

Cote d'Ivoire Independence Day Special

Ties defined by strength, mutual confidence

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On the occasion of the 66th anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, the government and people of Cote d'Ivoire extend their warmest congratulations and highest

respects to their majesties the emperor and empress of Japan, H.E. the prime minister, the members of the Japanese government and to the friendly people of Japan. This commemorative occasion provides an opportunity to celebrate Cote d'Ivoire's national achievements while reaffirming the enduring friendship and cooperation that have united Cote d'Ivoire and Japan for more than six decades. Following the 65th anniversary of independence, which coincided with the 65th anniversary of dip-

lomatic relations between our nations, this celebration once again reflects the strength, continuity and mutual confidence that define our longstanding partnership. Cote d'Ivoire has made remarkable progress in recent years, establishing itself as one of Africa's most dynamic economies. Sustained economic growth, strengthened political stability, democratic consolidation and an improved security environment have created favorable conditions for sustainable development and inclusive prosperity. These achievements reflect the country's commitment to structural transformation and improved living standards. These advances have been driven by the leadership of the President of the Republic H.E. Alassane Ouattara. Under his guidance, Cote d'Ivoire has strengthened economic governance, implemented ambitious reforms, enhanced competitiveness and fostered a stable macroeconomic environment — thereby increasing investor confidence and positioning the country among Africa's leading investment destinations.

Building on these successes, the National Development Plan 2026-2030 aims to accelerate industrialization, modernize infrastructure, promote local value addition, encourage innovation and digital transformation and strengthen human capital. The private sector remains central to this strategy as the main engine of investment, employment and sustainable growth. Benefiting from its strategic location in West Africa, modern infrastructure and a competitive business climate, Cote d'Ivoire offers significant opportunities in energy, transportation, infrastructure, agribusiness, logistics, mining, the digital economy, information and communications technologies and innovation. As the largest economy in the West African Economic and Monetary Union, the country also serves as a gateway to a regional market of more than 300 million consumers, offering promising prospects for Japanese businesses seeking to expand across Africa. The excellent relations between Cote

d'Ivoire and Japan continue to be founded on mutual trust, respect and shared commitments to peace, sustainable development and international cooperation. Over the years, this partnership has generated meaningful achievements in infrastructure, agriculture, education, vocational training, healthcare, institutional capacity-building and human resource development. Cote d'Ivoire expresses its sincere appreciation for Japan's long-standing support and expertise, which have contributed significantly to its economic and social development. Japan remains one of Cote d'Ivoire's foremost strategic partners. Both countries have considerable potential to expand cooperation in economic, commercial, technological, scientific and cultural fields while promoting greater exchanges between their peoples. Guided by dialogue, solidarity, peace and shared prosperity, their partnership offers a strong foundation for new mutually beneficial initiatives. At a time of profound geopolitical, eco-



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nomie and environmental change, Cote d'Ivoire reaffirms its determination to remain a reliable, stable and forward-looking partner committed to sound governance, regional integration, sustainable development and effective international cooperation. On this auspicious occasion, the government and people of Cote d'Ivoire reaffirm their commitment to further strengthening the strategic partnership between our countries in the service of peace, sustainable development and shared prosperity.

They convey their sincere wishes for good health and happiness to their majesties the emperor and empress of Japan, wish the prime minister every success in the fulfillment of her high responsibilities and extend to the people of Japan their heartfelt wishes for lasting peace, prosperity and well-being. This content was compiled in collaboration with the embassy. The views expressed here do not necessarily reflect those of the newspaper.



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