# **Chile National Day Special**

## Strong commitment to protect world's seas

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Chile and Japan have been building a rich bilateral relationship for 127 vears that continues to achieve significant milestones. Looking back to what we have done since our last anni-

versary, a considerable number of events and activities were performed that further advanced the agenda of our countries.

Among these, was the inauguration, last April, of the University of Tokyo Atacama Observatory, which, built at 5,640 meters above sea level on the summit of Cerro Chajnantor in the Atacama Desert, will contribute to the observation and comprehension of our universe.

Last March, Chile's three-decade successful public infrastructure concessions system was presented in Tokyo by the Minister of Public Works Jessica Lopez, who showcased the portfolio of projects for international tender and invited Japanese companies to become active players in the public infrastructure development of Chile.

In May, we organized the mission of the Chilean Chamber of Construction, whose objectives were to learn about technological advances in sustainable and innovative construction and resilient infrastructure. Chile and Japan are two countries exposed to natural disasters such as earthquakes and tsunamis, so this visit proved extremely useful and revealed a mutual understanding in this important area.

Last July, we were proud to organize a networking mission of businesswomen aimed at addressing aspects of modern business management, gender differences in the workforce, innovation strategies and world-class technological developments.

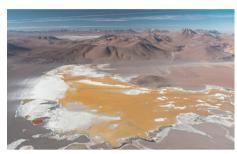
In the field of sustainable energy and

critical minerals, the visits to Japan by the Minister of Economy Nicolas Grau and the Minister of Mining Aurora Williams showcased to Japanese public-private stakeholders the National Strategy of Lithium of Chile, investment opportunities associated with this mineral, as well as green hydrogen and green ammonia projects.

Regarding the planet's future, it is important to highlight maritime preservation. In this regard and building upon its historical position in favor of ocean governance. Chile has presented its candidacy to host the Sec-

retariat of the Treaty for the Conservation of Biodiversity beyond Areas of National Jurisdiction. Chile is known for its long coastline on the Pacific, as well as for its long-standing commitment to the conservation of the seas, having 43% of its jurisdictional waters under some protection mechanism.

Clean energies and preserving the environment are key areas that Chile will present at the 2025 World Expo in Osaka, and they express very well our views about the responsibility that is needed to keep our planet a suitable place for all of us.



The Salar de Pujsa is a salt flat in the Los Flamencos National Reserve.

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Easter Island is home to the enigmatic Moai statues. VOLTAMIX

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