

Sudan National Day Special

Bright future of political, economic stability

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Happy new year and *akemashite omedetō gozaimasu*. I would first like to extend sincere gratitude and profuse thanks to the prestigious Japan Times and its distinguished readers

for according me this opportunity on the occasion of the 65th anniversary of the independence of Sudan.

I seize this splendid opportunity to extend on my own behalf and that of the people and the transitional government of the Republic of the Sudan to their majesties the emperor and empress and the friendly people and government of Japan warm cordial greetings and assurances of my highest consideration.

I also would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the people and government of Japan for having H.E. Fumio Kishida as the prime minister of Japan and for holding the exemplary Diet election on Oct. 31.

Also, I would like to seize this opportunity

to extend my heartfelt greetings to the Sudanese residents in Japan on the glorious occasion of the 65th anniversary of the independence of their beloved country.

The Republic of the Sudan is considered the third-largest country in Africa and the world's 16th largest by area, with 1,882,000 square kilometers and a population of 42.8 million, most of them youth.

The Republic of the Sudan is indeed a rich state in terms of human and natural resources, with huge reserves of such minerals as gold, chromium, copper and silica in the dunes of Bara province, an enormous population of livestock, 200 million acres of arable land and other resources that have remained untapped for decades due in part to a vicious circle of political instability that has seen the republic drift away from the path of democracy.

The efforts exerted by our transitional government to bring the country back to the bosom of the international community were remarkably fruitful. This engagement resulted in the convening of the Paris International Conference on Sudan on May 17, constituting an epoch-making effort toward achieving this goal. Subsequently after a short period of time the general parameters of the Sudanese economy started to stabilize. Exports started to increase and diversify, the exchange rate started to stabilize, foreign

exchange reserves at the central bank began to accumulate and the deficit of our international balance of payments shrank significantly. In addition, remittances from Sudanese expatriates grew, inflation started to slow and the scarcity of key commodities such as petroleum started to diminish.

The Republic of the Sudan and Japan are bound by historical ties. Japan has engaged in humanitarian aid projects in Sudan through the Japan International Cooperation Agency, which has served Sudanese communities in many fields, including education, health care, water and energy.

The Japanese ambassador in Khartoum, H.E. Takashi Hattori, is leading tremendous efforts to activate and leverage the investment opportunities between our two countries through his commendable initiative of organizing the visit of a business delegation from the Republic of the Sudan to Japan in February 2022 to link businesspeople from both countries so they can explore investments and trade opportunities.

The Republic of the Sudan is engaged in an extensive preparations to fruitfully participate in the eighth Tokyo International Conference on African Development to be held next August in Tunisia.

Before concluding, I would like once

again to extend thanks to The Japan Times for according me this opportunity and special thanks also to the Japanese government, especially the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for their steadfast support.

Last but not least, special thanks to the readers of the esteemed Japan Times for their patience reading this humble article about the Republic of the Sudan.

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