

Turkmenistan Independence Day Special

Enduring and ever-evolving partnership continues to flourish

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As we commemorate the 33rd anniversary of the independence of Turkmenistan, this year holds particular significance as it coincides with the year of Magtymguly Fragi, the prominent Turkmen poet and thinker, who is universally recognized as a classic author of the East. According to the decree of the President His Excellency Serdar Berdimuhamedov, 2024 has been officially declared “Fount of Wisdom Magtymguly Fragi” to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Fragi, whose philosophical foundations continue to guide us.

The International Organization of Turkic Culture has declared 2024 “The Year of the Great Poet and Thinker of the Turkic World — Magtymguly Fragi,” focusing on studying and spreading the rich heritage of this influential literary figure. Fragi, celebrated for advocating timeless human values such as love for the homeland, humanism, peace, friendship and unity, was also translated into Japanese, further broadening his impact and accessibility across cultures.

One of the most anticipated events of this commemorative year was the grand opening of the Magtymguly Fragi Cultural and Park Complex. This impressive new landmark is home to 24 monuments dedicated to classical writers and poets from various cultures, emphasizing the universal value of literary heritage and cross-cultural dialogue. Among these tributes is a monument to Yasunari Kawabata, the distinguished Nobel Prize-winning Japanese author.

Turkmenistan has decided to organize an

international forum of the heads of states and governments dedicated to the 300th anniversary of the birth of Fragi, which will take place in Ashgabat on Oct. 11, by paying great attention to the development and enrichment of cultural ties as a fundamental factor of strengthening interstate relations, building them on the high principles of humanism and justice.

From June 12 to 14, Japan successfully hosted Turkmenistan Culture Days, a series of events that included exhibitions, performances and academic exchanges

aimed at deepening the understanding and appreciation of Turkmen culture in Japan. This celebration, coinciding with this commemorative year, commenced with an opening ceremony in Tokyo. The event featured a concert by Turkmen artists, an exhibition of Turkmen applied arts and a fashion show showcasing national costumes.

The opening ceremony was attended by the Minister of Digital affairs of Japan His Excellency Taro Kono and his spouse, members of the Diet, representatives from

various ministries and heads of diplomatic missions, alongside Turkmen students residing in Japan.

As we celebrate these milestones, we reflect on the enduring and evolving partnership between Turkmenistan and Japan. Our cooperation in various domains continues to flourish, and we are excited about the future opportunities to build on this strong foundation. Together, we look forward to advancing our shared goals and deepening the bonds that unite our nations.



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