

National Day of Angola

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Angolans renew determination to take their land to new heights

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On the auspicious occasion of the anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Angola, on behalf of the government and the people of the Republic of Angola and on my own behalf, I have the great honor to convey my warmest greetings to Their Imperial Majesties The Emperor and Empress of Japan, to the members of the Imperial family, to the government and to the friendly people of Japan. On this joyous occasion, I also wish to extend best wishes to the Angolan community and to the friends of Angola in Japan.



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Today, Angolans celebrate the unfurling of the black, red and yellow flag on Nov. 11, 1975, which marked the culmination of centuries of colonization by Portugal and the birth of Angola as a sovereign and independent state. On this great day, as we commemorate the past, celebrate the present and look forward to the future, the

Angolan government and Angolans from all walks of life reaffirm the pledge to continue to work with determination to take the country to new heights.

Since breaking the shackles of colonialism with the blood of our patriots and heroes, Angola has witnessed many challenges — including a devastating 27-year-long civil war — but has risen to the occasion at every turn with resilience and resolve, emerging stronger as a country that brims with hope and promise for a brighter and more prosperous future.

In another step to consolidate its young democracy, on Aug. 24, Angola held its fifth multi-party elections since 1992 and the fourth consecutive elections since



João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola

2008. Eight parties ran in the election vying for the presidency and 220 seats in the National Assembly. The National Electoral Commission declared the People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) as winner of the general elections. This year's elections were remarkable in that for the first time in the history of Angola, women were posted to the roles of Vice President and President of the National Assembly.

On Sept. 15, H. E. Mr. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço was sworn in for a second five-year term in office as the President of the Republic of Angola. The event was attended by more than 10 heads of state and government, as well as dozens of other representatives. From Japan, the Hon. Yoshitaka Sakurada, a member of the House of the Representatives, attended the ceremony as Special Envoy of Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

The year 2022 also marks 46 years since the establishment of bilateral relations between Angola and Japan. I am delighted to note that the friendly and cooperative relations between our two countries have been developing and expanding in several areas. The government of Angola highly values and expresses gratitude for the remarkable assistance and support rendered by the government of Japan to Angola over the

years, which have continuously contributed to the socio-economic development of the country.

After more than four decades of building cordial, friendly ties, I strongly believe that Angola-Japan relations will continue to grow and that the ties between our peoples and businesses will be further strengthened towards a common prosperity for both countries.

Congratulations
to the People of the Republic of Angola
on the Anniversary of their Independence



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