

# Senegal independence day

## Moving with a new impetus on an optimal trajectory

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Today, April 4, 2015, the Republic of Senegal is celebrating the 55th anniversary of its independence. On this auspicious occasion, I would like, first of all, to express my respectful best wishes of good health and longevity to Their Imperial Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, as well as the entire Imperial family.



I would like also to congratulate my fellow citizens, particularly those living in Japan.

This forum is also an opportunity for me to renew my gratitude to the government and people of Japan for their longstanding friendship and cooperation with Senegal.

After 55 years of peace, democracy, stability and good governance, Senegal aspires to become an emerging country by 2035 and since H.E. President Macky Sall took office in 2012, the country is definitely on the path of inclusive socio-economic development.

In the "Plan Senegal Emergent," adopted in 2013, with the support of all Senegalese partners, including Japan,

the private sector is a key partner and I would like to encourage Japanese investors to take advantage of the favorable business environment and high-potential sectors in Senegal by investing in areas such as agriculture, energy, fishing, mining, infrastructure, education, technology and innovation.

For the 2014 to 2018 period, a priority action plan (PAP) has been set to operationalize the Plan Senegal Emergent through the alignment of strategic priorities, sectorial targets and lines of action with development projects and programs.

In the PAP, 18 strategic developmental and capital-intensive projects to be funded and implemented through public-private partnerships (PPP) have been identified.

The PPP component of the PAP covers the following areas:

- Infrastructure and transport services with the construction of the tramway in Dakar and the regional air hub project;
- Agriculture with two flagship projects: the development of three to four grain corridors and the establishment of 100 to 150 aggregation projects focused on HVA and livestock sectors;
- Housing and the living environment with two flagship



H.E. President Macky Sall of the Republic of Senegal

projects: the acceleration in the supply of social housing programs, and the "Business Park" center for the region's headquarters and base of living;

• Tourism with an integrated tourism development flag-

ship project;

• Education and training, mainly university residence construction projects and the "Dakar Reference Regional Campus";

• Mines and quarries with

the stimulus flagship project of the integrated project on the Faleme iron mine;

- Industry with the integrated industrial platforms flagship project;
- Drinking water and sanitation with the construction of a seawater desalination plant;
- Health with the flagship project "Dakar Medical City";
- Trade with the flagship project of areas dedicated to ready-to-use export services.

The completion of these projects will position Senegal as a hub for the dynamic West Africa Region with its 340 million consumers and a 6.7 to 7.4 percent growth rate expected in 2015.

With an autonomous port, an integrated special economic zone, a new international airport, a modern motorway, a fully digitalized telecommunications network and young and qualified human resources, Senegal is one of the most attractive business destinations in Africa.

The private sector of Japan, which is known for its good practices, for fulfilling the promises it makes, for being the best partner for long term investments, as well as for reliability and quality has an important role to play in Senegal and I hope they will answer positively the call made by



Above, Senegal offers fantastic sport fishing opportunities. EMBASSY OF SENEGAL

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe during the fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V) Summit in Yokohama: "Growth is in Africa, and now is the time to invest."

While looking forward to more Japanese companies in Senegal, I would like to thank those investing already with a special mention for the sponsors of this publication.

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The Blaise Diagne International Airport, which is currently under construction, will serve as the new airport for Dakar from 2015. EMBASSY OF SENEGAL

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