

# Algeria National Day Special

## Nearly 60 years of bilateral friendship

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This year, Algeria celebrates the 67th anniversary of the start of the glorious National Liberation Revolution. On this occasion, I am very glad to extend my best wishes of joy, happiness

and health to Their Majesties Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako and the members of the imperial family, as well as peace and prosperity to His Excellency Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, members of the Diet and the people of Japan.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Japanese government for the success of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, despite the difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Algerian people made history on Nov. 1, 1954, by rising, as a nation, against colonial injustice after more than 124 years of occupation and exploitation. This revolution not only profoundly changed the trajectory of the Algerian nation, but also made significant contributions to the triumph of liberation movements around the world.

Next year, our two countries will cel-

brate the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations.

Algeria and Japan have a long and rich history of cooperation embodied by concrete, quality projects that have contributed to the development of the Algerian industrial sector over the past decades.

Historically, these relations existed before the independence of Algeria. The office of the National Liberation Front in Tokyo was opened in 1958. Japan had recognized Algeria on July 4, 1962, and diplomatic relations between the two countries were officially established on Nov. 28 of the same year.

The relationship between our countries has always been based on mutual respect and still, to this day, driven by a firm commitment expressed at the highest level of the two states, that Algeria, today, intends

to strengthen and rise to the level of the high potential of our respective economies.

This year also marks the first anniversary of the adoption of the new Algerian Constitution, the cornerstone of the reforms that followed the political developments that took place from 2019, allowing Algeria to renew its legislative institutions by organizing parliamentary elections on June 12, and the renewal of local assemblies whose elections are scheduled for Nov. 27.

These reforms initiated by President Abdelmadjid Tebboune aim to create a new framework that will consolidate growth and security and ensure sustainable development by mobilizing the substantial untapped resources and potentialities of the country.

The new business climate in Algeria is now conducive to direct partnerships

between companies from the two parties. Therefore, I urge our Japanese partners to seize these new opportunities offered by the authorities for investing and doing business in Algeria.

Looking ahead, I'm fully confident about the prospects of the win-win cooperation between Algeria and Japan. Despite the numerous challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, both countries have been able to continue, during 2020 and 2021, deepening practical cooperation.

The most recent example was the online Algeria Business and Economic Seminar held on Sept. 28, under the theme "Challenges and Opportunities under COVID-19," which brought together experts and representatives of companies from both sides to discuss new opportunities in Algeria.

## Business ties continue to grow

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On behalf of Keidanren's Japan-Algeria Economic Committee, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to the government and people of the People's Demo-

cratic Republic of Algeria on the 67th anniversary of their National Day.

As the world has been hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, Japan and Algeria have to develop a strong economic partnership for

the post-pandemic era. In this context, the Japanese business community expects an early conclusion of the intergovernmental negotiations for a Japan-Algeria investment agreement, which will make Algeria an even more attractive investment destination and help to further deepen our bilateral economic relations. At the same time, we sincerely hope that Algeria will continue its efforts to improve the business environment. The Japanese business community would like to contribute to the economic growth of Algeria through further expansion of trade and investment.

Our committee extends its best wishes for good health and prosperity to all citizens of Algeria. We remain dedicated to strengthening economic ties between Algeria and Japan and helping to build a bright future for both our countries.

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The Maqam Echahid, or Monument of the Martyr, was unveiled in 1982 to celebrate Algeria's 20th anniversary of independence.

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