
Kyrgyz National Day Special

A long-standing and beneficial partnership

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First of all, I would like to express my appreciation to The Japan Times for its continued support and for providing this opportunity to address its readers as well as our compatriots living in Japan.

Today is an important day for all Kyrgyz people. Thirty years ago, on Aug. 31, 1991, the parliament adopted the declaration of independence of the Kyrgyz Republic. Although the Kyrgyz Republic has faced many difficulties and trials, it remains on the path to building a strong, independent, sovereign and democratic state. I would like to note that we have managed to build a democracy, and even if it is one in our own understanding and perception, democracy has nevertheless

taken root in our society.

In the international arena, the Kyrgyz Republic has taken its rightful place by pursuing a multivector, balanced and pragmatic foreign policy that has allowed it to build diplomatic relations with more than 160 countries and become a member of 124 international organizations.

It's encouraging that Japan was one of the first countries with which the Kyrgyz Republic established diplomatic relations. Japan has provided assistance aimed at accelerating democratization, making the transition to a market economy and promoting economic development. Within the framework of this official development assistance program, facilitated by the Japan International Cooperation Agency, many important and fruitful projects were successfully implemented.

Today, Japan is our reliable and long-term partner, and we are ready to continue making efforts to further deepen political, trade, economic, investment, cultural and humanitarian cooperation with Japan.

In the long term, we should strive to establish a new format for relations between the Kyrgyz Republic and Japan – a strategic partnership. The key factor will be the implementation of cooperative investment projects of mutual benefit based on mutual respect and trust.

In this context, creating a specialized production hub for activating foreign economic activity and regional development is a relevant issue. Prospective areas should include energy conservation, renewable energy, innovative water-use technologies, waste recycling and pollution control, medicine and more. In conclusion, I would like to congratulate all my compatriots and Japanese friends on the 30th anniversary of Kyrgyz Independence Day, and wish for happiness and health, as well as peace and prosperity, for everyone in our beloved state.

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