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Brazil and Japan strengthening a renewed bilateral partnership

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The year 2023 marks a new stage in the long friendship between Brazil and Japan.

Only a week after a new administration was inaugurated in Brasilia in January, Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi became the first minister to pay a bilateral visit to Minister Mauro Vieira, setting the tone and the priorities for the cooperation to be carried out through the year.



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Much work has been done since that visit. With the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic behind us, we are finally able to resume dialogue mechanisms, business meetings and high-level summits.

In May, President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva attended the G7 Summit in Hiroshima, bringing to Hiroshima a message of peace and dialogue, and a call to action on the urgent need to fight poverty and hunger. In a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, the two leaders agreed to bolster our strategic relations. As a concrete gesture, both governments decided to waive visa requirements for short-term stays between our countries. This will help promote tourism and business, and will bring our peoples even closer together, as we celebrate 115 years of Japanese migration to Brazil.

Our economic partnership is also on a path of growth. Trade between Brazil and Japan has recovered to levels last experienced 10 years ago, and is rising. The Brazilian economy is beginning a new cycle of development, with inflation under control and growth forecasts being revised upwards. The government has just launched a new infrastructure investment package worth \$340 billion. From energy to transportation, agriculture to digital connectivity, there are many opportunities for those wishing to invest. We want Japan and Japanese companies to play a key role in this new era of Brazil's development.

Lastly, with many challenges facing the world, our political dialogue is more important than ever. We will coordinate closely in areas ranging from sustainable development to peace and security. This year, Brazil and Japan are once again sitting on the U.N. Security Council. We have also reaffirmed, together with Germany and India (G4), the need to reform the Security Council to be more representative and effective.

We are on the right track, but there is much more that we want to do together. To retain this momentum, President Lula has invited Prime Minister Kishida to visit Brazil. Next year, our country will chair the G20 and will host dozens of ministerial and technical meetings leading up to the Rio de Janeiro Summit. The eyes of the world will be on Brazil, and we are committed to work with our partners to build a more stable, prosperous and sustainable future for mankind.

As we mark the 201st anniversary of Brazil's Inde-



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Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida are seen at the G7 Summit in Hiroshima on May 20.

pendence, let us celebrate the renewed partnership between Brazil and Japan.

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the 201st Independence Day of
the Federative Republic of Brazil

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Genshitsu Sen

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