

## Tanzania, Japan enhancing ties via development projects

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This year we celebrate 59 years of the Union of the then Tanganyika and the State of Zanzibar that formed the United Republic of Tanzania, thanks in large measure to the Late Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, Father of the Nation and First President of the United Republic of Tanzania, and the Late Abeid Amani Karume, the First President of Zanzibar for this iconic Union.



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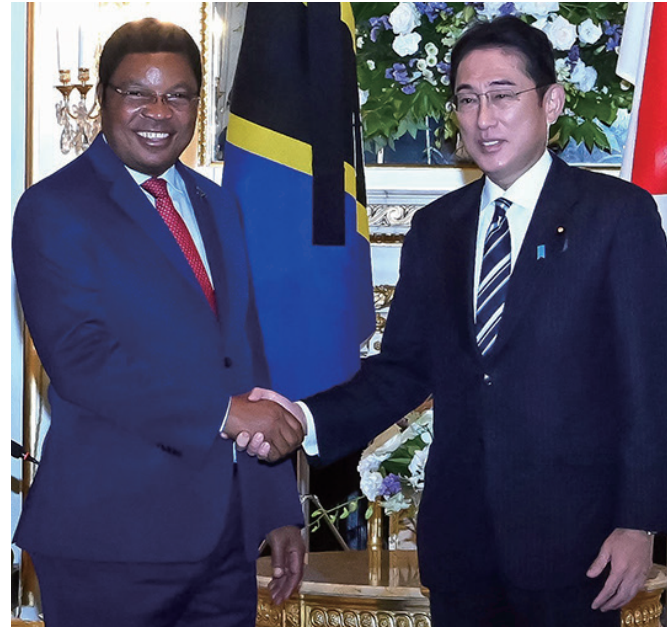
On behalf of the government and people of the United Republic of Tanzania, let me take this opportunity to express my esteem respect to Their Imperial Majesties the Emperor and Empress, and members of the Imperial family. I would also like to express my sincere greetings to Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and to the friendly and brotherly Japanese people.

After one year as Ambassador to Japan, I am satisfied with the excellent bilateral relations of our two countries that have been built over 62 years now. And I am particularly happy that over the past year a lot has been done to consolidate this relationship:

Number one, the Eighth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 8) was held in Tunis, Tunisia, in August 2022, and provided an opportunity to further strengthen cooperation between Japan and Tanzania. Prime Minister of Tanzania, Hon. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa, led the Tanzania delegation to this historic summit and held a virtual bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Kishida on the sidelines on matters of common concerns for our two countries.

Number two, Prime Minister Majaliwa attended the state funeral of the late Former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Tokyo on Sept. 27, 2022. Once again, Prime Minister Majaliwa met Prime Minister Kishida and exchanged ideas on a great deal of issues concerning bilateral cooperation between Tanzania and Japan.

Number three, Japan continues to partner with Tanzania in various forms. Today, the two countries enjoy a dynamic and multilayered partnership which keeps expanding into new areas. Japan supports Tanzania greatly in the fields of infrastructure development, power generation, agriculture, water, mining, transport, health, education and



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Prime Minister Fumio Kishida with Tanzanian Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa after a bilateral summit in September 2022 in Tokyo

skills development.

Over the past year, a number of projects have been carried out successfully in Tanzania with the support of Japan through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). For instance, the Malindi Fish Landing and Marketing Facilities in Zanzibar were formally inaugurated in a colorful ceremony on Jan. 10, 2023, after undergoing rehabilitation and expansion with financial assistance from JICA. The colorful inauguration ceremony was presided over by H.E. Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, President and Chairman of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, and the Ambassador of Japan to Tanzania, His Excellency Yasushi Misawa, was in attendance.

Again, with Japanese financial support the construction of the Gerezani Bridge in Dar es Salaam which started in 2019 was completed and it is now operational. The new six-lane bridge is part of the government's strategy to decongest Dar es Salaam City for easy access to the central business areas of the city and Dar Port.

The 6th Phase Government under the leadership of H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic

of Tanzania, continues to improve the investment environment in Tanzania to encourage more foreign investments among others, by proceeding with infrastructure flagship projects which are being implemented across the country such as, a standard gauge railway line (SGR-2561 kilometers) and Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project (JNHP-2115 megawatts). It is my earnest hope that many Japanese investors will seize this opportunity to invest in Tanzania provided by the improved investment climate as well as the abundant natural resources in the fields of agriculture, tourism, blue economy, mining, financial services, manufacturing and real estate development, just to mention a few. Naturally, I would not end without welcoming Japanese to Tanzania to enjoy the world heritage wonders that

abound in Tanzania, namely, the Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Crater and Mount Kilimanjaro – the roof of Africa – as well as the Selous Game Reserve and the Spice Islands of Zanzibar, to name just a few. Whereas Serengeti National Park was named Africa's leading national park, Zanzibar was named Africa's leading beach destination by the World Travel Award in the year 2022. As the world begins to learn to live with COVID-19, I invite our Japanese friends to visit Tanzania for their maximum leisure.

Let me end by expressing once more my sincere appreciation to all those friends who have volunteered to sponsor this year's National Day supplement. Ahsanteni sana, domo arigato gozaimasu.

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the United Republic of  
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on their 59th Union Day

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