

Uganda Independence Day Special

Resolute to make Pearl of Africa shine

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On the occasion of Uganda's 59th independence anniversary, I wish on behalf of the embassy, its staff and on my own behalf, to extend warm greetings and felicitations from the president of the

Republic of Uganda, H. E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, and the government and people of Uganda, to their imperial majesties and family, Prime Minister H.E. Fumio Kishida, honorable members of the Diet, all arms of government, and the people of Japan for their continued support and friendship with Uganda.

On such a cherished occasion, our sincere thanks and appreciation go to the whole worldwide Ugandan fraternity, dedicated friends and stakeholders particularly in our tri-state area of accreditation — Japan, South Korea and Timor Leste — all of

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whom continue to make their respective contributions to our determined and unwavering quest for a happy and prosperous nation, the Pearl of Africa.

The 59th anniversary of independence has particular significance to us all; if only because it precedes the historic 60th year of our existence as a nation within the community of nations. It is a juncture in, at and during which we should singularly and collectively dedicate our energies, creativity and determination to deliver a Uganda we all cherish in its best and widest possible systemwide exemplifications. This sacred duty is owed not only to ourselves, but

more importantly to future generations.

To realize this, we have at our disposal all the necessary operational frameworks and guiding tools, such as National Vision 2040, various blueprints in the vibrant East African Community, the African Union's Agenda 2063 and the U.N.'s sustainable development goals and a multiplicity of other lofty initiatives, all of which interplay to jump-start our requisite synergies, commitment and renewed determination to usher in a harmonious, prosperous, progressive, haven of happiness befitting its historic tag: the Pearl of Africa.

As an embassy, our mandate is to steer the



Runner Joshua Cheptegei poses with the 5,000-meter gold and 10,000-meter silver medals he won at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. @VISITUGANDA

agenda of commercial and economic diplomacy; secure support and understanding for initiatives geared at realizing international peace and security in our subregion; and promote a positive image of Uganda within the community of nations, especially in the tri-state area of our accreditation. Also, as a frontline governmental entity in this huge, hi-tech financial have, we must double our efforts in promoting trade, investment, tourism and appropriate technology transfers. All these have to be done working in close collaboration with the relevant national and international agencies that are mandated to promote the same.

The deliveries on these mandated activities are indeed the propellants of the prosperous country we all aspire to put in place sooner rather than later. To that end we say: Forward, yes! Backward, nay! *A luta continua!* FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY

Congratulations

*to the People of
the Republic of Uganda
on the Anniversary of
Their Independence*

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