

# Poland National Day Special

## New opportunities for bilateral cooperation

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On the occasion of Poland's National Day, I would like to focus this year's message on economic issues, given their ever-growing importance in Poland's relations with Japan.

Since 1989, Poland has undergone a profound transformation, the results of which have been remarkable. Poland has recorded one of the longest uninterrupted growth periods in recent times worldwide. It has become one of Europe's most dynamic economies, and the largest market in Central and Eastern Europe. It was the only country in the European Union to avoid recession during the global financial crisis of 2008 and 2009.

Income levels have risen several times over, and the country continues to converge with the world's most advanced economies. According to the International Monetary Fund, Poland's gross domestic product per capita in terms of purchasing power parity has already surpassed that of Japan — a striking illustration of the scale of its economic progress.



**The confluence of the Narew and Biebrza rivers create an area of biodiversity and habitat for migratory birds.** EMBASSY OF POLAND

A key milestone in Poland's transformation was its accession to the OECD in 1996. Membership confirmed Poland's transition to a modern market economy and anchored its reforms within a global framework of best practices. It also allowed Poland to become an active contributor to the global economic dialogue. Poland's stable macroeconomic environment, skilled workforce and strategic location at the heart of Europe make it an increasingly attractive destination for investment and innovation.

Poland's economic success has been closely linked to strong international partnerships — among which Japan holds a special place.

Japanese companies were among the first Asian investors to enter Poland after the transition. Today, almost 400 Japanese firms operate across the country, employing around 53,000 people. Their investments, particularly in automotive manufacturing, electronics and advanced materials, have played a key role in modernizing Poland's industrial base and integrating it into European supply chains. The Japan Bank for International Cooperation recently opened in Warsaw its second office in the EU, another proof of the strength of the economic cooperation between our countries.

The political dimension of this partner-

ship has recently gained new momentum. During the visit of Prime Minister Donald Tusk to Japan in April, bilateral relations were elevated to a comprehensive strategic partnership. The summit meeting with Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi reaffirmed the strength of our bilateral cooperation and a shared commitment to deepening cooperation across economic and security sectors.

The leaders also confirmed their intention to work closely on global challenges, including support for Ukraine and the strengthening of economic resilience.

Poland is now entering a new phase of development, one increasingly driven by innovation and technology. Sectors such as artificial intelligence, digital services, biotechnology and green energy are becoming key engines of growth.

This shift creates new opportunities for cooperation with Japan, a global leader in advanced technologies. Poland offers a dynamic innovation ecosystem, a highly skilled workforce and full access to the EU market. Japan brings cutting-edge expertise, technological leadership and global reach.

Poland's transformation is not just a story of catching up, it is increasingly a story of shaping the future. The country has demonstrated resilience, adaptability and a strong commitment to international coop-

eration as proven by its role in support for Ukraine and its commitment to support Ukraine's reconstruction, alongside partners including Japan.

With solid economic fundamentals, growing technological capabilities and deepening partnerships, particularly with Japan, Poland is well positioned for the next stage of development.

If the past 30 years were about convergence, the years ahead will be about building new opportunities together.



**Modern skyscrapers rise from Warsaw's skyline above the city's Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.**

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