National Day of Argentina

Argentina celebrates 125 years of diplomatic relations with Japan

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On our National Day, marking the

213th anniversary of the 1810 May Revolution and the establishment of our first national government, wish to extend warmest greetings, on behalf of the government and



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people of Argentina, to Their Majesties Emperor and Empress. as well as to Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, the Japanese government and the people of Japan.

This is a very special year for the relationship between Argentina and Japan, as we commemorate 125 years of the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation of 1898, which marked the beginning of a close friendship between our countries. Over these years, a large number of Japanese people and their descendants found their home in Argentina, and today they make up a Nikkei community of around 65,000 people that has been essential in building bridges between our cultures.

We attach great importance to our links with Japan within the framework of our "strategic partnership," which unites us based on our shared interests and fundamental values of peace, democracy, defense of human rights and respect for international law, as well as our shared commitment to multilateralism and sustainable development.

Under the current challenging inter-



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national circumstances. Argentina, as part of Latin America, a region of peace, offers great potential as a secure provider of food, energy and mineral resources, essential for Japan's economic security. We expect new Japanese investments to go to Argentina, in addition to the already important ones. We also expect to continue increasing bilateral trade, following the growing trend of the last few years, incorporating more and new Argentine products for the benefit of demanding Japanese consumers. We strive toward this end, trying to ensure the best business conditions for Japanese companies.

We are cooperating with Japan to

develop hydrogen for the energy transition, taking advantage of Argentina's potential for hydrogen production from renewable energy sources. We are also promoting more bilateral cooperation in areas such as science and technology, research and education, where we believe we can find mutual benefits. Our countries have a long history

of technical cooperation, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency currently has several programs in operation in Argentina, whose objectives range from strengthening the capacities of small- and medium-sized enterprises and encouraging production in local communities, to improving weather warning systems for disaster prevention.

Argentine culture is widespread in Japan thanks to those championing its artistic expressions, particularly tango, which has found a second home in this country. Since the lifting of pandemic restrictions, we have continued to work to renew the presence of Argentine artists in Japan.

Argentina is also a leading tourist destination in Latin America, possessing extraordinary diversity, including 11 natural and cultural World

Heritage sites, as certified by UN-ESCO. We hope that with the end of the pandemic emergency, visits by Japanese tourists to our country will recover and multiply.

In all these areas, we will continue working together for the benefit of the people of our two countries. With regards to this, the Argentine government recently appointed Mr. Eduardo Tempone as Ambassador to Japan and he will soon arrive in Tokyo to give new energy to our bilateral relations.



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