

# Algeria National Day Special

## Friendly relations continue to grow

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To reflect on the Algerian-Japanese relationship as the Algerian people celebrate the 70th anniversary of the launch of their revolution on Nov. 1, 1954, is also to reflect on a long and cher-

ished history of friendship and solidarity. This relationship began four years before my country's independence, following 132 years of colonial domination that gave rise to one of the most significant anticolonial revolutions of the 20th century.

Indeed, after entering the international scene at the Bandung Conference in April 1955, the Algerian National Liberation Front opened a representative office in Tokyo in 1958. Thanks to the many Japanese sympathizers, this marked the foundation of a relationship of friendship, solidarity and mutual respect that has only

grown stronger over the years.

Japan was among the very first countries to recognize my country's independence, sending a telegram on July 4, 1962, to the Provisional Government of the Algerian Republic from Foreign Minister Zentaro Kosaka — just three days after the referendum that internationally affirmed the victory of the Algerian people. Algeria, in turn, was the first Maghreb country to open an embassy in Tokyo in 1964.

On this occasion, so dear to the Algerian people, it is my honor to extend to Their Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Masako, as well as the entire imperial family, my sincerest wishes for happiness and good health. To the friendly government and people of Japan, I extend my wishes for peace, well-being and prosperity.

At the same time, I am pleased to pay tribute to the memory of all the Japanese friends who stood by the Algerian people during difficult times, as they faced a settler colonialism that used all means of repression to maintain its domination.

Today, the thoughts of the Algerian people also turn to the millions of Algerian

men and women who sacrificed their lives so that the Algerian people could live in freedom and dignity.

As friendly nations with converging views on certain international policy issues, notably reform of the U.N. Security Council, Algeria and Japan have engaged in numerous exchanges this year in their capacities as nonpermanent members of the UNSC. Japan has supported resolutions presented by my country.

On the bilateral level, regular political consultations are held between senior officials of the foreign ministries of both countries. Additionally, sessions of dialogue and exchanges take place within a bilateral mechanism dedicated to combating terrorism and cross-border crime in all its forms.

On the economic front, several Japanese companies established themselves in Algeria as early as the 1970s, and their deep knowledge of Algeria's economy and market has made them dynamic players in the context of my country's economic development programs, particularly in the strategic hydrocarbons sector. The world's first liquefied natural gas exports took place in



The six leaders of the National Liberation Front pose on Nov. 1, 1954, the eve of the Algerian Liberation War. Pictured are (back, left to right): Rabah Bitat, Mostefa Ben Boulaid, Mourad Didouche, Mohammed Boudiaf, Krim Belkacem (front left) and Larbi Ben M'hidi.

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1964 from the terminal in Arzew, an Algerian city where, a few years later, the Japanese company JGC built the first refinery in independent Algeria.

This shared experience and expertise offer promising new avenues for cooperation between Algeria and Japan, particularly in the fields of renewable energy and green hydrogen. We look forward to a greater presence of Japanese companies in Algeria and an increase in Japanese direct investment across all sectors of economic and industrial activity in my country.

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to the People of  
the People's Democratic  
Republic of Algeria  
on Their National Day**



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