
Kyrgyz National Day Special

Firm hopes to boost ties during Reiwa Era

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On the occasion of the 28th Independence Day of the Kyrgyz Republic, I would like to extend to the readers of the The Japan Times my warm greetings and best wishes.

Today, my compatriots celebrate a significant day in the history of Kyrgyzstan that provides them with an opportunity to realize the values of freedom and open society. This day also provides us an opportunity to reflect on the relationship between the Kyrgyz Republic and Japan.

Kyrgyzstan has engaged in active and fruitful cooperation with Japan since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1992. Japan is a partner of Kyrgyzstan in building democracy and market economy development. In years past, the relations between our countries have made good headway in the spirit of friendship and cooperation, both at bilateral and multilateral levels.

The people of Kyrgyzstan are grateful to the people of Japan for the large-scale and effective support extended from the first days of Kyrgyzstan's independence.

I have had the privilege and honor to be the first ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic to Japan in the Reiwa Era. On June 13, I presented my credentials to His Majesty Emperor Naruhito. I am going to make all efforts to advance the relationship between our two countries to a new level of mutually beneficial cooperation in this era of "beautiful harmony."

In view of the transfer of the Kyrgyz Republic to the parliamentary system of governance, the experience of Japan is of particular value to us. The Japan-Kyrgyzstan Parliamentary League of Friendship, headed by Gen Nakatani, makes significant efforts in promoting bilateral cooperation.

Kyrgyzstan is interested in attracting Japanese advanced technologies contributing to the harmonious coexistence of humans and nature. My country has limited reserves of oil and natural gas, but has a strong potential to generate clean electricity. In the future, I am convinced that Kyrgyzstan will be a large "eco-country."

I would like to take this opportunity to

call for Japanese investment in Kyrgyzstan. We are interested in the wide presence of the Japanese business in Kyrgyzstan, especially in mutually beneficial projects in the field of transportation and communications, the mining industry, energy, agriculture and tourism. To add to the list of above mentioned foreign investment-friendly attractions, Kyrgyzstan offers visa-free entry for citizens of Japan.

The Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic in Tokyo welcomes Japanese companies that are interested in cooperation with Kyrgyzstan and is ready to support them.

I am very pleased to note the intensification of cultural and humanitarian cooperation. Academic partnerships between institutions of Kyrgyzstan and Japan are expanding, while the number of young people from Kyrgyzstan studying in Japan is increasing.

Finally, I am pleased to congratulate my compatriots and Japanese friends of Kyrgyzstan on the Independence Day of the Kyrgyz Republic.

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