

# Tanzania National Day Special

## Progress growing in trade and development

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Today, the United Republic of Tanzania proudly celebrates the 61st anniversary of the union between the then-states of Tanganyika and Zanzibar, a historic event that took place on

April 26, 1964.

This is all possible thanks to the visionary leadership of the late Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, father of the nation and first president of the United Republic of Tanzania, and the late Sheikh Abeid Amani Karume, the first president of Zanzibar.

On behalf of the government and people of the United Republic of Tanzania, I wish

to convey our highest respect to Their Imperial Majesties Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, as well as to all esteemed members of the imperial family. I also take this opportunity to extend our warmest greetings to Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba and the friendly people of Japan.

Three years into my tenure as ambassador to Japan, I am proud of the strong and historic bilateral ties our countries continue to enjoy. These relations, which date back to Tanganyika's independence in 1961, have remained steadfast, marked by mutual trust, respect and cooperation.

Japan has emerged as one of Tanzania's most reliable and strategic partners, offering vital support across sectors such as infrastructure, energy, agriculture, water, transport, health, education, mining, sports and skills development. Japanese investment continues to thrive in Tanzania, with expansive flagship projects and the pres-

ence of prominent Japanese companies.

Our economic cooperation has reached new heights in recent years. Notably, in October 2024, Tanzania hosted a major Japanese business delegation consisting of over 60 companies involved in infrastructure and construction. This was followed by another visit in January, bringing together around 50 Japanese firms. These high-level engagements have opened new avenues for partnership, many of which are already yielding promising results through ongoing bilateral discussions and business linkages.

Under the leadership of Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan, Tanzania has fostered a conducive and welcoming environment for trade and investment. Her administration has strengthened democratic governance, promoted innovation and attracted an increasing number of foreign investors, tourists and develop-



ment partners. To date, large infrastructure projects in Tanzania have been executed by the government, and a number of them are now operational, contributing significantly to the growth of the economy and linking Tanzania and its neighboring countries.

Tanzania regards Japan as a vital ally in its development trajectory. Through the Tokyo International Conference on Afri-



Left: Mount Kilimanjaro rises above the clouds. Right: Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan meets with Japanese Ambassador Yoichi Mikami at the Dar es Salaam Statehouse on March 28.

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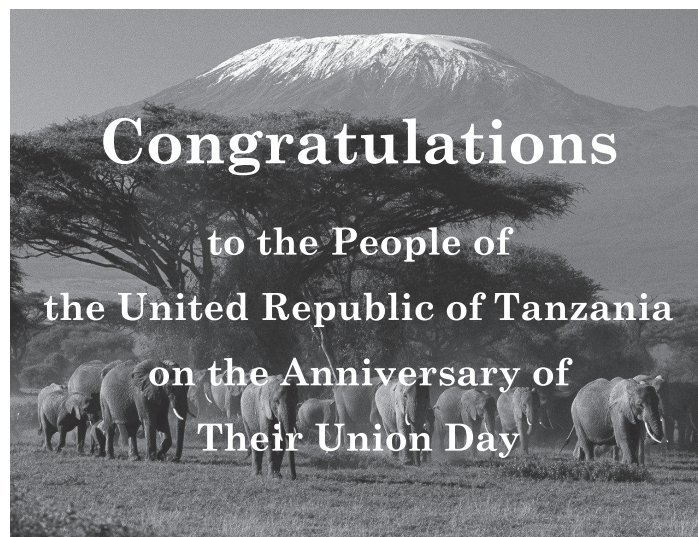
can Development, Tanzania has reaped numerous benefits and is looking forward to effective participation in the upcoming TICAD 9 summit, scheduled for August in Yokohama.

Likewise, Tanzania is proudly participating in the Osaka Expo, where we invite all Japanese citizens and expo visitors to explore the Tanzania Pavilion and experi-

ence our unique cultural and economic potential.

*Dōmo arigatō gozaimashita, asante sana.* (thank you).

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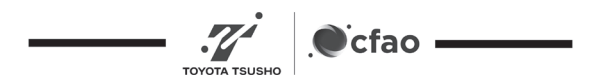
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