
Guinea National Day Special

Continuous progress on development path

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On the 67th anniversary of the Republic of Guinea's accession to national sovereignty on Oct. 2, 1958, I am honored, as ambassador of Guinea, to seize this opportunity to extend my thanks

and gratitude, on behalf of the government and the people of Guinea, to the moral, political and administrative authorities of Japan, and to the Japanese people, for their support and assistance to Guinea.

Bilateral relations date back to the very dawn of our independence in 1958. It is with pride that we recall Japan's role as cosponsor of the resolution that led to Guinea's admission to the United Nations in December of that year — a gesture that

laid the foundation for a long-standing and fruitful partnership based on mutual respect and solidarity.

Over the decades, our cooperation has continued to deepen and diversify. The opening of the Japan International Cooperation Agency office in Conakry in 2018 stands as a significant milestone, and it has become a vital hub of support for Guinea's development. Through JICA, Japan has contributed to key sectors such as vocational training, agriculture, fisheries, health, education, infrastructure, water and sanitation.

Guinea's independence was embraced with joy, pride and determination by everyone from all walks of life. Since then, Guinea has made steady progress on its path to development, with the support of friendly nations — chief among them, Japan.

On Sept. 5, 2021, the Guinean people called for a new chapter in national governance, one that would better reflect their aspirations and address longstanding challenges. The leadership of Gen. Mamadi

Doumbouya, president of the republic and head of state, has ushered in a period of reform, stability and hope. Today, Guinea is on the rise, making significant strides and nurturing its ambition to become an emerging nation.

Guinean women, the true barometers of our society, continue to play an essential role in every sector. It is therefore fitting that this 67th anniversary of our independence is dedicated to them, in tribute to their achievements and contributions to nation-building.

To all Guinean nationals, I wish for a joyous Independence Day, success in their endeavors, continued social cohesion and full respect for the laws and regulations of their host countries.

Happy Independence Day to all.

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