

Malaysia National Day Special

Growth, peace thriving 65 years after independence

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"Keluarga Malaysia: Teguh Bersama" ("Malaysian Family: Stronger Together") is the theme of Malaysia's 65th independence anniversary, which falls on Aug. 31. "Malaysian family" refers to a

society that lives in peace and unity, while the phrase "teguh bersama" refers to the strength achieved collectively by Malaysians. The theme also highlights the openness of Malaysians in celebrating differences and diversity for common progress.

Ever since COVID-19 affected the lives of many Malaysians at home and abroad, we have been continuously reminded of how connected we are through the challenges faced and progress made since we became a nation 65 years ago. The uniqueness of the

"Malaysian family" in terms of culture, food, natural treasures and community lifestyles in Malaysia is also what brings us together.

This is also the year we commemorate the 65th anniversary of Malaysia-Japan diplomatic relations and the 40th anniversary of the Look East Policy. This is strongly reflected in the recent exchanges of high-level visits between Malaysia and Japan in March and May. Both countries have benefited mutually from this cooperation and other undertakings, including in trade and investment. To date, many Japan-related companies have made Malaysia their investment destination. Our multifaceted relationship is also manifested vibrantly in human resource development, capacity building and cultural exchanges, as well as education, to name a few.

While the Look East Policy has seen many Malaysian students study and work in Japan, we are pleased to note that Malaysia is also emerging as an education hub, with Japan being one of the top 10 countries where our international students are from, due to our strategic location, cost of living



Malaysia's National Day theme and logo symbolize strength and togetherness.
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and cultural diversity. This cooperation, in all areas, would not have been possible without the consistent support from the public and private sectors. Here, I would like to thank our friends in Japan, from both sectors, who have contributed to the promotion of the ties of friendship and cooperation between Malaysia and Japan.

Today, as Malaysia celebrates 65 years of independence, Malaysians everywhere should feel proud that their country, despite

the pandemic, has achieved significant progress in an environment of peace, prosperity and intercultural harmony.

To all Malaysians and friends of Malaysia, happy National Day and Selamat Hari Kebangsaan!

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Further enhancing economic ties

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On behalf of the Japan-Malaysia Economic Association, I would like to express my sincerest congratulations to the government and people of Malaysia on the 65th anniversary of independence.

JAMECA was established under the endorsement of our prime ministers in 1977, for the purpose of enhancing mutual understanding and goodwill among Japan and Malaysia's economic circles, and to promote trade, investment, economic cooperation, tourism and culture. Since then, we have held annual joint conferences with our counterpart, the Malaysia-Japan Economic Association, and organized events to promote exchange of

opinions among businesses. The Joint Conference between JAMECA and MAJECA has alternated between Japan and Malaysia almost every year since 1977.

This year, we successfully concluded our 39th Joint Conference on Aug. 1 in Kuala Lumpur, which was held in-person for the first time in three years. We rejoiced in meeting face to face and hoped it would contribute to the celebratory events for the 65th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Malaysia and Japan, as well as the 40th anniversary of the Look East Policy. This year's conference was themed "Post-Pandemic Challenges and Emerging Opportunities for Malaysia and Japan." Collaborations between Malaysian and Japanese companies, based on a thorough understanding of each other, will enable them to overcome new challenges and seize new business opportunities in the new era.

Once again, I offer my congratulations on the 65th anniversary of independence, and my sincere wishes for Malaysia's future development and prosperity.

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on Malaysia's
Independence Anniversary and
the 40th Anniversary of
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