

Algeria National Day Special

Cooperation across African continent Enhanced trade, investment among hopes

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Algeria will be celebrating the 64th anniversary of its national day, with less than a year left for the Heisei Era and Emperor Akihito's reign. On this occasion, I would like to

express my sincere, best wishes for good health and happiness to their Imperial Majesties the Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko of Japan and the Imperial family, as well as peace and prosperity to the government and people of Japan.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Shinzo Abe for his re-election as president of the Liberal Democratic Party and the cabinet members, wishing them a successful mission.

Last year, Algeria was the initiator of the United Nations resolution 72/130 of Dec. 8, 2017, which declared May 16 of each year as the "International Day of Living Together in Peace." This resolution, unanimously adopted by the U.N., will now be an opportunity for the continued mobilization of the international community's efforts for peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding and fraternity.

Algeria has always shown great solidarity with Africa and contributed to the integration of it as a whole.

In this spirit, cases of border renewal of migrants have always been achieved with the agreement and consultation of the migrants' countries of origin and in full

respect of dignity and human rights.

Within the past year, Algeria has deepened the process of economic reforms to further diversify its economy and accelerate the process of industrialization. For achieving this goal, Algeria relies heavily on the involvement of Japanese companies through a win-win partnership.

In this perspective, the next official visit to Japan of our minister of industry and mines that will be happening in Novem-

ber, will be a turning point for qualitative progress in the relations between Japan and Algeria.

On a multilateral level, Algeria remains, as it was in the past, fully committed to the Tokyo International Conference on African Development, which it sees as a multifaceted and open process for the development and integration of the African continent, as decided by the various summits of the African Union.

Unofficial relations date back to battle for independence

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TO ALGERIA



It is my privilege to express to the people and the government of Algeria, as well as to all the friends of Algeria, my sincere congratulations on the occasion of the National Day of

Algeria.

Between Algeria and Japan, the unofficial relationship had started prior to the independence of Algeria. As early as Sept. 25, 1958, representatives of the National Liberation Front (the organization that

was engaged in the battle for Algeria's independence) announced in a conference at the Imperial Hotel Tokyo the opening of their representation office in Tokyo.

This unprecedented page of diplomacy in Japan was made possible by the strenuous and lengthy efforts of a group of politicians from our country, supported by a wide spectrum of people including journalists, academics, businesspeople and university students.

Our Japan-Algeria Association was founded principally by this group of politicians and their supporters in 1961, and was initially named the Japan-North Africa Association. On this special occasion, which practically coincides with the 60th anniversary of the above mentioned opening of the representation office, I pay tribute to those founders of the Japan-Algeria Association.

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On behalf of the Japan-Algeria Economic Committee of Keidanren (Japan Business Federation), I wish to congratulate the people of the Democratic Republic of Algeria on the 64th anniversary of their National Day.



Algeria is one of the affluent nations of Africa, with a gross domestic product per capita of \$4,030, whereas that of other nations of Africa remained at \$1,810 on average as of 2017. Algeria has huge potential, not only with its rich natural resources, but also a large, young and well-educated population.

I strongly believe that there is room for Japan to further develop economic ties with Algeria. To stimulate the latent economic relationship, I would like to welcome the relaunch of negotiations for a bilateral investment treaty between Algeria and Japan, which will surely enhance trade and investment between the two nations when it comes into force.

Next year, the seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) will be held in Yokohama and will address various issues facing African countries. As a founding member of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, Algeria has been one of the leaders in developing Africa. Therefore, TICAD will

be another appropriate occasion for Japan to tackle challenges hand-in-hand with Algeria.

Keidanren is committed to moving the TICAD process forward, implementing sustainable development goals and Society 5.0 that embodies new solutions through

innovative business activities.

Finally, our committee extends its best wishes for peace and prosperity to all citizens of the Democratic Republic of Algeria. We remain dedicated to strengthening economic ties and helping to build a bright future for both our nations.

Congratulations on the National Day of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

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