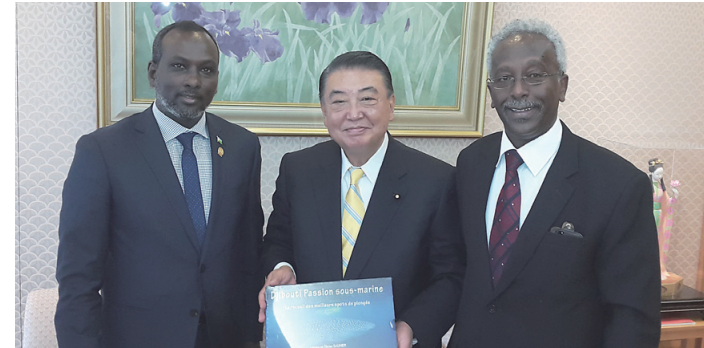
Just a few weeks ago, we organized a very successful event to celebrate Djibouti Day and the 37th anniversary of cooperation and friendship between Djibouti and Japan with the presence of H.E. Aboubaker Omar Hadi, chairman of The Djibouti Ports and Free Zones Authority. In his message, he mentioned a great number of business opportunities for Japanese companies and investors in the service industry such as communications, information technology, renewable energy and health care sectors.

At this event, a message from President of the Republic of Djibouti H.E. Ismail Omar Guelleh reaffirmed his commitment and common goal shared with Japan to play a leadership role for the promotion of peace and stability in the region.

Indeed, many investors have expressed renewed interest to explore business opportunities in various sectors and to have a chance to visit Djibouti.

### Bilateral Relations

Today, bilateral relations with



President of the National Assembly of Djibouti Mohamed Ali Houmed (left), with Djibouti Ambassador Ahmed Arita Ali, meets Speaker of the House of Representatives Tadamori Oshima in Tokyo on June 1. EMBASSY OF DJIBOUTI

Japan are excellent and continue to develop in a harmonious way. The historic visit to Djibouti by H.E. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in August 2013 and a recent visit to Japan by a delegation headed by the President of the National Assembly of Djibouti, H.E. Mohamed Ali Houmed, to attend at the IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians demonstrate the strong and enduring friendship between Djibouti and Japan. During his stay in Japan, his Japanese counterpart, as

well as the heads of both houses of the Diet, received him.

Early this month, Hana Farah Assoweh, director general of the National Social Security Fund (CNSS) led a delegation of a number of high government officials to Japan. The group included presidential advisors such as Haibado Ismail Omar, project manager for the Universal Health Care Program (AMU) and economy advisor, as well as Deka Ahmed for social affairs. The objective of this visit was to



Djibouti President Ismail Omar Guelleh (right) and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe meet in Djibouti on Aug. 27, 2013. EMBASSY OF DJIBOUTI

learn from Japanese health services in order to design new Universal Care Insurance system in Djibouti.

### Peace and security

Djibouti and Japan are playing a leading role as partners in fighting international piracy in the East Africa region. These efforts have produced significant and positive results. We shared common values and efforts to promote peace and stability in Somalia. So far, the government of Djibouti has made a

very important contribution to this effort and has also committed peacekeeping troops.

The leadership and personal commitment of President Guelleh has been recognized internationally in making our country a land of peace, cultural diversity and social cohesion. Sharing a vision and a development policy represents one of the keys to security, peace, stability and growth for the country and the region.

### Investment opportunity

Djibouti is turning its strategic location into economic opportunities. Major innovative and viable projects are being initiated, within the framework of the Emerging Djibouti Plan, to transform Djibouti into a dynamic emerging country by 2035. These projects cover mining, energy, tourism, housing, health, finance and major infrastructure projects such as ports, airports and railways and are likely to be of interest to Japanese corporations.

We would be happy to meet



Chairman Aboubaker Omar Hadi of the Djibouti Ports and Free Zones Authority speaks at a reception to celebrate the 37th anniversary of Japan-Djibouti diplomatic relations in Tokyo on June 8.

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Japanese investors and businessmen to discuss the development of a number of government infrastructure projects to be funded through public and private partnerships.

Finally, we should never forget that Djibouti and Japan have common values and beliefs in making the world a safer and peaceful place to live.

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the Republic of Djibouti  
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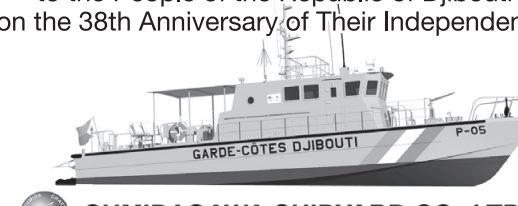
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