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100 years of Türkiye: Embracing the future

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I am deeply honored to address the esteemed readers of The Japan News on the historic occasion of the Republic of Türkiye's centennial celebration. It is not just a privilege but a solemn duty to commemorate this remarkable milestone in a most friendly country like Japan.



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Türkiye remains firmly committed to upholding the core principles of democracy, the rule of law, and human rights. We are resolute in our dedication to nurturing global peace and stability as a responsible member of the international community. Our guiding principle, succinct yet profoundly resonant, echoes the words of our Republic's architect, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk: "Peace at Home, Peace in the World."

'Peace at Home, Peace in World'

With this vision, Türkiye stands unwavering in its commitment to advocating for conflict resolution through peaceful means, rooted in international law, friendly and neighborly relations, and the spirit of solidarity, always emphasizing mutual respect and dialogue.

In a world marred by numerous conflict zones, the global community watches closely as the war between Russia and Ukraine unfolds, recognizing the far-reaching implications of this ongoing crisis. Recent distressing developments between Israel and Palestine have not only resulted in the loss of innocent lives and property but also further exacerbated the situation in the region. Türkiye exerts every conceivable effort to facilitate sustainable peace and stability in every direction, a cause that benefits us all.

This year marks the inauguration of a new era as we embark on the audacious journey known as the "Century of Türkiye," a vision championed by our President, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. In a world that is constantly evolving, fraught with challenges, this initiative charts Türkiye's ambitious path across diverse domains, including defence, energy, digital innovation, infrastructure, agriculture, technology, tourism and health care.

Türkiye, with one of the world's most extensive diplomatic networks, has cultivated global alliances, underscoring our commitment to active engagement with the



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan addresses the 78th session of the U.N. General Assembly on Sept. 19.

international community and the cultivation of robust bilateral and multilateral relations.

As a founding member of main European institutions such as the Council of Europe and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Türkiye is a dynamic participant in international organizations, including the United Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the Group of 20, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, the Organization of Turkic States, the Asia Cooperation Dialogue, and MIKTA (Mexico, Indonesia, South Korea, Türkiye and Australia).

Türkiye, as a nation dedicated to strengthening security within NATO, stands among the foremost contribu-

tors to NATO operations and plays an indispensable role in upholding the principle of "the indivisibility of security."

'Asia Anew Initiative'

We vigilantly monitor developments in the Asia-Pacific region, recognizing the inextricable link between Euro-Atlantic and Asia-Pacific security. Thus, we advocate for closer dialogue and cooperation with all our Asia-Pacific partners within NATO, including Japan.

Situated at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, Türkiye is committed to fortifying existing strategic partnerships and forging new ones. Initiatives, such as "The Asia Anew Initiative," unveiled in 2019, aim to lay the

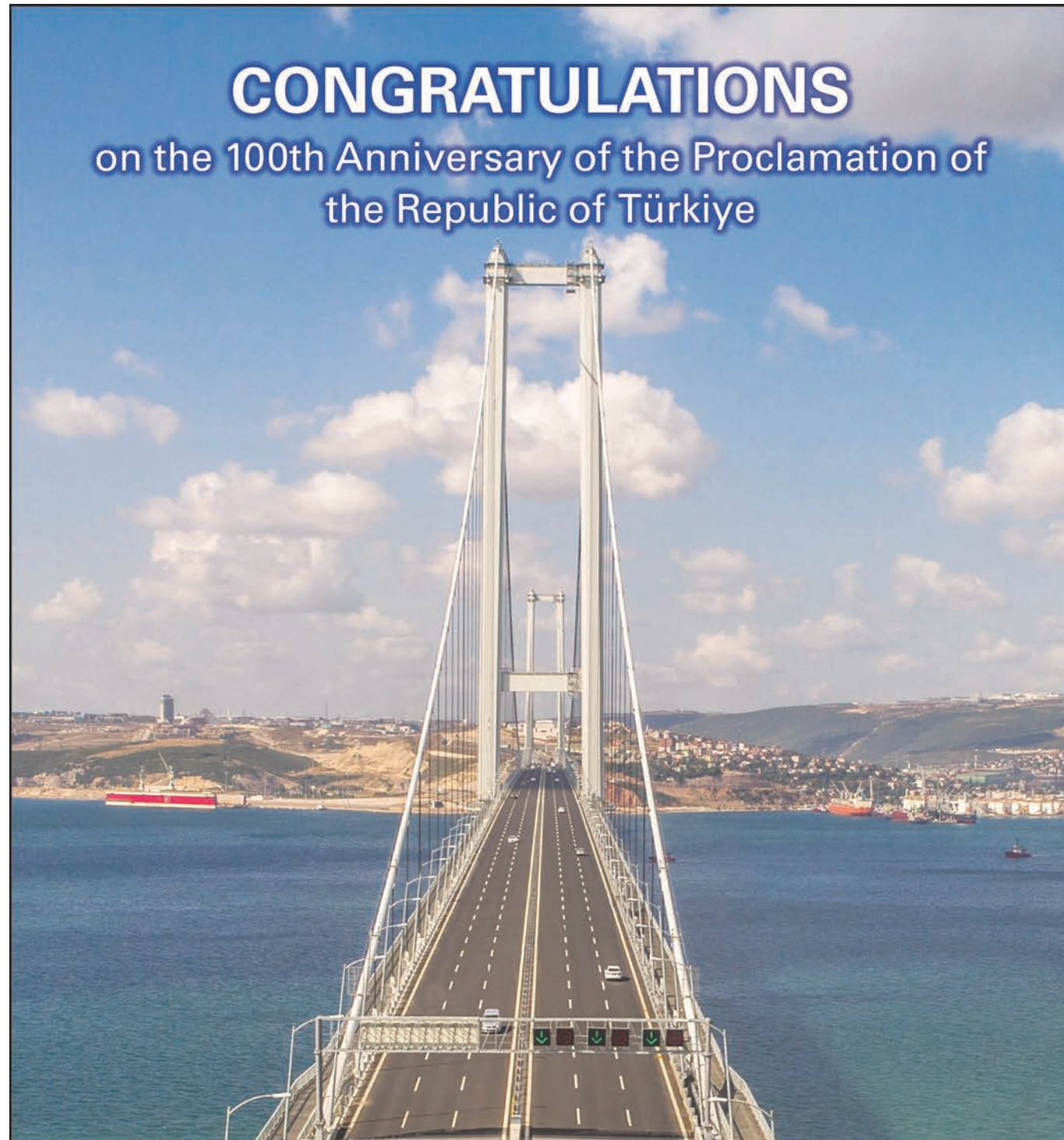


The Third Edition of the Antalya Diplomacy Forum (ADF), an annual conference on international diplomacy, is scheduled for March 1-3, 2024, in Antalya, southern Türkiye, under the theme of "Effective Diplomacy for Peace and Order."

foundation for a comprehensive approach toward Asia and the Pacific, with Japan occupying a crucial role. Notably, "Asia Anew" shares similar objectives with the Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) initiative.

Mass migration presents another significant global challenge, and Türkiye actively shoulders its responsibilities, hosting nearly 3.7 million refugees, making it the host for the largest number of refugees in the world.

Furthermore, as a central energy hub and transit country, Türkiye plays an instrumental role in bolstering European and global energy security. Our energy strategy is steadfast in its focus on diversifying routes and resources to enhance energy supply security, thereby contributing to regional and global energy stability.



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