
The Maldives Independence Day Special

People's determination helped shape nation

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On this joyous 61st anniversary of independence for the Maldives, I extend my warmest greetings to all Maldivian citizens residing in Japan and around the world. This occasion is an opportunity

to reflect on our nation's journey, celebrate our achievements and reaffirm our commitment to peace and cooperation.

Independence Day is a time of pride and reflection. Let us remember the sacrifices of those who fought for our independence. Their courage, determination and love for our nation have shaped the The Maldives we proudly represent today.

The Maldives and Japan share a friendship built on mutual respect, trust and a

shared vision for a peaceful and prosperous Indo-Pacific region. Over the decades, Japan has been a valued friend and development partner, contributing significantly to the Maldives' progress through cooperation in infrastructure, education, fisheries, disaster resilience, environmental sustainability and human resource development.

Japan's support has touched the lives of many Maldivians. Having benefited from this partnership during my primary education at a school established with Japan's support, I have personally witnessed the lasting impact of this friendship.

As we celebrate our independence this year, we also look forward to 2027, when the Maldives and Japan will commemorate the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations. This milestone allows us to celebrate six decades of friendship while building a stronger future together. The Embassy of the Maldives in Japan remains committed to strengthening people-to-people connections and expanding cooperation in areas

including tourism, investment, renewable energy, climate resilience and cultural exchanges.

The Maldives remains committed to working closely with Japan in addressing shared challenges, including climate change, sustainable ocean governance and the promotion of a rules-based international order. We greatly value Japan's continued support in advancing sustainable development and resilience for future generations.

On this special occasion, I express my sincere appreciation to the government and people of Japan for their enduring friendship and partnership. May the friendship between the Maldives and Japan continue to flourish. May our nation continue to prosper, and may we continue working together for a brighter future.

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