
Nigeria National Day Special

A journey of resilience, renewal, partnership

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Nigeria commemorates its 66th independence anniversary with renewed hope and a vision for a greater nation, anchored in unity of purpose for a peaceful and prosperous future.

The administration of President and Commander-in-Chief Bola Tinubu emphasizes global strategic partnerships for mutual benefit with countries seeking to expand trade and strengthen ties. Nigeria is ready to collaborate across sectors such as manufacturing, renewable energy, health and education to boost mutual prosperity.

Nigeria's rich natural resources include crude oil, natural gas reserves, gold, tin, titanium and bitumen, and its fertile land

also yields abundant produce for local consumption and export. These resources offer Japanese investors a strong opportunity to tap into the most populous nation in Africa's human and mineral resources.

To achieve this goal, the current administration promotes policies and initiatives to attract international investors and collaborators. To encourage long-term investment, incentives such as export processing zones and customs and import duty concessions for equipment have been launched.

Foreign investment is now allowed in many parts of the economy, with mechanisms for repatriating profits and capital subject to local regulations. Investors can also be assured of transparent laws, infrastructure and security improvements.

Nigeria shares Japan's appreciation for cultural heritage and looks forward to improving government-to-government and people-to-people relationships.

Notably, Nigeria's relationship with Japan gained new momentum as the president's

visit during the ninth Tokyo International Conference on African Development revived discussions at the Japan-Nigeria Special Partnership Forum, recently held in Abuja, to foster partnerships that will boost our economies.

As we commemorate our 66th independence anniversary, we are looking forward to a commitment to pursue growth and impact through the "4D" foreign policies of consolidation of democracy, diplomacy as a tool for development, and harnessing the demographic strength of the youthful population to expand innovation and international partnership, as well as strengthened diaspora relations for national development in line with a more peaceful and prosperous global future.

Happy 66th anniversary, Nigeria!

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