
Mexico National Day Special

Celebrating history, people, arts and culture

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Mexico's Independence Day is a celebration of a country in all its richness: its people, its landscapes, its cultures, its creativity and the extraordinary ways in which history, tradition and con-

temporary life come together.

Mexico has a particular ability to turn everyday life into something memorable. We celebrate around the table, in the streets, in our homes and in our communities. We tell stories through food, music, crafts, cinema, literature and art. We gather for festivals and family occasions, transform ordinary ingredients into remarkable dishes and find countless ways to make room for *alegría* (joy). These expressions

may differ from one region to another, but together they form something unmistakably Mexican.

And then there is the Mexico we carry with us wherever we go.

Food may be the most delicious example. A tortilla, a mole, or a bowl of pozole can carry centuries of history while remaining completely at home in the present. Mexican cuisine has traveled far, and in Japan it has found a particularly warm reception. But food is only one expression of a culture that also travels through music, cinema, literature, design, crafts and the everyday traditions that give meaning to our lives.

Mexico is also a country of remarkable energy and talent. Its economy brings together agriculture, manufacturing, services, creative industries, technology and innovation. Mexican people build companies, develop new ideas, produce goods for markets around the world and contribute to fields ranging from science to the arts. Much

of this work happens quietly, every day and it is another reason to celebrate Mexico.

Of the 216 years since the beginning of our independence, 138 have been shared with Japan as friends and equals. The friendship between our countries has grown into connections between our people, cultures, businesses and communities.

For me, Independence Day is an invitation to pause and appreciate all of this: the history that brought us here, the creativity that continues to shape us and the people who give Mexico its character every day.

Mexico does not fit into a single image. It is a country of many voices, landscapes, traditions and stories, constantly adding new ones. That is precisely what makes Mexico worth celebrating.

Viva Mexico!

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