

Brazil National Day Special

Celebrating 130 years of friendship

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In 2025, Brazil and Japan celebrate 130 years of diplomatic relations. Our friendship defies the laws of physics and geography: Despite being on opposite sides of the globe, our countries share deep human ties, significant trade and investment relations and a global and strategic dialogue spanning many areas. On this significant milestone, we decided to work together not only to pay tribute to our past, but to also build an even more prosperous future.

In March, Brazilian President Lula da Silva made a historic visit to Japan — the first state visit there since the COVID-19 pandemic, and only the second since the beginning of the Reiwa Period (2019 to present). During this visit, we signed 10 agreements between our governments and

over 80 instruments between our private sectors — including the sale of 15 aircraft by Brazilian manufacturer Embraer to All Nippon Airways.

Our leaders have also agreed on an ambitious action plan, charting a path toward even closer bilateral relations over the next five years. This agenda encompasses concrete measures and goals across areas such as trade, agriculture, energy, science and technology and people-to-people exchange. Some of these initiatives have already yielded results — notably, the establishment of the Brazil-Japan Foreign Affairs and Defense Dialogue, and its inaugural meeting held in August in Brasilia. In other areas, negotiations have gained momentum, such as the ongoing efforts to open the Japanese market to Brazilian beef, with the aim of achieving tangible outcomes soon.

Specific sectors in which there is a lot of potential for cooperation are the environment, climate sustainability and energy transition. In 2024, Japan became the first Asian donor to the Amazon Fund, a project to preserve the Amazon rainforest and promote the sustainable development of

the millions of people living in it. We are also exchanging experiences in biofuels — especially ethanol — in which Brazil has a proven record of success.

In November, Brazil will host and preside over the 30th United Nations Climate Change Conference, in the city of Belem, in the heart of the Amazon. After years of tough negotiations, we want to move from vision to action, from text to reality. We call on all national leaders to honor their resolve to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase on the planet to 1.5 Celsius, and all stakeholders to mobilize \$1.3 trillion (about ¥193 trillion) in annual climate finance by 2035. We count on Japan's contribution for the success of the conference.

We are proud of what we have achieved in these 130 years of friendship. Brazil hosts the largest overseas community of Japanese nationals and their descendants, estimated at 2.7 million people. Here in Japan, over 210,000 Brazilians are building their lives, working, studying and contributing to their local communities. This year, we had the honor of hosting Her Highness Princess Kako for a 10-day visit to Brazil, a



Emperor Naruhito meets with President Lula da Silva at the conclusion of his state visit to Japan on March 27. RICARDO STUCKERT

gesture that further reinforced this human bond between our peoples.

With this rich legacy, we embrace the responsibility of working each day to bring our countries even closer together. Our Action Plan 2025-2030 outlines a bold yet pragmatic road map for deepening our ties, benefiting our nations, our economies and our peoples. May the years ahead be marked by continued friendship and ever more reasons to celebrate the unique and enduring partnership between Brazil and Japan.

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