

# Kenya National Day Special

## A strategic partner for development

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Dec. 12 marks the 59th independence anniversary of the Republic of Kenya, known as Jamhuri Day. It is a day of great pride and one of reflection for the Kenyan people.

On this auspicious occasion, I wish to convey on behalf of the government of the Republic of Kenya and Kenyans residing in Japan, warm greetings and best wishes to Their Majesties Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, H.E. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, the government and the friendly people of Japan.

Japan continues to be Kenya's steadfast and long-standing partner throughout the course of a relationship that spans nearly six decades. A friend for all seasons, Japan's indelible mark is visible in the developmental milestones Kenya has achieved in the sectors of education, infrastructure and energy, health, agriculture, the environ-

ment and water, as well as in our economy and national development.

We congratulate Japan on holding the eighth Tokyo International Conference on African Development in Tunis. The TICAD process is truly representative of Japan's commitment to the continent.

Kenya's Vision 2030 development blueprint seeks our transformation into an industrializing, middle-income country providing a high quality of life to all citizens by 2030 in a clean and secure environment. Kenya's strategic investment attractions include being a gateway to East and Central Africa, having convenient access to regional and international markets, political and economic stability, resilient growth, a youthful workforce and a fully liberalized and diversified economy. Recent surveys of Japanese companies in Africa cite Kenya as the top investment destination for the sixth consecutive year.

As our fraternal ties deepen, Kenya seeks to build on our financial and commercial connections to create new opportunities, foster entrepreneurship and develop markets for new exports in addition to our world-renowned high-quality



**Lamu Island is known as the home of Swahili culture.** VANDA BIFFANI

tea, coffee and cut flowers.

Kenya's natural and cultural heritage is rich and diverse, featuring UNESCO World Heritage Sites such as Koobi Fora, which celebrates the cradle of mankind, and Lamu Island, which is steeped in the history of the East African coast and the Swahili people. We invite you all to explore the endless vistas and memorable adventures that await all visitors to Kenya. *Karibuni Kenya (Welcome to Kenya).*

*This content was compiled in collaboration with the embassy. The views expressed here do not necessarily reflect those of the newspaper.*

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**the Republic of Kenya**  
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