

Algeria National Day Special

Ongoing reforms pave way for development

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On Nov. 1, Algeria celebrates the 68th anniversary of our glorious revolution, which culminated eight years later with the recovery of our independence and national sovereignty.

On this occasion, I have the honor to extend my best wishes of happiness and health to Their Majesties Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako and members of the imperial family, to His Excellency Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, members of the government and Diet, as well as prosperity and well-being to the

friendly people of Japan.

On this memorable day, I would like to pay tribute to our parents and grandparents who paid with their lives for our people to enjoy freedom and prosperity. We are also very grateful to those who stood in solidarity with us, including here in Japan, in our struggle for independence.

Algeria has achieved significant progress since 2019 with the implementation of political, economic and social reforms initiated by our government, which aims to pave the way for a sound and coherent national development strategy. The priority for this year is to get our economy back on track, to recover from the fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic, and consolidate the growth achieved during the past few years, thanks to the bold actions taken by the government.

A new code of investment that was recently implemented will undoubtedly

strengthen this positive dynamic. With many incentives granted to investors, the new regulations take into account their concerns by guaranteeing fair, transparent and speedy treatment for projects submitted by potential investors to the national authority in charge of investment promotion.

This year's commemoration of our national day has special meaning as it coincides with the celebration of the 60th anniversary of Algeria's independence and the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries. I am pleased to emphasize that our governments are committed to further consolidating the bonds of friendship and cooperation between our peoples.

Concrete steps are being taken at the bilateral level to revitalize our economic cooperation, including the adoption of a set of legal instruments that will strengthen

our dialogue on economic issues and provide incentives, such as tax exemptions, in addition to many other advantages inserted in the new code of investment.

It is my hope that Japanese companies, which contributed significantly for many decades to the building of our economy, especially in the energy sector, will expand and diversify their presence and activities in the Algerian market.



The Arch of Trajan stands at the Timgad Archeological Site near Batna.

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The right time for bolstering trade and investment

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On behalf of Keidanren's Japan-Algeria Economic Committee, I would like to convey my sincere congratulations to the government and people of the Democratic Republic of

Algeria on the 68th anniversary of their National Day.

This year, Algeria celebrates the 60th anniversary of its independence, achieved

in 1962. In that landmark year, Japan and Algeria established diplomatic relations. Since then, both countries have made their best efforts to forge bilateral ties in various fields. In the economic arena, Japanese companies have long been energetically conducting business in Algeria.

The world is facing difficulties including supply chain disruption and surging food and natural resource prices. However, global efforts have gradually subdued the COVID-19 situation.

Considering these circumstances, I firmly believe that it is now high time to restart personnel exchanges and promote mutual trade and investment between Japan and Algeria. Algeria has many attractions, such as abundant energy resources, including both hydrocarbons

and renewables, extensive and diligent human resources, as well as geographical advantages in dealing with Europe and Africa. Japanese companies intend to contribute to Algeria's sustainable development through a wide variety of business activities.

On the occasion of your National Day, I would like to extend my best wishes for good health and prosperity to all citizens of the Democratic Republic of Algeria and reaffirm our committee's commitment to further enhancing the economic relationship between our countries.

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