

# Turkmenistan Independence Day Special

## Cooperation expanding in various sectors

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Under the leadership of esteemed President Serdar Berdimuhamedov and National Leader of the Turkmen People, Chairman of the Halk Maslahaty Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov,

the 35 years that have passed since the restoration of our independence have become an important and historic period in the development of our country.

Turkmenistan has consistently pursued a path of peace, stability, sustainable economic development and international cooperation. Guided by the principles of permanent neutrality, Turkmenistan has strengthened its role as a responsible member of the international community and has actively contributed to peace, mutual understanding and trust.

Over the past 35 years, Turkmenistan has achieved significant progress in economic and social development. The country has modernized its industrial base, developed its energy and petrochemical sectors, expanded transport and infrastructure and promoted the diversification of its economy.

Japan has been an important and trusted partner throughout this journey. Established in 1992, our bilateral relations have steadily developed on the foundation of mutual respect, friendship and trust. Economic cooperation has become one of the important pillars of our partnership. Japanese technologies, expertise and investment have contributed to major industrial and energy projects in Turkmenistan, while Japan's technical cooperation and human-resource development programs have provided valuable support.

In recent years, our bilateral relations have gained further momentum through high-level exchanges, political consultations, parliamentary cooperation and collaboration within the “Central Asia plus Japan Dialogue.”

These have provided new impetus to bilateral cooperation in political, economic, cultural and humanitarian fields. Most recently, the meeting between our foreign ministers in Ashgabat on Aug. 30 confirmed the shared commitment to further expanding cooperation, including in

advanced technologies, artificial intelligence, energy and resource circulation.

This year is particularly special for Turkmenistan as the year of “Independent, Permanently Neutral Turkmenistan — Homeland of Purposeful Heavenly Horses.” The Akhal-Teke horse, one of the most treasured symbols of Turkmenistan, represents our rich cultural heritage, national identity, strength, endurance and aspiration for excellence. The celebration of the Year of the Horse, together with the 35th anniversary of independence,

offers an opportunity to honor our history and traditions while looking confidently toward the future.

I firmly believe the partnership between Turkmenistan and Japan will continue to deepen and expand, creating new opportunities for cooperation and bringing our peoples even closer together.

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President Serdar Berdimuhamedov shakes hands with Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi during a summit meeting on Dec. 20, 2025.  
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