
Djibouti National Day Special

Growing ties anchored by trust and stability

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On this occasion, I am honored on behalf of the people and government of the Republic of Djibouti, to extend respectful greetings to their majesties the emperor and the empress, together

with sincere wishes for health, prosperity and well-being to the people of Japan.

This national day offers an opportunity to reflect on Djibouti's journey since independence, marked by growing stability, steady development and increasing openness to international engagement.

In recent years, the country has pursued sustained efforts to strengthen economic performance, modernize infrastructure and reinforce its role as a strategic logistics

and trade hub in the Horn of Africa.

In 2025, Djibouti's participation in the ninth Tokyo International Conference on African Development in Yokohama illustrated its depth of bilateral engagement and its focus on investment, sustainable development and economic cooperation.

Its presence at the Osaka Expo last year likewise reflects an ambition to showcase its economic, cultural and tourism potential.

These exchanges demonstrate our enduring and dynamic ties, which encompass mutual trust, respect and shared perspectives on regional and international issues.

Djibouti expresses appreciation for Japan's valuable support in key sectors, including infrastructure development, human resource training, institutional capacity-building and maritime security.

H.E. President Ismail Omar Guelleh's reelection on April 10 confirmed institutional continuity and stability and was welcomed by several international partners, including Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi.

In the same context, Djibouti welcomed a delegation led by Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Yohei Onishi, who attended the inauguration ceremony. This presence reflected the high quality and continuity of our dialogue.

Djibouti remains firmly committed to peace, security and regional cooperation, while continuing to contribute actively to stability in the Horn of Africa and beyond.

It is a personal privilege to serve my country in this great friendly nation and model of progress, while contributing to the strengthening of the long-standing friendship between our peoples.

Djibouti reaffirms its commitment to development, partnership and dialogue so both our countries can flourish for the benefit of future generations.

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