

## Peru independence day

## Higher development with social inclusion

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AMBASSADOR OF PERU

Despite the current international economic stagnation and even the crisis in some of the most important markets where its exports are aimed, the Republic of Peru celebrates the 192nd anniversary of its independence proclama-



tion having a record average of growth among the emerging markets during the last 14 years. Since long ago, the Peruvian government has ceased to suffer from fiscal constraints and has continued to maintain a prudent management in the use of fiscal resources. The savings that have been generated in these boom years are being zealously invested in new infrastructure projects, which are changing the panorama and the landscape of the country, such as the Lima

Metro Line, transport and communications concessions, huge irrigation works, etc. The improvement of country risk level, the trade policy, deep integration and market access, favorable climate for doing business and the potential for many economic sectors determine the increasing flow of foreign investment to Peru.

However, as noted by President Ollanta Humala, the Peruvian state not only promotes growth, but also social progress. Therefore, new social programs have been implemented to support the elderly, children under 3 years old, scholarships for students and better minimum living wages. A central goal of the Peruvian government is social inclusion.

At the international level, Peru has been actively participating in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations as well as the Pacific Alliance, which links it with Mexico, Colombia and Chile, and Japan as an observer. During the past year, the relationship with Japan has continued to strengthen through the official visit to Japan that was made by President Humala in May 2012. Several mutual visits at the ministerial level have been made, among which stands out that of the Minister of Foreign Affairs Fumio Kishida to Lima on April 30 and May 1 this year. In addition, on May 9, an investment roadshow took place in Tokyo, organized by the Embassy of Peru in Japan and the Peruvian Private Investment Promotion Agency, in order to bring first-hand information to large Japanese corporations on a broad portfolio of investment projects.

This year is particularly im-



**Ancient history:** Sacsayhuaman Cusco is a walled complex on the northern outskirts of the city of Cusco, the former capital of the Inca Empire. Right, Sillustani Puno is a pre-Incan burial ground on the shores of Lake Umayo near Puno.

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portant for Nippo-Peruvian relations because on Aug. 21 Peru and Japan commemorate 140 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two nations, an event that will be highlighted with a series of activities to be held during the next month in both capitals. Viewing this long tradition of tangible friendship between the two countries and the fact of sharing so many common values like the defense of peace, the democratic system and free markets, I think that I am able

to predict a promising future for our deep partnership in all areas, such as economic-trade, cultural, academic, scientific and of course in everything related to the interaction due to the presence of the Japanese and Nikkei community resident in Peru and the Peruvian community in Japan. On behalf of the Embassy of Peru in Japan and our five consulates, I wish to convey to the Peruvian community living in Japan the best compliments on these national holidays.



**Holy spirit:** Lanzon de Chavin is a statue symbolizing the deity of the ancient Chavin culture in the Andes Mountains.

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## Celebrating 140 years of relations

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On behalf of the Japan-Peru Business Committee (CEPE-JA), I am very much honored to extend my warmest congratulations to the people and government of the Republic of Peru as the country celebrates its 192nd Independence Day on July 28.



Incidentally, 2013 also marks the 140th anniversary of Japan-Peru diplomatic relations. To commemorate this auspicious occasion, a variety of events have been organized this summer in Peru, through which I sincerely hope that our two nations can mutually deepen the traditional and people-to-people friendship that exists

between the two countries.

Economically, Japan-Peru ties have expanded substantially over the past decade along with Peru's booming economy, driven primarily by the strong global demand for minerals and other natural resources. In fact, the amount of trade between the two countries has more than tripled during this period, though trade and investment patterns have essentially remained the same with traditional focus placed on mineral and natural resources. That is, Japan imports primary commodities from Peru such as copper, zinc, fishmeal etc., while exporting machinery and finished products. However, the remarkable change in the situation in recent years comes from Peru's strong domestic demand led by its growing middle class. This will continue to contribute to further increases in bilateral trade between the two countries in the future.

It is very important to note that these bilateral relations are beginning to take on a new dynamic dimension via the unfolding initiatives of free-trade and regional integration known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) in the Pacific Rim and as the Pacific Alliance in the Americas on the Pacific coast. We believe these schemes will open up an expanded sphere of free trade across Asia and the Pacific Americas.

When it is officially implemented, the TPP, a framework for free-trade regions in the Asia-Pacific, will encompass a wide range of geographical areas representing 40 percent of the world's gross domestic product (GDP), and will offer tremendous opportunities and challenges to both Japan and Peru. On the other hand, the Pacific Alliance will eventually link the four economies of Chile, Colombia, Mexico and

Peru together by practically eliminating trade and investment barriers and ensuring labor mobility among them. With a bilateral pact (EPA) in place with Peru and other member countries, Japan should be able to establish good working relations with the alliance, which has a population of well over 200 million.

Regarding this connection, we are pleased to announce that we have selected the Pacific Alliance as one of the plenary agendas in the 11th Japan-Peru Business Committee to be held on Aug. 20 in Lima in order to jointly explore with our Peruvian counterpart new business opportunities that may arise from the Pacific Alliance.

In closing, please allow us to extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes to the government and people of the Republic of Peru on this important day.



Discovery: A new geoglyph in Peru is officially announced by a Yamagata University research team April 12. YAMAGATA UNIVERSITY

## Japanese researchers find new Nasca art

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A Yamagata University research team found a new geoglyph on the Nasca Pampa in Peru and announced it April 12, 2013.

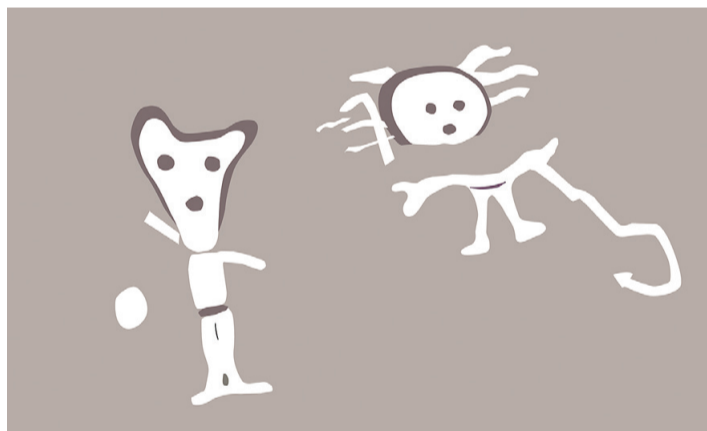


Our team found this geoglyph at 2011 and have reported it to the Ministry of Culture of Peru. But we did not immediately make an announcement of this discovery since we had planned

to create its graphic image by the laser measurements.

The geoglyph is composed of two human-like figures. The left one is about 13 meters long, and its head's shape is an inverse triangle. The other is 9 meters long, and its head is roundish. This head has lines stretching in a radial fashion that look like hair. It holds something like a whip with its left hand. Interestingly, its head is separate from its body, suggesting that it is a drawing of a beheaded person.

The way the newly-discovered geoglyph was drawn is different from that of the famous hummingbird. The lines of the hummingbird were drawn by removing pebbles, while lines of the



Seeking meaning: A rendering of the newly found geoglyph shows it is composed of two human-like figures: one is with an inverse-triangle-shaped head and the other with a roundish head, which is separated from its body. YAMAGATA UNIVERSITY

new geoglyph were drawn not only by removing pebbles, but also by piling up the removed pebbles.

In January 2011, our team had already announced another geoglyph of the "head of a be-

headed man," drawn with the same method as the latest discovery. This drawing method is thought to have been used in the late Paracas period (400 B.C. to 200 B.C.), earlier than when the hummingbird method is applied.

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