
The Maldives Independence Day Special

Steadfast allies across a wide range of areas

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As the Maldives proudly commemorates the 60th anniversary of its independence, we reflect on a journey marked by resilience, unity and an unwavering commitment

to sovereignty. Since gaining independence on July 26, 1965, our nation has transformed from a secluded archipelago into a dynamic and engaged member of the international community steadfastly advocating for sustainable development, climate action and global cooperation.

This historic milestone invites us to not only celebrate our progress, but also acknowledge the enduring friendships made along the way. Among these, the

Maldives-Japan one holds a special place.

While formal diplomatic relations were established in 1967, the ties between our two nations began even earlier. Japan was among the first countries to extend its support to the Maldives following independence, a gesture of goodwill that laid the foundation for a lasting and mutually beneficial relationship.

Over the decades, Japan has been an indispensable partner in key areas such as infrastructure development, disaster resilience, public health and education. From critical seawall projects to technical cooperation, and from educational scholarships to post-tsunami recovery assistance, Japan's contributions have profoundly impacted the lives of countless Maldivians. In turn, the Maldives has been a steadfast ally to Japan in regional and multilateral forums, working together to advance shared priorities such as peace, security and environmental sustainability.

As we look to the future, our leaders eagerly anticipate another significant mile-

stone: In 2027, our nations will celebrate 60 years of diplomatic relations. This occasion will serve as a meaningful opportunity to further deepen our bilateral ties and reaffirm our common values.

On this anniversary, we extend our deepest gratitude to Japan for its enduring friendship and unwavering support. It is through such strong and reliable partnerships that small island nations like the Maldives can build resilience, pursue sustainable development and secure a future of prosperity and dignity for our people.

Today, as we honor the spirit of independence, we also celebrate the bonds of cooperation that have enriched our journey.

May the friendship between the Maldives and Japan continue to flourish in the years to come.

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