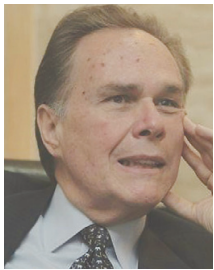


Peru National Day Special

Sharing a history of close bonds

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It has been 120 years since the first group of 790 Japanese immigrants arrived in Peru, aboard the Sakura Maru. They left the port of Yokohama toward Callao and became part of a common history

between Peru and Japan. The first of them traveled with little luggage but with many expectations, dreams and great determination. That unwavering will, so characteristic of the Japanese idiosyncrasy, was vital to overcoming difficulties on the way to their destination.

Because of that, Japanese culture became one of the cornerstones of our multicultural society and its descendants constitute a very respectable community. That was the origin of the history of Japanese immigration to Peru and its presence in the national culture, which has had a tremendous impact in my country. Currently, there are up to five generations — those who first arrived in Peru, or issei, and their children (nisei), grandchildren (sansei), great-grandchildren (yonsei) and great-great-grandchildren (gosei), which see Peru's rich and diverse heritage converge with Japanese tradition.

During this year, when we commemorate the 198th anniversary of our national independence, we also celebrate the 120th anniversary of Japanese immigration to Peru, which is why we are carrying out lots of activities in Lima and Tokyo. For example, Princess Mako has just visited Peru, following a tradition initiated by her grandparents and her parents.

A beautiful artistic exhibition by young Nikkei artists, who with their proposals invite the audience to reflect on what it means to be part of an inheritance that goes back to their Japanese roots, will take place at the Cervantes Institute in Tokyo. It is an encounter that amalgamates our two cultures, revalues the past, lives in the present and projects itself into the future.

It is known that Peru and Japan share a history of close friendship, which today more than ever materializes in a whole set of shared values and our common membership of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum and the Comprehensive and



From right: Ambassador Harold Forsyth, Princess Mako and the ambassador's wife Veronica Forsyth at the ambassador's residence in Tokyo on June 11 EMBASSY OF PERU

Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership. It is necessary to affirm that we agree in our vision on the situation that is now affecting Venezuela and the common demand for a democratic process and free elections.

Indeed, today, our two countries actively share values such as respect and promo-

tion of human rights, separation of powers as well as the rule of law. All of these have contributed to giving a new dimension to Peruvian-Japanese relations, formally and successfully established in 1873.

It is also important to highlight Japan's interest in the Pacific Alliance, a dynamic and flexible trade bloc that brings together Chile, Colombia, Peru and Mexico with an aim to follow common policies that actively incorporate the private sector. Earlier this month, Japan signed a declaration and an action plan with the Pacific Alliance that sets clear goals in the short and medium-term.

This year has a singular importance for Japan — it is the beginning of the Reiwa Era and the assumption of the Chrysanthemum Throne by Their Majesties, Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, both of whom we wish a long and productive life. Peruvians, for sure, join in the jubilation of the Japanese people during such a historical event.

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Economic growth offers opportunities in exchanges

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National Day.

This year marks the 120th anniversary of Japanese nationals systematically immigrating to Peru, and it is positioned as "Japan-Peru Friendship Year" to enhance bilateral exchanges between the two nations.

The 13th Japan-Peru Business Committee meeting will be held in Lima on Nov. 18 and 19 of this year as a part of the 2019

On behalf of the Japan-Peru Business Committee, I am delighted to extend my warmest congratulations to the people and government of Peru as the country celebrates its

Japan-Peru Friendship Year Program. We would like to offer opportunities to see Peru, such as its successful Japanese factories, huge investment in copper mines, large-scale irrigation facilities, and the UNESCO World Heritage site Machu Picchu. We are expecting as many people as possible to learn about and grasp the potentiality of Peru.

Peru is experiencing steady economic growth and domestic demand is increasing along with rise in a national income, making it an attractive market for Japanese companies.

Peru is expanding exports of mineral resources, as well as agricultural products and fishery products to global markets, and has the potential to become an important food supply source for Japan as well.

Peru is the country with which Japan has the longest diplomatic relationship among all countries in the Latin American

region, and Japan and Peru are important economic partners, tied by the Japan-Peru Economic Partnership Agreement.

As a part of the Japanese business community, we are expecting the early conclusion of a bilateral tax treaty and the early completion of the domestic procedures for the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership in Peru, to further expand investment and establish a wide-area supply chain.

Lastly, this year Peru placed second at Copa America, in which the Samurai Japan also participated, which was a big topic in Japan. Also, in 2020, the Olympic and Paralympic Games will be held in Tokyo.

We hope that mutual understanding and exchange in a wide range of fields of both countries will be significantly deepened through not only business, but also sports and culture.

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