# **Colombia** Independence Day Special

## Shared values buttress hopes for recovery

year, Colombia has made a historic decision

without precedent in the region: The Colom-

Protection Statute for Venezuelan Migrants

to regularize Venezuelan migrants, allow-

ing them to transition from a temporary

protection status to an ordinary migratory

one. This exemplifies the commitment of the

government of Colombia to the protection of

July 20 is also the opportunity to celebrate

the special bond with our longstanding allies,

among which, of course, is Japan, our old-

democracy and the rule of law are shared

est partner in Asia. The defense of freedom,

values and objectives toward which we will

keep working together in the years to come.

human rights with solidarity and a respon-

sible approach.

bian government issued the Temporary

#### SANTIAGO PARDO AMBASSADOR OF COLOMBIA



Our Independence Day is a unique opportunity to celebrate Colombia and the people that shape it as a nation. This vear's celebration honors our efforts to tackle the pandemic and reach a sound

This commemoration offers the opportunity to acknowledge the remaining challenges and celebrate our achievements as a nation. The government of the Republic of Colombia has been working tirelessly towards a sustainable recovery, including economic growth that comes along with social development, massive vaccinations and conscious environmental action.

Today, we highlight our permanent defense of the rule of law, the democratic order and the principle of solidarity. This

Nuqui, a municipality in the department of Choco where sea and jungle fuse into one of the most spectacular natural landscapes in Colombia PROCOLOMBL





The wax palm, Colombia's national tree, thrives in the Cocora Valley in the town of Salento, growing up to 60 meters high. PROCOLOMBIA

### Overcoming hurdles to growth

#### TATSUMARO TERAZAWA

PRESIDENT OF THE COLOMBIA-IAPAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

On behalf of the

Japan Colombia

Friendship Asso-

ciation, I would

like to extend my

sincere congratu-

dent Ivan Duque

and all the Colom-

lations to Presi-



bian people on their Independence Day. Since the signing of the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation in 1908, Japan and Colombia have maintained dynamic political, economic and cultural relations for many years. In particular, the relationship

between the two countries has deepened as a consequence of the improvement of the security situation and sustained economic growth in past years.

However, Colombia has been greatly economically impacted, on one hand by the influx of Venezuelan migration in recent years, and on the other hand by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to a rise in social tensions.

We hope the Colombian people overcome these obstacles to achieve strong economic growth based on the tradition of freedom of speech and participatory democracy.

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### Working together on commerce

#### **KEN KOBAYASHI**

CHAIRMAN, JAPAN-COLOMBIA ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. KEIDANREN



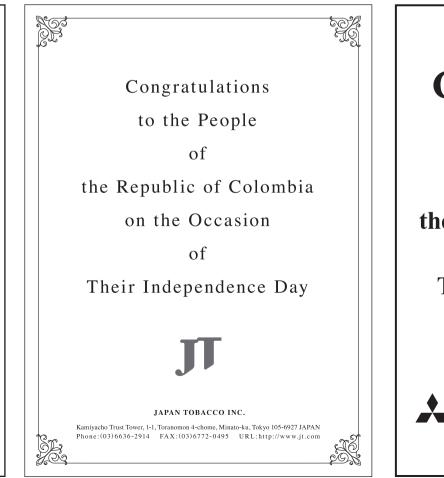
Colombia Eco-I am honored to offer my warmest congratulations to the government and people of the

bia on the 211th anniversary of their independence.

As the world continues to combat the coronavirus, Japan and Colombia are both accelerating vaccination programs. which are critical to bringing a swift end to this difficult situation. It is in the same spirit that both our countries remain committed to working together to fur-

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ther strengthen bilateral economic and cultural ties well beyond the current challenges.

As part of such ongoing efforts, I congratulate the Senate of Colombia on its recent approval of the tax convention between Japan and Colombia, which will eliminate double taxation and prevent tax evasion. and I look forward to its ratification in the near future. I also look forward to the early conclusion of a Japan-Colombia economic partnership agreement. This is expected to build on current momentum to further expand trade and investment between our countries under an agreed free and fair trade framework.

In closing, I extend my very best wishes for the good health and prosperity of Colombians and reaffirm the committee's firm commitment to further enhance the economic relationship between our two countries.

### **Congratulations**

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the Republic of Colombia on

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