

D.R. Congo National Day Special

National rebuilding remains a priority

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Dear compatriots of the Congo's diaspora in Japan,

On the occasion of the commemoration of the 62nd anniversary of the accession of our dear and beautiful country to national

sovereignty, I have the honor to extend to you, on behalf of the president, the government and the Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Congo, our wishes for health, happiness, prosperity and well-being.

In remembrance of this special day, I invite you to join us in our duty to remember our valiant heroes of independence who made untold sacrifices for the restoration of freedom and sovereignty to the Congolese people.

Let us tap the wisdom of our ancestors, who have bequeathed to us a nation

united by a past, a daily experience and a shared destiny.

Our duty is to gather our efforts and strive to strengthen the work of national reconstruction, and I invite everyone to contribute to this for the well-being of the Congolese people.

Reconstruction, which has been underway for decades, has had important successes, but also a number of shortcomings that led to a financial asphyxia in which economic and social regression unfolded as a consequence.

Ahead of the eighth Tokyo International Conference on African Development scheduled from Aug. 27 to 28 in Tunis, our embassy is fully committed to preparing for the TICAD 8 summit in line with the firm will of His Excellency President Felix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo.

Maintaining the stability of diplomatic relations with our dear friend Japan is paramount, and our host has been sincerely cooperating with us in various fields. We are particularly grateful for the work being done to renovate Poids Lourds Avenue in our capital Kinshasa, complete the



Okapi are endemic to D.R. Congo.

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Marechal Bridge in Matadi, and to provide vocational training to organizations and youth involved in the response against outbreaks of Ebola.

Amid the momentum generated by his diplomatic activism, the president was also asked to take on the presidency of the African Union for fiscal 2021-2022, a challenge met with ingenuity in the particular context of the COVID-19 pandemic, which handicapped economies that just launched in the African Continental Free Trade Area. Other issues Congo faces include equitable



Congolese people are known for their hospitality.

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access to vaccines, the challenges produced by climate change and security risks affecting part of our continent.

Through this address, we would like to express our full solidarity with all those who have been affected directly or indirectly by the COVID pandemic and reiterate our determination to work in synergy with the entire large Congolese community here in Tokyo, as well as with all our international partners within the framework of the mission that has been entrusted to us.

Happy Independence Day to all of you!

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to the People of
the Democratic
Republic of the Congo
on the Anniversary of
Their Independence

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