

Algeria National Day Special

Economic ties expected to grow

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The celebration of the 65th anniversary of the Algerian Revolution coincides with an important and historic moment in Japan: the beginning of the Reiwa Era and the enthronement of His Majesty Emperor

Naruhito. It also takes place in the wake of the Seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 7). As a sign of the importance Algeria attaches to TICAD, Prime Minister Nouredine Bedoui led a delegation of high-ranking officials, including Minister of Foreign Affairs Sabri Boukadoum.

The meeting between Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his Algerian counterpart was a great opportunity to continue high-level consultations in the spirit of those held in Algiers in December 2018 when former Minister of Foreign Affairs Taro Kono visited.

This year, celebrations also coincide in a context particularly important in the lives of Algerians and the Algerian State.

Since Feb. 22, an unprecedented democratic dynamic has taken hold in Algeria. The response of authorities to popular demands in a peaceful, civilized and responsible manner promise new horizons in the near future at all levels of social, political, institutional and economic life in Algeria.

Thanks to this, Algeria is preparing for a presidential election to be held on Dec. 12, under a renovated legal and institutional framework. The entire electoral process will

be supervised by an independent body, from the beginning until the announcement of the results, with equal representation for the candidates in the election.

This process is also promising for Japanese partners, especially Japanese companies in Algeria and investors. Algerian authorities have proactively launched reforms to improve the business climate and make investment conditions much more flexible.

These reforms, which are an important message to Japanese companies, respond to their expectations and concerns. They will certainly strengthen our countries' already long-standing, diversified and mutually beneficial economic cooperation.

Promising business prospects will certainly be supported by the new legal framework for economic cooperation currently being negotiated.

A nation of diverse nature and history

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

Algeria, Africa's largest country, is rich in nature with the beautiful coastline of the Mediterranean Sea and highlands in the north, and the incomparable Sahara Desert in the south.

Algeria has a long history and features various cultures and people. We also remember the important role Algeria has played in the contemporary world. It really is a fascinating country. I spent some years there as an ambassador.

Following two decades under the governance of President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, Algeria now seems to be at a turning point, led by an unprecedented people's movement which started earlier this year. Political process is under way toward the presidential election this coming December.

Further democratization, economic reforms and liberalization are highly expected; relations between Japan and Algeria will only deepen.

The Japan-Algeria Association, whose members relate to Algeria through their different activities such as business, eco-

nomical and technical cooperation, academic studies, art, literature, journalism and diplomacy among others, sincerely expresses their best wishes for the devel-

opment and prosperity of Algeria and its people. They also wish for the progress of the relationship between our two nations.

Business sphere reflects potential for collaboration

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On behalf of the Japan-Algeria Economic Committee of Keidanren (Japan Business Federation), I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria on celebrating the 65th anniversary of its National Day. It is our privilege to provide this greeting.

Japan and Algeria have forged close and

friendly ties over several decades. In addition to Algeria's abundant supplies of natural gas and other natural resources, the country boasts a wealth of human talent. Japanese companies, recognizing

the immense potential of your esteemed nation, have made Algeria a key location for business development. We wish to continue

to explore the possibilities for collaboration in the energy area and other fields across the business spectrum.

In bringing that vision to fruition, the Keidanren Japan-Algeria Economic Committee hopes Algerian businesses engage in this mission of sustained development. At the same time, we will do all we can to ensure that the economic relations between our two countries continue to diversify and deepen.

In closing this message, I wish Algeria every success in its endeavors, as well as good health and happiness to the Algerian people.

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