

Mongolia National Day Special

50-year milestone a chance to deepen ties

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Dear reader of The Japan Times, I would like to extend my heartfelt greetings on the occasion of the National Day of Mongolia and the 50th anniversary of the establishment

of diplomatic relations between Mongolia and Japan.

It is pleasing to note that Mongolian-Japanese relations have reached the strategic partnership level based on common values, including democracy, freedom and the rule of law. Our two peoples also enjoy friendly relationships associated with our ancient cultural threads, such as “Mongolian spots” and the Altaic languages, that have strengthened and prospered bilaterally, regionally and in the wider international arena. The Mongolian and Japanese governments have declared 2022 as the “Year of Friendship between Children and Youth” and are implementing broad events aimed at strengthening friendships and ties between future generations of young people.

Within the framework of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations, we aim at further deepening our strategic partnership in alignment with the long-term development plans and perspectives of both our countries so as to contribute to and deepen the peaceful and sustainable development of the region.

The Japanese government has steadfastly supported Mongolia’s democracy and progressive development since the

early 1990s. Furthermore, we place great emphasis on building a multifaceted economic structure for the future development of Mongolia, strengthening our country’s close partnership with Japan and enhancing friendly relations and cooperation between our countries with new economic content.

Mongolia has reviewed its 30 years of transition to democracy, aiming to improve its parliamentary governance, energize and strengthen its economy and develop national culture and education in conjunction with the advanced concepts of the world’s development. In this framework, the parliament of Mongolia approved the long-term development policy of Vision for 2050 in 2020 and the New Restoration Policy with a midterm goal of up to 10 years aimed at creating a foundation for effective implementation of the development policy and improving our economy, infrastructure and public productivity.

Within the framework of the program, Japan’s finances and investment are expected to contribute to the mining, processing, food, agriculture, energy, tourism, creative and transportation logistics industries, as well as to small and midsize industries and the information technology sector.

Mongolia and Japan successfully implemented the 2017-2021 midterm action plan on developing the strategic partnership between Mongolia and Japan and are currently working on the 2022-2026 action plan.

Mongolia’s first economic partnership agreement with Japan has been in force since 2016. Under this mechanism, there is a wide range of opportunities to increase bilateral trade.

Mongolians have a culture of being nomadic people who live in harmony



Left: Spectators watch the opening ceremony of the Naadam sports festival. Right: One of the world’s 17 ancient lakes is Lake Huvsgul inUvs province. EMBASSY OF MONGOLIA IN JAPAN



with the natural world. This lifestyle encompasses loving and protecting nature for the long-term benefits and legacy of generations to come.

Mongolia is committed to spending no less than 1% of its gross domestic product on countering climate change and desertification yearly, with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 27.2% by 2030 by introducing advanced technology, innovation and an increase in green funding.

Within the framework of the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, we will concentrate on increasing renewable energy sources, reducing deforestation and degradation, promoting reconstruction and preventing water resource shortages. Additionally, a national movement aimed at planting and preserving 1 billion trees by 2030 is being launched. We also plan to work with the Japanese to explore the possibility of introducing technology to produce hydrogen from brown coal.

The Mongolian government has announced the 2023-2024 period as the “Year to Visit Mongolia.” The construction of a new international airport, one of the symbols of cooperation between Mongo-

lia and Japan, is being implemented with a loan extended via the Japanese government’s official development assistance framework. The airport began operating in 2021 with Mongolian Airlines, MIAT and Aero Mongolia offering daily direct flights between Mongolia and Japan.

We are looking forward to many more people, including the young people of Japan, visiting Mongolia.

May the friendly relations, cooperation and close friendship between our peoples flourish in the next 50 years and beyond.



The skyline of Ulaanbaatar glows some 1,350 meters above sea level as Mount Bogd Khan Uul looms in the distance.

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