

# Uganda Independence Day Special

## Natural wonders build on 60-year ties

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Greetings from Uganda!

As we celebrate our 60th independence anniversary, it is with great honor that I take this opportunity to convey on behalf of the Embassy of

Uganda and myself, warm greetings from His Excellency President of the Republic of Uganda Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and the people of Uganda to their imperial majesties, the imperial family, H.E. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and the people of Japan.

The year 2022 is special because it also marks 60 years of diplomatic relations and friendship between Uganda and Japan.

With the pandemic over, it is time to explore Uganda, the Pearl of Africa. Experience the unique and diverse cultures in our country, the revitalized warm hospitality of its people, the tasty food and ever-pleasant

weather. Uganda's location on the equator guarantees its pleasant climate.

As a bonus, Uganda is home to the iconic River Nile, the longest in the world, with its spectacular source in Jinja in the east. Uganda also boasts the mighty Lake Victoria, the world's second-largest freshwater lake, whose fish species are second to none in taste. For avid bird lovers, Uganda is home to 998 species with 34 Important Bird Areas. The national parks and game reserves will leave you in awe and wonder at our animal kingdom and unique fauna and flora. Make a gorilla-trekking reservation at Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park and Mgahinga Gorilla National Park and view these unique primates up close in their natural habitat.

The deep relationship and partnership between Uganda and Japan has borne fruit through mutually beneficial advances in key priority areas, such as quality infrastructure, trade and investment, agriculture, education, information and communication technology, tourism and health. It is our hope that deeper engage-



**These elephants at Murchison Falls National Park are among the many animals in Uganda, where all of the "Big Five" can be seen.**

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ment in these sectors will draw us closer to achieving the U.N. sustainable development goals and restoring hope to the underprivileged and disadvantaged in our society. Make this a joyous dawn of our diamond jubilee! For God and my country.

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