

Romania National Day Special

Building bridges to strengthen partnership

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Looking from Tokyo, Romania might seem far away. Well, it's not, because in a world where proximity between like-minded partners is more important than geographical distance, Romania

and Japan have shared values, objectives and a symbiotic future. Our strategic partnership is what guides this future.

Dec. 1 marks the National Day of Romania. The date honors the 1918 Great Union Day, when Transylvania, Bessarabia and Bukovina were reunited with the Romanian Kingdom. It holds great meaning in the hearts of all Romanians, as it also does for the state's diplomacy.

That day opened the door to a more active and engaging foreign policy. It meant new hope, fresh energy, greater involvement in reconstructing European peace and bringing people closer. Therefore, it may or may not come as a surprise that only three years later, in 1921, Romania and Japan established diplomatic relations. Japan was the very first country in East Asia with which Romania took this step.

While our friendship is much older than a century, it is an achievement nonetheless that we celebrated 100 years of bilateral relations. There was no better way to mark this occasion than establishing a strategic partnership with Japan on March 7, 2023. This partnership enshrines as top priorities culture, education exchanges, economic cooperation, infrastructure and security.

We need to look ahead to the next 100 years, to tomorrow, and start building new bridges for our strategic partnership. The Romanian Cultural Institute in Tokyo will strengthen one of the most important bridges of understanding: culture. I hope

many Japanese citizens will come to know more about Romania. Enjoy our art, have a taste of our national cuisine, discover our music and visit our country.

The 2025 World Expo in Osaka will be a chance for people to get to know Romania. The expo theme of "Designing Future Society for Our Lives" is one that strives to enhance like-minded partnerships. The Romanian Pavilion will be self-made, covering a surface of 900 square meters. Visitors will find us in the "Saving lives" zone.

Romania also looks forward to strength-

ening cooperation in the security field. The Romanian Embassy in Tokyo was designated, alongside Norway, as a NATO Contact Point Embassy in Japan. This undoubtedly echoes the words of President Klaus Werner Iohannis, who declared in Tokyo last year that "Romania is and will remain a trusted partner of Japan in regional, European and multilateral fora. Romania salutes Japan stronger role in supporting global peace and security." The resilience of democratic states is ensured by the alliance of like-minded

partners, promoting a rules-based international order. Romania and Japan are such countries.

We also thank Japan for the unwavering support in our region, for its interaction with the Bucharest Nine Format and for its role as a strategic partner of the Three Seas Initiative. Values such as human rights, freedom, human dignity and equality can travel 8,872 kilometers faster than any jet plane.

May the enduring friendship between Romania and Japan continue to prosper!



Built in 1711, the church at Barsana Monastery is made entirely of wood.
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HAPPY MERRY CHRISTMAS 2024

Happy National Day, Romania!

リサイクルしてね
いつもおつかいありがとうございます

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Congratulations
to the People
of
Romania
on the Occasion
of
Their National Day

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