

# Canada Day Special

## Working together in times of need

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On July 1, Canadians celebrate Canada Day, marking a national journey grounded in the belief that people across a vast geography, and from different backgrounds, can build some-

thing lasting together. At a moment of global upheaval and growing fractures in the world economy, it is also a day to reflect on the kind of future we want, and on the choices, values and partnerships that will help get us there.

Over the past year, Canada has made deliberate choices about how to move forward: building greater resilience at home, diversifying our economic relationships and deepening ties with trusted partners. Japan is central to that effort, and to Canada's engagement in the Indo-Pacific. Our partnership is grounded in common val-

ues and a clear strategic reality: Canada and Japan are stronger, more secure and more prosperous when we work together.

Prime Minister Mark Carney's visit to Japan in March marked a new stage in our relationship, with Canada and Japan elevating their ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership and deepening cooperation in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific.

The Canadian Armed Forces now have a sustained presence in the region and are expanding interoperability with the Japan Self-Defense Forces. In the North Pacific, Canadian and Japanese fisheries and coast guard officers are working together to combat illegal fishing and advance maritime security. Our countries are also helping one another's citizens in times of crisis, including by evacuating Canadian and Japanese nationals during the recent Middle East conflict.

This partnership is also about shared prosperity. A Team Canada Trade Mission brought close to 300 representatives from nearly 175 Canadian organizations to Japan from June 23 to 26 to pursue joint opportunities in sectors from clean tech-

nology and agri-food to information and communication technology, forestry and defense. These are the kinds of practical connections that make our economies more resilient, more innovative and more closely linked.

Just as important are the ties between our people. They can be seen in the strong response to the Canada Pavilion at the Osaka Expo in 2025, in the many Canadians visiting Japan and in the connections being built by students, researchers, businesses and local communities across both countries.

They are visible, too, in cultural and sporting exchanges, from the excitement around Kazuma Okamoto joining the Toronto Blue Jays, to welcoming Japanese fans to Canada for the World Cup. They give our relationship depth and durability and remind us that Canada and Japan are not only strategic partners, but also societies that continue to learn and grow from one another.

In 2028, Canada and Japan will mark 100 years of diplomatic relations. This will be an opportunity to honor a remarkable



history, and to look ahead with ambition to the next century of partnership. Let's carry that history forward with purpose: strengthening our security, expanding our prosperity and deepening the ties between our people. Happy Canada Day!

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