

Angola National Day Special

Government aims to boost business climate

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On this special day, we celebrate the 49th anniversary of Angola's independence under the theme of "National Unity, Production and Sustainable Development." As ambassador, I would

like to take this opportunity to address my respectful greetings to Their Majesties Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, the imperial family, H.E. Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba and the Japanese people. Dipanda Day is addressed to all members of the Angolan resident community, as well as to all the Japanese who are so fond not only of our country's culture, but also its

natural charms and traditions. On this special day, we recognize the spirit of sacrifice and self-sacrifice shown by our heroes who contributed to the liberation of our country.

The Angolan government, led by His Excellency Joao Manuel Goncalves Lourenco, has been working hard to create a robust economy that is committed to diversification, bringing together multiple value chains. Angola, as a country of the future, has enormous potential and natural resources and intends to take advantage of these to develop cooperation partnerships in the areas of science, technology, artificial intelligence and renewable energy.

Over the past few years, the Angolan government has implemented a series of legislative and administrative reforms that have contributed to enhancing the business environment, with special emphasis

on the reforms carried out in the oil and gas sector, and enabled the construction of new infrastructure and the expansion of storage and transportation plants.

Here we take the opportunity to make a brief reference to the Angola liquefied natural gas project, one of the most successful investments in the LNG industry of the African continent, which has revolutionized the gas trade in various international markets and invites Japan to join as well.

At this time when we are celebrating Angola, we are pleased to acknowledge the government's efforts to attract investment to modernize its integrative infrastructure, especially the construction of ports, airports, railways and telecommunications projects, which have helped to reduce regional asymmetries.

Here, I would like to mention success-

ful projects, including the new Dr. Antonio Agostinho Neto Angola International Airport and the Lobito Corridor project, which is the first strategic economic corridor that will allow the rehabilitation and extension of the Benguela Railway infrastructure. In the near future, it will connect the Atlantic and Indian Oceans by passing through Angola, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Zambia and Tanzania, improving African interconnectivity.

On the other hand, we are very enthusiastic about the rehabilitation work at the Port of Namibe involving the extension of the container terminal and the construction of the new quay bridge at the Sacomar Mining Terminal, a project financed by the Japan Bank for International Cooperation and executed by a consortium of Toyota Tsusho and Toa Corp. This will contribute



This plant for liquefied natural gas processes Angola's abundant gas resources in Soyo. EMBASSY OF ANGOLA

positively to increasing exports and developing Angola's southern region.

In conclusion, we must emphasize that the Angolan government attaches great importance to cooperation with Japan, which it considers to be one of its main strategic partners in economics and intends to continue working with to increase friendly relations and cooperation, by encouraging investment.

Within the framework of the Tokyo Inter-

national Conference on African Development, Angola intends to continue to work in close partnership with Japan to implement the African Agenda within the framework of implementing "co-creative" initiatives and bringing the two states closer together.

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Angola's logo for its Independence Day highlights the theme of "National Unity, Production and Sustainable Development." EMBASSY OF ANGOLA

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the Republic of Angola
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