

Burkina Faso National Day Special

Bright future for bilateral cooperation

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This year, Burkina Faso celebrates on Dec. 11, the 62nd anniversary of its independence. This historic date symbolizes our country's accession to national and international sover-

eignty, which the people of Burkina Faso celebrate with pride.

Despite the security and humanitarian challenges, the year 2022 was marked by great public resilience and the efforts of the government of Burkina Faso to ensure peace, as well as the economic and social well-being of the population under the leadership of President of Transition Capt. Ibrahim Traore since Sept. 30.

It should be recalled that Japan and Burkina Faso established diplomatic relations in the early 1960s. Since that time, the Japanese government has spared no effort

to support Burkina Faso in its strategic development sectors.

Our cooperation has been maintained and strengthened over the decades in the sectors of education, health, vocational training, infrastructure and in our bilateral framework, among other areas.

In terms of health, the Japanese government contributed to improving the health of people in rural areas by building health-related infrastructure.

In terms of education, the Japanese side has helped to improve the Burkinabe education system by building hundreds of classrooms, thus enabling thousands of students to attend school and improve their academic knowledge.

At the multilateral level, our two governments have always carried out consultations to harmonize their points of view on the major international issues of the moment. These consultations also involve those at the political level between the leaders of our two countries.

In this dynamic, Burkina Faso welcomes the excellent results obtained during the eighth Tokyo International Conference on

African Development, which took place on Aug. 27 and 28 in Tunis.

This is an opportunity for us to extend our warm congratulations to the TICAD stakeholders who are working to strengthen the partnership between Japan and Africa.

In terms of infrastructure, we would like to note that the asphaltting of many of our roads is thanks to Japanese cooperation.

Through the Stabilizer Project, the Japanese government offered a large batch of heavy machinery to the Ministry of Infrastructure and Access for road maintenance.

On the humanitarian level, Japan approved a significant contribution via food aid, which was granted to relieve internally displaced persons caught up in security challenges.

This is an opportunity for us, on behalf of the government of Burkina Faso, to thank the highest authorities and the Japanese people for their invaluable contribution to the economic and social development efforts of Burkina Faso.

In addition, the future prospects for our bilateral and multilateral cooperation look bright. In this regard, the government of



President of Transition Capt. Ibrahim Traore
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Burkina Faso wishes to see new projects come true and work to strengthen our rich cooperation.

The Embassy of Burkina Faso would also like to express its sincere gratitude to the government and people of Japan for the wide-ranging and constant support to Burkina Faso's economic and social development efforts.

Happy Independence Day to the entire Burkinabe community living in Japan.

Long live the friendship and cooperation between Japan and Burkina Faso.

Congratulations
to the People of
Burkina Faso
on the Anniversary of
Their Independence

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