
Guinea National Day Special

Thankful for support in ongoing cooperation

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The occasion of the 66th anniversary of the accession of the Republic of Guinea to national sovereignty on Oct. 2, 1958, is taking place this year under the theme of “Drawing inspiration

from the past to build the future together: Guinean women.”

I would like to take this opportunity offered to me, in my capacity as ambassador, to express to all the moral, political and administrative authorities of Japan and to the entire Japanese population, my sincere thanks and gratitude for the immense and important services rendered to the Republic of Guinea in the framework of cooperation.

For this singular page of our common

history, it should be noted that Guinea and Japan established relations at the dawn of independence in 1958. Japan was a co-sponsor of the resolution for Guinea’s accession to the United Nations in December 1958. It is also noteworthy to mention that the Japan International Cooperation Agency in 2018 opened an office in Guinea. It has become a focal point of cooperation and aid to the Republic of Guinea to boost its development.

In view of Japanese official development assistance reaching \$628 million, \$70 million was used in training and socioeconomic microproject development.

Guinea’s independence marked a decisive turning point in its history. Because men, women, young people and social workers of all categories, in a burst of fervor, joy and enthusiasm, welcomed and supported this national option that placed the Republic of Guinea as the 82nd member of the United Nations.

Another element, and not the least

between Guinea and Japan, is the process of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development, an initiative born from an observation in the need for aid to Africa and which was born in 1993 by the Japanese government.

On this happy occasion, we call with all our wishes for a plea for our urgent return to this circle.

To all Guineans residing in Japan and in its diplomatic and consular jurisdiction, I wish happy Independence Day, courage in creative activities, strengthening of social cohesion and especially the observance of scrupulous respect for the laws of the host countries. I wish in the end much more serenity, understanding and exchanges in the cooperation between the Republic of Guinea and Japan.

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