

Tunisia National Day Special

High-level visits and exchanges promote 'excellent' bonds

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AMBASSADOR OF TUNISIA



As Tunisia celebrates today the 63rd Anniversary of its Independence, I would like to take this auspicious occasion to express my great pleasure in addressing the distinguished readers

of The Japan Times.

I seize this opportunity to offer my gratitude to the Japanese government and people for their continued support of Tunisia

since its independence; and particularly in this crucial phase of its history, backing our efforts to tackle huge economic and social challenges. Having established diplomatic relations in 1956, Tunisia and Japan cherish excellent bonds of friendship and cooperation, which have prospered into a mature partnership.

Sharing the same values, our two countries enjoy a momentum of excellent relations as the exchange of high officials' visits knows a remarkable vitality. Highlights of these were the visit of Minister of Foreign Affairs Khemaies Jhinaoui to Japan in November 2017; the visit of Foreign Minister Taro Kono to Tunisia in December; and the recent visit to Japan of Secretary

of State for Foreign Affairs Sabri Bachtobji. His visit on this occasion saw the holding of the 10th session of the Japan-Tunisia Joint Committee on Feb. 7.

Considering its strategic location, qualified human resources and modern investment and trade regulations, Tunisia stands today as one of the most reliable countries for Japanese companies, guaranteeing a better access to European, African and Arab markets.

Since Japan will be hosting the seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development this summer, Tunisia will take part at the most appropriate level at this event, with the participation of an important business delegation, seeking to estab-

lish partnerships with Japanese companies.

Tunisia is well-prepared to contribute actively to Tokyo's commendable efforts in hosting the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and we will work with our Japanese friends to promote people-to-people exchanges.

Finally, I would like to convey my best wishes to all Tunisian expatriates in Japan, for whom this day is indeed a special and important occasion.



The Amphitheatre of El Jem was built in the third century. It is one of the best-preserved Roman stone ruins and the largest colosseum in North Africa.

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Looking toward further cooperation and a flourishing friendship

YOSHIRO MORI
HONORARY PRESIDENT, JAPAN-TUNISIA
PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE



On the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Tunisia, it is my great pleasure to extend to the friendly Tunisian people and the country's leadership, my warmest

congratulations and best wishes for success and further prosperity.

Since the times of Carthage and the great leader Hannibal, Tunisia is known for the perseverance and the resilience of its people. As such, Tunisia has always been one of Japan's closest friends, since we share the same human and universal values.

On my capacity as chairman of Hannibal Club Japan and honorary president of the Japan-Tunisia Parliamentary Committee, I would like to reiterate my determination to continue supporting the efforts aiming

at further consolidating the long-standing bonds of friendship and cooperation between our two countries.

As Japan will host the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2020, we are looking forward to welcoming the Tunisian athletes and supporters, known for their enthusiasm and

their passion for their country, and we hope that they will contribute to the success of the Games, on the sports level, as well as on the human and cultural levels. We hope also, in this regard, that Japan and Tunisia will further cooperate and contribute to shaping a better world for future generations.

NOBUO KISHI
CHAIRMAN, JAPAN-TUNISIA
PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

On the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Tunisia, I am pleased to extend, on behalf of the honorable members of the Japan-Tunisia Parliamentary Committee, my warmest congratulations and best wishes to the members of the Tunisian parliament and government, as well as the friendly people of Tunisia.



and foreign investment. This will certainly continue to make the country an inspiring state for other nations hoping for a better

model of governance. While succeeding in its democratic transition, Tunisia is embarking upon a huge process of economic recovery, undertaking major reforms to encourage and enhance domestic

model of governance.

Japan has been a long-standing and historic friend of Tunisia, and will continue its support of the Tunisian government and people to further boost its economic revitalization and enhance its democracy.

With an interesting exchange of visits of high-ranking officials between the two countries, we are more determined today to further enhance our bilateral cooperation in different fields and keep up this momentum for a more prosperous and long-lasting partnership between Tunisia and Japan.

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on the 63rd Anniversary
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Remains of Carthage, the city-state founded in the ninth century

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