

Brazil National Day Special

Trade and energy can further enrich bilateral ties

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On Sept. 7, 1822, Brazil consolidated its sovereignty as an independent nation. That was the culmination of a historical process whereby Brazil achieved complete autonomy on the international

stage. At the same time, however, it was only the first step in the great endeavor of building a modern society.

Today, perhaps more than ever before, safeguarding a nation's autonomy requires greater international cooperation. Our people are facing complex challenges – from the need to transition to new energy sources to the imperative of ensuring food security – which no single country acting by itself can solve. International partnerships are key to helping us find answers to these strategic decisions. As we look back

at the accomplishments of the Japan-Brazil partnership, we can only realize the vast potential for mutual collaboration that lies ahead of us.

For 127 years of diplomatic relations – the friendship treaty between Japan and Brazil was signed in 1895 – our countries have worked together in many different domains. These range from enhancing agricultural productivity through scientific collaboration to upgrading TV transmission technologies, and from encouraging our businesses to seize opportunities generated in the world to advocating for the reform of international multilateral institutions.

Japan-Brazil relations have a unique element: They are built on the solid foundations of a shared history. Brazil received thousands of Japanese citizens throughout the 20th century and now has the largest Nikkei population in the world, while Japan hosts one of the biggest overseas Brazilian communities. This unparalleled human connection between two geographically distant countries and between

two different cultures, provides us an image of how much we can achieve when we work together.

Trade and energy are two areas in which both Japanese and Brazilians can greatly benefit from mutual collaboration. As one of the largest economies in the world, Brazil manufactures and exports highly industrialized goods, such as cars and airplanes. We are also a worldwide provider of primary items, from foods to minerals. All of this is produced in an environment where the use of clean and renewable energy accounts for 47% of the energy mix – a share well above the world average.

Brazil can profit from continued access to the coveted Japanese market, and Japan can reliably benefit from the competitiveness, quality and sustainability of our products. Also, as Japan aims to achieve its environmental commitments, reducing its dependence on fossil fuels and diversifying its suppliers, Brazil has vast experience to offer. If we make the right choices moving forward, the next chapter of our partnership can be one that will bring our peoples

closer together and make them more prosperous.

As we remember the past, we can already see the glimpses of a bright future in our collaboration.

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