

Burkina Faso National Day Special

Bright prospects for ongoing relations

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Today, Burkina Faso celebrates the 61st anniversary of its independence. This historic date symbolizes the accession to national and international sovereignty of our

country, which the Burkinabe people celebrate with pride.

The theme of this year's celebration is "National reconciliation and social cohesion — duty and responsibility of all for a sustainable development of Burkina Faso."

This evocative theme invites all Burkinabe to a sacred union for living together for the sustainable development of our country.

Despite security challenges, the year 2021 was once again marked by the sustained and tireless efforts of the gov-

ernment of Burkina Faso in the implementation of the National Economic and Social Development Plan. We salute the contribution of our partners for development, including Japan, for the various support provided to the Burkinabe people in the development of strategic sectors, such as education, health, professional training, infrastructure, security and agriculture, among others.

At the democratic level, Burkina Faso organized on Nov. 22, 2020, a presidential election that was welcomed by the entire international community. It allowed the re-election of President Roch Marc Christian Kabore, candidate of the Movement of People for Progress, with 57.87% of the votes cast, to a new five-year term.

A roundtable will be organized in Brussels in a few weeks with Burkina Faso's partners for development to plead their support for funding the second National Economic and Social Development Plan.

Throughout 2021, our bilateral cooperation has maintained and strengthened its dynamism, as evidenced by Japan's assistance to Burkina Faso. Burkina Faso

took part in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games. The country won its very first Olympic medal with athlete Fabrice Hugues Zango, who won bronze in men's triple jump.

For the coming year of 2022, the prospects for our bilateral and multilateral cooperation look excellent. Next year, our countries will celebrate the 60th anniversary of diplomatic ties. In this regard, the government of Burkina Faso wishes to see new projects carried out and to work to strengthen our rich cooperation.

Allow me to express our sincere gratitude to the government and people of Japan for the multifaceted and constant support for Burkina Faso's economic and social development efforts.

Happy Independence Day to the Burkinabe community living in Japan.

Long live the friendship and cooperation between Japan and Burkina Faso.

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