

Nepal National Day

Naturally beautiful land of Lord Buddha

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It is a pleasure for me to extend greetings to the people of Nepal and Japanese people of Nepali origin in Japan on the happy occasion of the National Day of Nepal, which is a day of the promulgation of the new inclusive and democratic constitution of Nepal. I appreciate the esteemed The Japan Times for their initiative in putting out a special supplement to mark the national day of Nepal and extend greetings to their esteemed readers.

With the enactment of the constitution by the elected constituent assembly of Nepal on this day last year, political transition has come to an end and the country has geared all its efforts toward the economic development and prosperity of the people of Nepal. The constitution has ensured democracy, civil liberties, human rights, inclusiveness and sovereign powers for the people of Nepal, as well as securing the federal system in Nepal.

Nepal and Japan have enjoyed excellent bilateral relations ever since the establishment of diplomatic ties on Sept. 1, 1956. It is also heartening to note that this

year is special as it marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Nepal and Japan. Both countries are celebrating the diamond jubilee of our relationship with a number of activities throughout the year. Nepal has formed a high-level committee headed by our foreign minister to coordinate, select and finalize activities to celebrate the occasion and the visit of the minister of state for foreign affairs of Japan to Nepal to attend the commemorative program organized by the government of Nepal on the very day of the anniversary of the formalization of our relations are testimony of the importance accorded by both countries to our relations.

Nepal and Japan share common values and culture based on the teachings of Lord Buddha, who was born in Lumbini, Nepal. The exchanges of high-level visits, as well as people-to-people contacts, have helped further enrich our relations.

We highly appreciate Japan's generous support extended for the socioeconomic development of Nepal. We also appreciate Japan's considerate support received after the devastating earthquakes of April 2015 for Nepal's rescue, relief and reconstruction efforts.

Japan is one of the largest donor and development partners of Nepal. Japanese cooperation in Nepal focuses on

areas, including poverty alleviation, infrastructure development, education, health, energy, agriculture and communication, among others.

The investor-friendly policy pursued by the government of Nepal provides opportunity for interested Japanese investors to invest in Nepal in mutually beneficial sectors such as hydropower, tourism, infrastructure, agriculture and more.

It is well known that Nepal enjoys a bounty of nature, with a wide variety of climatic conditions, rich wildlife, flora, fauna and the majestic Himalayas. In addition to being the birthplace of Lord Buddha, Nepal boasts UNESCO recognized cultural heritage sites, renowned trails for mountain hiking and expeditions that lure tourists from around the world. Japanese mountaineer Junko Tabei was the first

woman to scale the Mount Everest on May 16, 1975, and many other Japanese people love expeditions in Nepal. This unique natural environment also provides a good link for tourism between Nepal and Japan.

The gradual growth in the number of Nepali diaspora in Japan is one of the most prominent features of our bilateral relations. The Nepali diaspora are engaged mostly in education, training, employment while contributing to the economy of Japan.

On this joyful occasion, I would also like to express my best wishes for the continued good health and happiness of Their Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, as well as the friendly people of Japan.

Long live Nepal-Japan relations!



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on the occasion of National Day
(First Constitution Day) of Nepal**

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to the People of the
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of Nepal
on the Anniversary of
Their National Day



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