

Liberia Independence Day Special

Strong relations built on mutual trust

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The vision of His Excellency George Weah, president of the Republic of Liberia, is that Liberia remains a reconciled society in which all who reside therein, citizens and foreign-

ers without exception, do so in a general atmosphere of happiness and safety.

Sadly, this year, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Liberians will not celebrate their 174th Independence Day anniversary with the usual traditional pomp and pageantry.

But still, there is every reason to be jubilant: This year, in September Liberia will observe the 60th anniversary of its diplomatic relations with Japan. It will be an opportunity for rededication to a



President George Weah EMBASSY OF LIBERIA

continued state of harmony and peaceful interaction between not just public officials, but more so between the peoples of both nations. Liberia wants to broaden the relationship by encouraging greater travel of Japanese to Liberia and Liberians to Japan. Liberia will remain involved in furthering the cordial relations with

Japan at both the bilateral and multilateral levels.

The government of Liberia is focused on road connectivity to stimulate the national economy; expansion of its energy and telecommunications systems; strengthening of the agriculture sector with a focus on food production on a commercial scale; and improving the educational system by creating a conducive and enabling environment for children, and by building the capacity of young people so they become productive members of society.

There are good reasons why the government of Liberia places a premium on the relationship with Japan: Through a very active and ongoing bilateral arrangement, Japan continues to assist Liberia in many areas, including most noticeably in the construction of roads and market buildings, the provision of medical support in the form of training and health care supplies, the construction of low-cost housing units in rural communities and in building the country's capacity to tackle issues of food security.



Let me seize this opportunity to express gratitude to the government and people of Japan, once again, on behalf of the president for the continued friendship and generous bilateral and multilateral support Japan has provided over the years toward Liberia's development processes.

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**Monrovia seen from
the top of the Ducor
Hotel** GETTY IMAGES

**Congratulations
to the People of
the Republic of Liberia
on the Anniversary of
Their Independence**

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