

Serbia national day

Future growth through mutual cooperation

Bojana Adamovic Dragovic
AMBASSADOR OF SERBIA



It is my great privilege and distinct honor to express my deepest respect and warmest wishes to Their Imperial Majesties Emperor

Akihito and Empress Michiko, members of the Imperial Family, as well as to H.E. Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda, the government and friendly people of Japan, on the occasion of the National Day of Serbia. I would also like to take this opportunity to greet esteemed readers of The Japan Times, and on behalf of the Embassy of Serbia in Japan to extend my best wishes for the well-being and prosperity of the Japanese people and of all Serbian citizens residing in Japan.

The year behind us was very important for the further development of bilateral political relations between Serbia and Japan. President of the Republic of Serbia Boris Tadic visited Japan in March, and the Speaker of the Serbian Parliament Slavica Djukic Dejanovic in November.



President of the Republic of Serbia Boris Tadic

Both of them had fruitful talks with the highest Japanese dignitaries, and these visits gave a strong impetus for the further strengthening of political ties between our countries. President Tadic's visit had a historical connotation because it was the first visit ever by a Serbian head of state to Japan.

Last year was marked by important events in other fields of bilateral cooperation as well. The first yen loan was granted by the Japanese government to Serbia for a project related to environ-

mental protection in the thermo-electric power plant Nikola Tesla (TENT) near Belgrade. Furthermore, since May 2011, Serbian citizens can enter and stay in Japan up to 90 days without visas.

After the disastrous earthquake that hit Japan on March 11 last year, Serbian people showed compassion for and empathy with the friendly Japanese people, providing them with financial aid and moral support, organizing various charity events as a sign of friendship. This was also a display of gratitude for the continuous help and aid that Japan has granted to Serbia so far. As a proverb says, "A friend in need is a friend indeed."

This year we celebrate 130 years since the King of Serbia Milan I of the house of Obrenovic

informed Emperor Meiji in 1882 about Serbia becoming an internationally recognized state at the Berlin Congress in 1878, and about himself becoming Serbian king. Emperor Meiji replied and this exchange of letters between two sovereigns represents the first official communication between Serbia and Japan.

Serbia sees Japan as one of its most important partners and friends, and gives high priority to the further strengthening of bilateral relations in all fields, including culture, science, sports and people-to-people exchange. Japan has continuously been supporting Serbia's path toward European Union integration and recognizes its important role in the region of the Western Balkans and Southeast Europe. We



Engineering marvel: Opened this year on Jan. 1, the Ada Bridge spans the River Sava and connects Cukarica and New Belgrade, two of the capital's municipalities. EMBASSY OF SERBIA

are now focusing on the development of economic ties by attracting more Japanese investors and tourists to Serbia, introducing them to the opportunities

for doing business, as well as whichever possibilities Serbia could offer as a friend located at a crossroads of civilizations, cultures and markets.

Helping support bilateral relations

Ichiro Aisawa
PRESIDENT, JAPAN-SERBIA PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE

On behalf of the Japan-Serbia Parliamentary Friendship League, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Serbia and also on the occasion of the 130th year since the exchange of letters between Emperor Meiji and King Milan I of Serbia in 1882.

In March 2011, H.E. Boris Tadic, president of the Republic of Serbia, visited Japan. Later, in November 2011, H.E. Slavica Djukic Dejanovic, speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, visited Japan. These visits to Japan were the first ever by the Serbian president and the Serbian speaker.

I am sure that these historical visits have further strengthened and developed the relations between Japan and Serbia in various fields.

The Japan-Serbia Parliamentary Friendship League will continue to render its support for the promotion of such relations.



Hoping for further prosperity for Serbia, developing ties with Japan

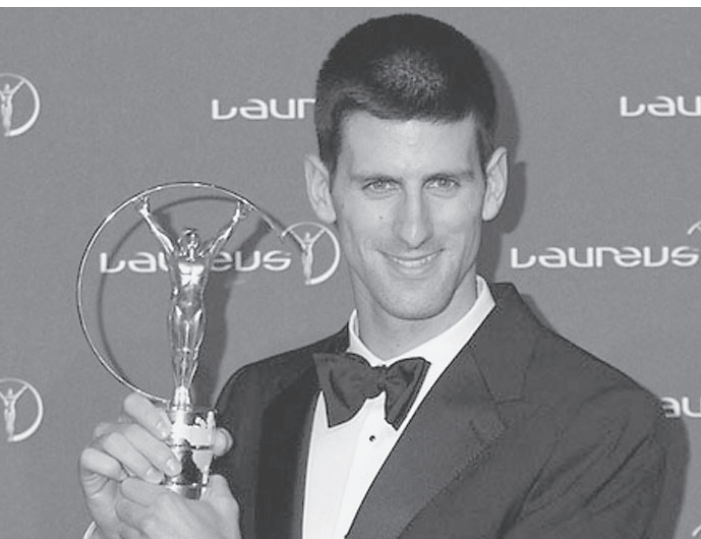
Naohide Ueyama
HONORARY CONSUL GENERAL,
HONORARY CONSULATE GENERAL OF
SERBIA IN OSAKA





On the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Serbia, I would like to express my heartiest congratulations on behalf of


the Honorary Consulate General of the Republic of Serbia in Osaka.

For more than seven years since I was assigned to the post of honorary consul general in 2004, I have worked to the best of my ability to enhance the amicable relationship between Serbia and Japan. I sincerely hope for the further prosperity of the Republic of Serbia and the development of friendly bilateral ties.




Top class: Serbian tennis player Novak Djokovic, ranked No. 1 in the world, wins Sportsman of the Year at the Laureus Sports Awards in London on Feb. 6. EMBASSY OF SERBIA


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on the Occasion of National Day
Best wishes to the Republic of Serbia



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 on the Occasion
 of
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