

Tunisia National Day Special

70 years of trusted partnership and progress

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AMBASSADOR OF TUNISIA



On Tunisia's National Day, I am honored, on behalf of the government of Tunisia, to convey our warmest greetings and deepest respect to the emperor and empress, as well as

to the government and the people of Japan, a friendly nation with which Tunisia has built a relationship founded on trust, solidarity and enduring cooperation.

As Tunisia commemorates its independence, we also celebrate the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations with Japan. Our ties were forged in 1956, shortly after Tunisia regained its sovereignty. Over seven decades, this partnership has steadily evolved, guided by mutual respect, constructive dialogue and a shared belief in international cooperation.

Our collaboration has expanded across a range of sectors, including political consultation, economic exchange, education, culture and technical assistance. A notable highlight was Tunisia's participation in the Osaka Expo. Through its national pavilion, Tunisia presented the richness of its history, the diversity of its cultural heritage and the promise of its dynamic economy and tourism potential.

Tunisia has also reaffirmed its strong engagement in Japan-Africa cooperation

by participating at a high level in the ninth Tokyo International Conference on African Development in Yokohama. The presence of Tunisia's prime minister reflected our deep attachment to the TICAD process.

Both countries are working to finalize negotiations on an investment protection and promotion agreement. This important instrument is expected to create a secure and predictable environment for investors and to further stimulate trade and economic exchanges between our nations.

Security cooperation remains another pillar of our dialogue. In June 2025, Tunisia and Japan held the fourth round of their security and counterterrorism consultations in Tokyo, providing an opportunity to exchange expertise and address common challenges.

Technical cooperation continues to deliver tangible results. With the support of the Japan International Cooperation Agency, major projects have been implemented in Tunisia in areas such as water treatment, water resource management, infrastructure and renewable energy. These initiatives contribute not only to economic growth, but also to knowledge transfer and capacity building, supporting Tunisia's sustainable development objectives.

Having been designated by JICA as an African Kaizen Center of Excellence, Tunisia is expected to play a key role in strengthening industrial competitiveness at both national and continental levels.

Indeed, Tunisia had the honor of hosting the Junior Chamber International World Congress last November, welcoming thou-

sands of young leaders and entrepreneurs from around the world, including 1,400 Japanese participants. Their strong presence reflected the dynamism of our youth, opening new perspectives for innovation, networking and business cooperation.

Today, we reaffirm our shared commitment to further strengthening this trusted and valued friendship. Together, we can continue to build an even more dynamic partnership, one that serves the interests of our peoples, promotes mutual prosperity and contributes meaningfully to peace, stability and sustainable development.

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A warm and lasting friendship

YOHEI ONISHI
PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER
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On the occasion of the Republic of Tunisia's National Day, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Tunisian government and the friendly people of Tunisia.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Tunisia, a significant milestone reflecting the deep bonds, mutual respect and lasting trust

between our nations.

Last year, our nations engaged in increased high-level exchanges, including visits to Japan by H.E. Prime Minister Sarra Zaafrani and H.E. Samir Abdelhafidh, minister of economy and planning.

In this commemorative year, I am fully committed to redoubling my efforts to further strengthen and expand our bilateral relations in various fields.

Additionally, we welcome the match between our teams in the World Cup this June. I sincerely wish for the continued health, happiness and prosperity of the Tunisian people, as well as the further growth and deepening of the warm and friendly ties between our countries.



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