

Panama Independence Day Special

Deep potential through shared vision

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November is a month of profound significance for all Panamanians. It is the time when we commemorate the milestones that shaped our nation and reaffirm the values that define our identity: freedom, resilience and unity.

Throughout this month, we celebrate not only the birth of the Republic of Panama on Nov. 3, 1903, but also our independence from Spain on Nov. 28, 1821, and other historic days that reflect our long journey toward sovereignty and self-determination. For Panama, November is much more than a series of anniversaries, it is a time for reflection and gratitude. We honor the men and women who forged a nation capable of bridging worlds, connecting peoples and embracing diversity as a source of strength.

Our history, positioned at the crossroads of the Americas, has made us a country of encounters, a bridge not only between oceans, but also between cultures and aspirations. Today, Panama continues to live up to its motto as the “Bridge of the World and Heart of the Universe.” Our geographic position and strategic vision have transformed us into a global hub for logistics, finance and connectivity.

The Panama Canal, which remains a cornerstone of international maritime trade, is complemented by an increasingly dynamic ecosystem of ports, airports and digital infrastructure. Together, they make Panama an indispensable partner in global commerce and sustainable development.

As we commemorate our National Month, we also reflect on the long-standing friendship between Panama and Japan, a relationship built upon mutual respect, shared democratic values and a common commitment to peace and prosperity. Japan has been a steadfast partner in Panama’s development, from our early cooperation in infrastructure and technology to major contemporary projects such as the

third line of the Panama Metro, a symbol of modern engineering and bilateral trust.

The reciprocal visit of President Jose Raul Mulino to Japan in September has further deepened these ties, opening new avenues for cooperation in logistics, energy transition, education and innovation. This partnership demonstrates the enormous potential that exists when two nations, despite the distance between them, share a vision for a more connected and sustainable world.

Panama deeply values the contributions of Japanese companies and institutions that continue to invest in our growth, as well as the cultural exchanges that enrich our societies. From trade and maritime affairs to science, education and the arts, our bilateral relationship is a model of friendship rooted in trust and mutual benefit.

As ambassador of Panama to Japan, I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to the government and people of Japan for their continued friendship and cooperation. During our National Month, I invite our Japanese friends to



President Jose Raul Mulino (fourth from left) visits the Panama Pavilion at the Osaka Expo on Sept. 6. MINISTRY OF THE PRESIDENCY OF PANAMA

join us in celebrating the enduring spirit of Panama, a nation proud of its heritage, confident in its future and committed to building bridges of understanding and progress across the world.

May the bonds between Panama and Japan continue to flourish, guided by the same spirit of solidarity and goodwill that has defined our relationship for more than a century.

Happy National Month of Panama. Viva Panama!

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the Independence of
the Republic of Panama

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