

# Argentina National Day Special

## Relations based on evolving economic ties

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May 25 marks the 216th anniversary of the Revolution of 1810, a defining moment in Argentina's path to independence.

On this occasion, I would like to extend my warmest

greetings on behalf of the government and people of Argentina, to their majesties the emperor and empress of Japan, as well as to the government and people of this distinguished nation.

This year also marks the 140th anniversary of the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants in Argentina. Even before formal diplomatic relations were established in 1898, the foundations of a lasting connection were already being built. Early exchanges and personal ties laid the groundwork for a relationship that continues to grow, shaped by mutual respect and a shared spirit of progress.

Today, Argentina and Japan maintain a robust and evolving economic partnership that offers significant mutual benefits. While geographically distant, both countries have consistently found opportunities to collaborate in trade, investment and innovation.

Energy is a central pillar of this partnership. Argentina possesses some of the world's most significant unconventional energy resources, including the second-larg-



The rugged Quebrada de Humahuaca valley in Argentina's Jujuy province is nearly 160 kilometers long and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. EMBASSY OF ARGENTINA

est shale gas reserves and the fourth-largest shale oil reserves. At the same time, Argentina is advancing in renewable energy, with growing capacities in wind and solar power and increasing interest in hydrogen as a future energy vector.

Japan, for its part, is globally recognized for its technological sophistication, industrial efficiency and leadership in energy innovation. The complementarity of Argentina's resource base and Japan's technological capabilities creates clear opportunities for mutually beneficial cooperation. Joint efforts in energy devel-

opment can contribute not only to bilateral growth, but also to broader global energy stability and diversification.

Importantly, Argentina's contribution to this partnership is not limited to natural resources. The country also offers a highly qualified workforce, with strong capabilities in engineering, applied sciences and technological development.

Argentina has a well-established scientific and academic ecosystem as well as a dynamic innovation sector that has achieved advancements in areas such as nuclear technology, satellite development

and biotechnology. These strengths position Argentina as a partner capable of adding value across the entire energy chain — from exploration and production to research, development and technological adaptation.

In addition to hydrocarbons, new areas of collaboration are emerging. Argentina is a key global player in lithium production, an essential component for battery technologies and the energy transition. Combined with its potential in renewable energy and growing expertise in hydrogen, the country offers a diversified and forward-looking energy portfolio.

The human dimension continues to reinforce economic ties. The Japanese community, with over 60,000 members, has made lasting contributions to Argentina's productive sectors and serves as a natural bridge for business and cultural exchange.

Looking ahead, the Argentina-Japan economic relationship is well-positioned for further growth. By leveraging complementarities in energy, technology and human capital, both countries can build a more dynamic and resilient partnership that promises new opportunities and shared prosperity.

In an increasingly complex global economy, strengthening cooperation between both countries represents not only an opportunity, but a strategic necessity for sustainable and long-term development.

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The Japanese Garden in Buenos Aires, inaugurated in 1967, celebrates the legacy of Japanese immigration to Argentina, which marks its 140th anniversary this year.

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