

Zambia Independence Day Special

Development steps foster trade, economic growth

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On the 58th independence anniversary of Zambia, I wish to convey greetings from the President of the Republic of Zambia Hakainde Hichilema to their imperial majesties

the emperor and empress, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and the people of Japan.

As Zambia celebrates its 58th independence anniversary under the theme "Promoting Inclusiveness Towards a Sustainable Social and Economic Recovery," the country wishes to reaffirm the strong bonds of friendship and cooperation shared between Zambia and Japan.

Hichilema recognizes the economic



The Kalumbila copper mine in the North-Western province of Zambia

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cooperation between Zambia and Japan and is encouraging bilateral trade for the benefit of both countries. Zambia is currently implementing measures and strategies that are stimulating economic growth and improving people's livelihoods. The policies, strategies and measures go a long way in unlocking local and foreign investment, promoting value addition and enhancing trade.

As evidenced by the 167.3 billion-kwacha (\$10.5 million) Zambian budget delivered to the National Assembly recently under the theme "Stimulating Economic Growth, for Improved Livelihoods," the Zambian government is on the right trajectory of economic transformation through improved budget credibility and better planning catering to the growth of its economy.

The Zambian government has created a conducive business environment and reduced the cost of doing business. At the core of the Zambian government is participation in regional and global value chains, making exports an engine of economic growth, and improving global market linkages.

Bilateral trade and investment as well as economic and technical cooperation are the hallmarks of Zambia's foreign policy. In the tourism sector, and cognizant of the importance of our cooperation with Japan, the Zambian government announced a visa waiver for Japanese nationals. Japan should consider taking advantage of this opportunity to explore Zambia's investment opportunities and tourism potential.

The country is committed to rebuilding on the existing friendship and cooperation

for the mutual benefit of our countries. Zambia recognizes Japan's support in various sectors, including agriculture, education, infrastructure and health, among others.

Zambia is further calling on Japan to take advantage of investment opportunities in other areas, such as technology and the manufacturing of electric vehicle batteries and other components through which Japan has proven to be a trendsetter in economic development. Our country remains committed to promoting trade and investment opportunities that will benefit our peoples.



Zambian President H. E. Hakainde Hichilema
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Praising the language of peace

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It is a great honor to join the people of Zambia in celebrating their 58th Independence Day. On behalf of the members of our association, the students and staff at the ECC Group of

Schools, and the people of Japan, we are extremely pleased to extend our warmest congratulations to His Excellency President Hakainde Hichilema, and our love and friendship to the people of the peace-

loving country of the Republic of Zambia.

I am very impressed to see Zambia continuing to make steady strides as a peaceful, independent nation. Our association is based on the founding philosophy of the ECC Foreign Language Institute: "It is our goal, through the teaching of foreign languages, to contribute to the development of our students' capabilities, international awareness and leadership qualities. In this way, we hope to promote more interaction and understanding among the peoples of the world, thus helping to contribute to world peace." With heartfelt wishes for an ever-brighter future, the Japan-Zambia Friendship Association will continue to make efforts in the hope of strengthening and increasing the ties of friendship between our two nations.



A soy bean plantation in Zambia's Central province
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