

Armenia Independence Day Special

Working closely to boost bilateral ties

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On Sept. 21, Armenia celebrates Independence Day, commemorating the date in 1991 when the Armenian nation regained freedom and the right to self-determination, signifying

a crucial moment in my country's history that continues to be celebrated with a strong commitment to democratic values and a vision for the future.

Since its reestablishment as a sovereign state, Armenia has enjoyed friendly relations with Japan based on core values of democracy, the rule of law and the protection of human rights. This year, high-level visits have shown the significance of our bonds. The visit of Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan to Japan on Sept. 4 and 5 laid new foundations for our future partnership.

During the meeting with his counter-

part Shigeru Ishiba, Pashinyan emphasized that Armenia attaches great importance to expanding comprehensive cooperation with Japan and expressed readiness to give new impetus to bilateral ties. Ishiba stated that he would like to work closely to deepen relations with Armenia as an important partner to cooperate in bolstering a free and open international order.

In Osaka, Pashinyan attended the World Expo's celebration of Armenia's National Day. The Armenia Pavilion is showcasing Armenia's history, culture, innovation, regional opportunities and future-oriented educational initiatives under the theme of "Pillars of Today and Tomorrow."

There is huge potential for cooperation between our countries in the areas of information technology, innovation and digitalization. On June 1, the Gunma Prefecture branch of the Tumo Center for Creative Technologies officially opened in Japan. The center is accessible to 1,500 young people living in the prefecture. Tumo's unique, proprietary educational model is being used to teach programming, animation, filmmaking, game development, 3D mod-

eling, drawing and motion graphics.

This year, the Japan-Armenia Network for Investment Environment Improvement was established among relevant ministries, agencies and Armenian and Japanese private-sector companies to promote trade and investment between the countries.

In Tokyo, Enterprise Armenia, together with the Japan Business Association Rotobo and the Armenian Embassy, recently co-organized the forum "Unlocking Armenia's Economic Potential: Investment Opportunities and Prospects for Business Dialogue with Japan." This served to demonstrate the active involvement of more than 100 companies from both sides.

I am pleased to report that in recent years, we are witnessing a growing interest in Armenia among Japanese tourists. Taking this opportunity, I invite everyone to visit Armenia, a country with rich history, unique culture, divine nature and gourmet cuisine.

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Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba and visiting counterpart Nikol Pashinyan hold a summit meeting in Tokyo on Sept. 4. EMBASSY OF ARMENIA

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on the Anniversary of Their Independence



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