

Zambia Independence Day Special

Grateful for cooperation, assistance in wide range of sectors

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On this 55th Independence Anniversary of Zambia, I wish to convey greetings from the President of the Republic of Zambia Edgar Chagwa Lungu to Their Majesties Emperor

Naruhito and Empress Masako, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, the people and government of Japan.

Zambia has undoubtedly been one of the most peaceful and stable countries in the world. Today, the country celebrates 55 years of independence. This year's



Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and President Edgar Chagwa Lungu during The Seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development in August EMBASSY OF ZAMBIA

theme of "Our Freedom, Our Country, Our Responsibility" ensures stable investment inflows and sustainable national development.

Zambia and Japan have, over the past 55 years, shared excellent relations evidenced by exchanges of regular high-level visits by the leadership of both countries.

In December 2018, our president visited Japan on an official working visit and held a meeting with his counterpart, the prime minister. The president returned to Japan in August to participate in The Seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development. The two visits are expected to further deepen the bilateral relationship that has been developed up to now.

As a country blessed with abundant resources, Zambia welcomes more Japanese investment in various sectors such as energy, mining, agriculture, tourism, and science and technology with an emphasis on the transfer of skills, technology and

job opportunities in the country.

Zambia hopes for further expansion of trade and investment between the two countries and is grateful for Japan's cooperation in a variety of fields such as education, health, fisheries, infrastructure and sports. Other fields open to investment include the energy sector, where off-grid electricity generation and alternative energy sources are being promoted.

I am elated at Japanese enterprises' increasing interest to invest in Zambia's various sectors, which include energy, mining, infrastructure, manufacturing, tourism, health, agriculture, agro-processing, and science and technology.

Such investment, especially from Japanese small and mid-sized enterprises, are key to achieving Zambia's industrialization agenda, which is attracting international attention.

The ongoing economic growth demonstrates that Zambia is on a positive economic path. The acceleration of socio-economic development largely depends on enhanced economic and bilateral

cooperation and continued investment inflows.

I further appeal to the Japanese people to visit Zambia as tourists and sample its ambience, beauty and hospitality.

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Ndiyo Muliwana Mutiti, and our love and friendship to all the people of the peace-loving country of Zambia. It is a great honor to join the people of the Republic of Zambia in celebrating

its Independence Day each year since our establishment in 1975.

I am very impressed to see Zambia con-

tinuing to make steady strides as a peaceful, independent nation. I hope through working together to promote bilateral friendship and mutual understanding, ties between the Republic of Zambia and Japan continue to grow as outlined in the founding philosophy of the ECC Foreign Language Institute, the charter body of the fellowship: "It is our goal, through the teaching of foreign languages, to contribute to the development of our students' capabilities, international awareness and leadership qualities. In this way, we hope to promote more interaction and

understanding among the peoples of the world, thus helping to contribute to world peace."

It is the greatest pleasure for our association to attempt to serve the needs of the people of Zambia, even in our small way. The association will continue to make efforts in the hopes of strengthening and increasing the ties of friendship between our two nations, and throughout the world, with the ultimate objective of eliminating the three great human tragedies of war, poverty and disease.

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