

# Guinea National Day

## Working to strengthen bilateral partnership

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On this happy occasion to celebrate the Oct. 2, Anniversary of Accession of the Republic of Guinea to national and international sovereignty, it is for me a great pleasure to thank the invitation and the staff of the The Japan Times to allow me to address to their loyal readers.

I am also addressing my most ardent wishes of happiness and of health to Their Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko and the Imperial family, as well as expressing my feelings of peacefulness, prosperity and progress to the dear people of Japan.

I would like, in this regard, to reiterate my profound determination and my commitment to work with the whole social and economic structures of Japan in order to bring up to yet a higher level the overall and multifiform exemplary cooperation in the service

of the aspirations of both of our countries' friendly peoples.

This year's celebration of the anniversary of our country coincides with the key events having undoubtedly an important impact in the sociocultural, political and economic evolution of the Republic of Guinea.

These events include the election of the Republic of Guinea as president of the African Union with the naming of His Excellency President of the Republic of Guinea Alpha Conde as rotating chairman of the continental organization, thus marking a fundamental step both as a diplomatic move and for rehabilitation of the leadership of the Guinea through the head of state.

The 29th summit of the heads of state and of governments of the member countries of the African Union that organized this event focused upon the major issues for the continent, including the reform of the institution and the solution of several crises.

Another theme of the 29th summit was to "Promote the demographic dividend by investing on the youth."

The choice made by UNESCO for Conakry, the capital of the Republic of Guinea, to host the event "Conakry, World Book Capital."

This event of great cultural significance represents 12 months of cultural events, theatrical representation, ballets and workshops ready to welcome Guineans and editors of the whole world in order to celebrate art and literature.

The aim of my country is to perpetuate this big rendezvous and to turn Conakry into the African book capital, as Ouagadougou is for the cinema.

I wish to thank Japan that offered five media libraries to Guinea.

Another key event was the official visit by our president from July 19 to 22.

This first visit of its kind in the annals of Japanese-Guinean cooperation provided opportunities to undertake concrete actions aimed at strengthening the cooperation between our countries.

This visit enabled us to implement important projects in the fields of education, hydraulics, fishing, agriculture and development of top-quality infrastructure such as the Kaka Bridge on the National Road No.1, which is the fundamental axis for the country in terms of fluidity of traffic of people and goods.

I would not like to end my speech without



offering my most fraternal greetings and best wishes to the dynamic Guinean diaspora residents.

Participation of the diaspora constitutes a veritable lever for development of the country. For this purpose, we must work hand in hand to align our positions and achieve the successes making our country a hub for economic partnership and an example of development in the region.

Long live Guinea-Japanese cooperation.

Long live international cooperation.

Happy independence and may God bless Guinea and the Guinean people.

**The leaders of Japan and Guinea attend the signing of the Cooperation Agreement on the Economic and Social Development Plan on July 20 in Tokyo.** SITE INTERNET GUINEEN / AFRICAGUINEE.COM

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