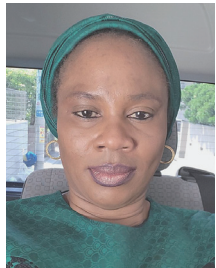


# Nigeria Independence Day Special

## Poised for serious growth, progress

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As Nigeria approaches its 64th independence anniversary, it is a moment to reflect on our nation's remarkable journey toward freedom and self-determination. Oct. 1 is not

only a celebration of our past struggles, but also an opportunity to honor the spirit of resilience that defines the Nigerian people.

On this significant occasion, I extend my warmest congratulations to the President and Commander-in-Chief His Excellency Bola Tinubu, whose leadership has been instrumental in guiding our country through both challenges and triumph. Under his stewardship, we have made great strides toward national development, unity and peace. His vision for a prosperous Nigeria, serves as a beacon of hope for

all citizens, inspiring us to work collaboratively toward a brighter future.

As we commemorate the special occasion, I invite Nigerians in the diaspora to reflect on our shared values and cultural heritage. Our diverse backgrounds make us stronger, and it is our responsibility to promote Nigeria's interests in the host country by sharing our culture, fostering mutual respect and engaging in meaningful dialogue. By doing these things, we can build bridges that enhance understanding and cooperation between our nations.

This year's anniversary comes at a time when Nigeria is positioned to embrace significant opportunities for growth and development. We are focused on key areas such as economic diversification, innovation and sustainable development. Together, as Nigerians, we can leverage our vast resources and talents to contribute positively to both Nigeria and the global community.

I encourage everyone to take part in the celebrations, whether through community events, cultural exhibitions or simply sharing stories of our rich heritage. Let us

express our pride in being Nigerians and showcase the best of our nation to the world and, particularly, to our host country of Japan.

To our friends in host Japan, we extend our heartfelt greetings. We appreciate your continued support and friendship as we celebrate our independence and work toward fostering mutually beneficial relationships.


On this important anniversary, I implore every concerned individual, group and corporate body to help renew our commitments to building a Nigeria that upholds the values of democracy, inclusivity and resilience. Happy Independence Day to all Nigerians, wherever you may be. May this significant occasion inspire hope and unity as we strive for peace and progress together.

Long Live the Federal Republic of Nigeria! Happy Independence Day, Nigeria!

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