Celebrating 51 years of independence

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In 2026, Angola will mark the 51st anniversary of its national independence and the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations with Japan — two milestones that reaffirm the importance of sovereignty, peace, national unity and the strengthening of bilateral cooperation.

Proclaimed on Nov. 11, 1975, by Dr. Antonio Agostinho Neto, Angola's first president, independence marked the beginning of a new chapter in the country's history. However, Angola faced political, economic and social challenges, including a 27-year armed conflict that resulted in human casualties, the destruction of infrastructure and severe consequences for the population.

The achievement of peace on April 4, 2002, paved the way for national reconciliation, the reconstruction of the country and the resumption of economic and social development.

The motto "United for a Unified And Indivisible Democratic Angola," in celebration of national independence, reinforces the commitment to a democratic state governed by the rule of law, economic diversification, macroeconomic stability and the reduction of social inequalities.

In the area of bilateral cooperation, Japan is an important partner for the modernization of the Angolan economy through investment, technological innovation, vocational training and knowledge transfer. Greater participation by Japanese companies could contribute to job creation, the development of national skills and the strengthening of public-private partnerships.

Diplomatic relations between Angola and Japan, established in September 1976, will enter their fifth decade this year. An important milestone in economic cooperation was the entry into force on July 1, 2024, of the Japan-Angola Investment Agreement, aimed at improving investment conditions and strengthening economic ties between the countries.

Cooperation priorities include energy, oil, strategic minerals, infrastructure, agriculture, manufacturing and vocational training. Collaboration with the Japan International Cooperation Agency and Angola's participation in the Tokyo International Conference on African Development have contributed to these efforts.

The celebration of the 51st anniversary of Angola's independence and the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations with Japan provides an opportunity to renew the commitment to political dialogue, economic and technical cooperation, cultural exchange and the development of mutually beneficial partnerships for the benefit of the peoples of both countries.

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Far left: The vast expanse of the Namib Desert meets the Atlantic Ocean in the Tigres Strait. Left: The waters of the Okavango River meander through a biodiverse ecosystem. EMBASSY OF ANGOLA



The sheer cliffs of the Tundavala Gap on the Chela Plateau soar past 2,200 meters in elevation and plunge abruptly between 1,000 and 1,200 meters. EMBASSY OF ANGOLA

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