Turkiye National Day Special

A reliable partner for Japan in a volatile global landscape

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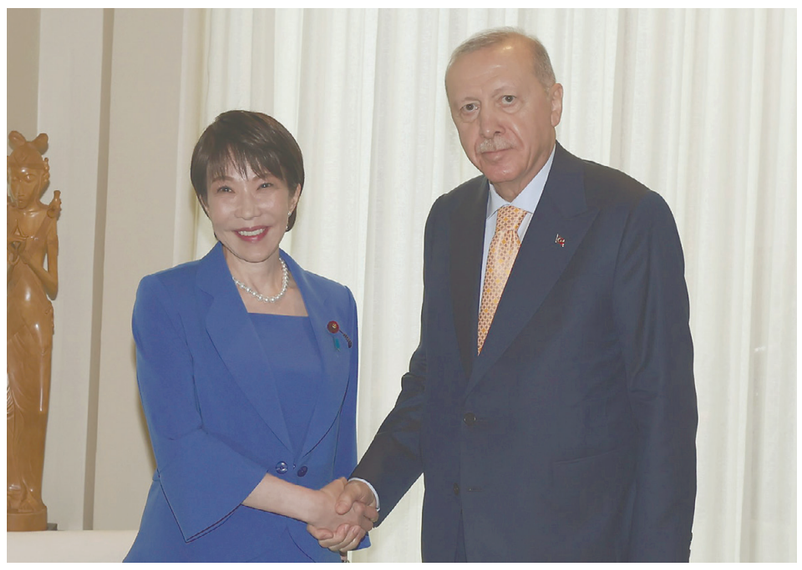
I am honored to address the esteemed readers of The Japan Times on the occasion of the 103rd anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic of Turkiye. On this day, we remember Mustafa Kemal Ataturk and the founding generation with deep gratitude.

We mark this anniversary at a time of profound rupture in the international system. Security risks and instability are rising in many regions, with global repercussions. From East to West, global and regional powers are raising defense spending to record levels.

The existing international system and the instruments of global governance are struggling to bear the weight of challenges they were never designed to meet. The uncertainty we all face calls for actors guided by prudence and sound judgment.

For Turkiye and Japan, two nations that carry long traditions of statehood and diplomacy, this situation calls for greater responsibility and makes our cooperation all the more essential and relevant. The strategic partnership we established in 2013 was a choice made with foresight. In today's world, it has become an imperative for both nations.

Turkiye embraces this imperative with conviction. Japan holds a central place in our engagement with Asia, a continent to which we are bound by enduring historical links, strategic ties and a sense of shared purpose.



Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi shakes hands with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Sep. 22 on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. FOREIGN MINISTRY

Our "Asia Anew" initiative, launched in 2019, gives this engagement greater structure and strategic depth, and it shares common ground with Japan's vision of a "free and open Indo-Pacific." Both value connectivity, stability and partnership, and Turkiye brings distinctive assets to these shared goals.

Above all, Turkiye offers a quality that is in growing demand in international affairs: reliability. In an unpredictable world, we act as a stabilizing power, working for durable solutions to the conflicts in our wider region. The stability we help build contributes directly to the security and prosperity of Asia. We are convinced that security is indivisible, as the experience of recent years has made abundantly clear.

This is a conviction that Turkiye and Japan hold in common. That is why we were pleased to welcome Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi and Defense Minister Shinjiro Koizumi to Ankara during the NATO Summit in July. The meeting of NATO with Indo-Pacific partners reaffirmed that the security of the Euro-Atlantic and that of the Indo-Pacific are inseparable.

That is the spirit in which Turkiye engages with Japan, and we are gratified that it is reciprocated at the highest level. Meeting President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in New York last month, Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi likened our relations to "two wings supporting the vast expanse of Asia from the east and the west." The prime minister also expressed Japan's high appreciation for Turkiye's mediation efforts in our region, and our leaders agreed to maintain close communication on regional and international issues. Moving forward, we seek to deepen our cooperation, including in trade, investment, higher education, the defense industry, and the green and digital transformations.

We would also benefit greatly from combining our strengths in mediation and peacebuilding, and we follow with great interest the growing importance Japan attaches to this field. Our state capacity, our presence on the ground through 264 diplomatic missions and our experience in crisis management make Turkiye a reliable partner for Japan across the globe.

Energy connectivity offers another promising avenue for our partnership. In August, Japan announced a comprehensive plan to strengthen the resilience of its energy supply. Turkiye, which lies at the meeting point of energy routes linking the Caspian Sea, the Middle East and Europe, can significantly contribute to that goal.

When Japanese finance and technology are combined with Turkiye's geography, energy connectivity becomes more diverse and more resilient. To this end, we are working in close consultation with the Japanese authorities to convene the second Turkiye-Japan Energy Forum.

In closing, as we celebrate the 103rd anniversary of our republic, I extend my warmest wishes to the friendly people of Japan and look with confidence to the future of our partnership.



Hot air balloons fly over the "fairy chimney" rock formations in Cappadocia. EMBASSY OF TURKIYE

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The Galata Tower Museum is a Romanesque building in Istanbul dating back to 1348 and was formerly a watchtower. EMBASSY OF TURKIYE



The travertine pools at Pamukkale are white stepped mineral basins formed by calcium-rich thermal spring water. EMBASSY OF TURKIYE

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