

# Mozambique National Day Special

## Continuing development gains bolster partnership

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On June 25, 2026, the Republic of Mozambique commemorates the 51st anniversary of its independence, a historic milestone that invites reflection on our journey and a celebration of

the partnerships that have supported our development and prosperity.

The relationship between Mozambique and Japan stands out as a remarkable example of friendship, mutual respect and a shared commitment to sustainable development. For nearly five decades, our countries have cultivated a strong partnership that continues to evolve in response to global opportunities and challenges.

This relationship has contributed significantly to Mozambique's socioeconomic transformation through investments in infrastructure, human capital development, energy, agriculture and industry.

Japan's partnership in the Nacala Corridor modernizes Nacala port, strengthening Southern Africa's regional connectivity, boosting trade and driving economic integration.

Situated on the Indian Ocean, the port serves as a strategic maritime gateway linking Southern Africa to Japan and wider Asian markets, reinforcing Indo-Pacific connectivity.

Mozambique and Japan have also deepened collaboration in strategic sectors shaping sustainable development. Japanese participation in natural gas projects in the Rovuma Basin, together with support for initiatives such as the Mphanda Nkuwa Hydroelectric Project, reflects a shared vision of energy security, diversification and environmental sustainability. These projects position Mozambique as an emerging energy hub contributing to regional development and the global transition to cleaner energy.

At the helm of this cooperation lies the invaluable contribution of the Japanese government and people through the Japan International Cooperation Agency. Through its long-standing support, JICA

has played a pivotal role in strengthening institutions, developing infrastructure and empowering thousands of Mozambicans through education, technical training and capacity-building programs. Human capital remains Mozambique's greatest asset, and investing in people continues to be central to our development agenda.

The spirit of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development continues to inspire our bilateral engagement. The principle of "co-creating innovative solutions" reflects the essence of the

Mozambique-Japan partnership: addressing shared challenges through dialogue, innovation, technology and investment.

As Mozambique celebrates 51 years of independence, we honor those who fought for our freedom and reaffirm our commitment to peace, unity and development. We also celebrate the enduring friendship between Mozambique and Japan, a partnership that serves as a bridge between Africa and Asia and continues to create opportunities for future generations.



Independence Square in Maputo is centered on a bronze statue of Samora Machel, the first president of independent Mozambique.

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**Maputo's Central Railway Station is known for its beaux-arts architecture and distinctive dome.**

EMBASSY OF  
MOZAMBIQUE

## Proactively promoting prosperity

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On the auspicious occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Mozambique, I would like to extend my most sincere and heartfelt congratulations to the people of Mozambique.

In August 2025, H.E. President Daniel Chapo visited Japan to attend the Ninth Tokyo International Conference on African Development in Yokohama. It was a profound privilege for the Japan-Mozambique Business Friendship Association to host a reception in his honor. In the presence of senior executives from our member firms and numerous distinguished guests, we were able to strongly reaffirm our shared commitment to further promoting and deepening private-sector exchanges.

We are firmly committed to providing opportunities to translate this shared pledge into concrete actions. In close collaboration with our member companies, we shall endeavor to continue advancing each initiative with sincerity and steadfast determination.

Moreover, on occasions when distinguished representatives from Mozambique visit Japan, we will, in coordination with relevant institutions, proactively create opportunities for dialogue and exchange, with a view to further enhancing mutual understanding and strengthening our valued, cooperative relationship.

Next year will mark the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Mozambique and Japan — a major milestone. As the chair of the association, it is my earnest hope that we may contribute to the further strengthening of bilateral relations at the private-sector level.

In closing, please allow me to convey my sincere wishes for the continued prosperity and well-being of the Republic of Mozambique and its esteemed people.

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