

Ecuador National Day Special

Economic openness and social inclusion

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Today, the Republic of Ecuador commemorates the 212th anniversary of the Proclamation of Independence, which represents an opportunity for the Ecuadorian nation to renew its deep appreciation and admiration for the men and women who on Aug. 10, 1809, with their patriotic deeds, incited the beginning of Ecuador's independence process toward a free and fair society.

On May 24, with the investiture of Guillermo Lasso as the 47th constitutional president, Ecuador began a new chapter in its democratic and independent life. There-with, significant challenges emerge, such as mitigating the social and economic effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and improving the Ecuadorian population's well-being through the strengthening of democracy and by achieving the fullest economic recovery possible.

In his inaugural speech, the president

expressed his determination to govern on behalf of all Ecuadorians and to recover the democratic spirit of our country. Thus, under the maxim of "Ecuador of the Encounter," the government is determined to build a more cohesive society oriented to open and inclusive dialogue, paving the way for the public consensus needed for establishing sustainable and integral developmental policies.

Likewise, the president, under the axiom "More Ecuador in the world and more world in Ecuador," has assured that Ecuador will promote free trade, open markets and interaction with the entire international community under the premises of collaboration and within the framework of international law.

Subsequently, the government of Ecuador is working to achieve free trade agreements with our main commercial partners and become a full-fledged member of the Pacific Alliance trade block comprising Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru. The negotiation of a trade agreement with the United States and the efficient implementation of the commercial treaty with the European Union are some of the goals that the Ecuadorian government has set out for itself during 2021.

Furthermore, Ecuador is actively engaged in specific fundamental initiatives, such as attracting investment in a climate of economic incentives and legal certainty, promoting tourism and culture, international cooperation for development on the most diverse fronts, and the fight against corruption. As part of these strategies, it is possible to highlight the re-entry of Ecuador to the International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and the prioritization of health for international cooperation, since a COVID-19 vaccination program accessible by the entire population is imperative in reducing unemployment and rebooting the national economy.

The government of Ecuador will continue to promote active diplomacy to maintain relations of friendship and mutual benefit with all countries, favoring the civilized coexistence of nations under the principles of international law. Therefore, Ecuador seeks to strengthen its engagement in fulfilling the 2030 agenda and the U.N. sustainable development goals.

In that light, it is relevant to underscore that relations between Ecuador and Japan continue to grow on the path of friendship

based on mutual respect and cooperation. Accordingly, our political dialogue has been enhanced, economic and commercial relations have seen steady progress, and cooperation has been helpful, especially during this pandemic we all are dealing with. Of particular transcendence in building stronger bilateral relations was the visit of State Minister for Foreign Affairs Takashi Uto to Ecuador in July for meetings with Ecuador's vice president, finance minister and vice minister of foreign affairs.

As in the past, the Embassy of Ecuador in Japan will continue to foster the bilateral relations of friendship and cooperation, emphasizing the consolidation of closer economic ties based on trade and investment. Furthermore, the commitment of the embassy is also oriented toward enhancing cooperation with both public and private institutions in Japan and promoting the exchange of people in various sectors at every level.

Finally, the Embassy of Ecuador wishes to convey, through The Japan Times, its sincere greetings to all Ecuadorian nationals living in Japan and the honorable Japanese people on the occasion of the 212th anniversary of the Proclamation Independence of Ecuador.



Guillermo Lasso
takes office as
president of Ecuador
in the National
Assembly on May 24.
PRESIDENCY ECUADOR



Cuenca was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1999 and the center of the city is known for its historical buildings.

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