

Chile, Japan deepening mutual understanding, links

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In 1810 Chile began its journey as an independent and sovereign nation. This 18th of September we will celebrate the 214th anniversary of such an achievement.



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Chile's foreign relations have been guided by the respect for international law, democracy, the observance of human rights, and its responsibility to international cooperation. This approach has seen the consolidation of its political, trade, cultural, and multilateral networks, bringing much well-being to our society.

Bilaterally, this 25th of September we commemorate 127 years of diplomatic relations between Chile and Japan.

Common knowledge through culture is essential for a better understanding between our two nations. Numerous activities have been implemented recently in this field, such as the premiere of the Chilean film "Green Grass" with its message on sustainability, as well as the "Lecture-Concert: Latin America in Honor of Japan-Chile Friendship," in collaboration with MIN-ON, making possible the feature of renowned musicians, such

as guitarist Alexis Vallejos, pianist Danor Quinteros, and violinist Mai Suzuki.

Last August, the film "Hyperboreans" by Joaquín Cocifña and Cristóbal León was showcased during the Hiroshima Animation Season. The film captivated the Japanese audience through its blends of live-action, stop-motion, and puppetry with Chilean traditions.

This October, we will join efforts with Waseda University and the Instituto Cervantes of Tokyo in a Symposium on Modern Latin-American Literature, in which Chilean writer Carlos Franz will be present, together with paying a tribute to renowned Chilean writer and journalist José Donoso.



Imagen de Chile

Cuernos del Paine at Lake Pehoe - Torres del Paine - Patagonia, Chile

In the field of sciences, the inauguration last April of the University of Tokyo Atacama Observatory, or TAO, located 5,640 meters above sea level at the summit of Cerro Chajnantor in the Atacama Desert, will contribute to further advancing the observations and comprehension of our universe.

On sustainable energy and critical minerals, the presence in Tokyo of the Minister of Economy, Nicolas Grau, and the Minister of Mining, Aurora Williams, highlighted among Japanese public-private stakeholders the National Strategy of Lithium of Chile, and the investment possibilities associated with this mineral, as well as the opportunities of Green Hydrogen and Ammonia development. The visit of our Minis-

ter of Public Works, Jessica Lopez, allowed the presentation of projects for international tender together with inviting Japanese companies to become active players in the public infrastructure of Chile.

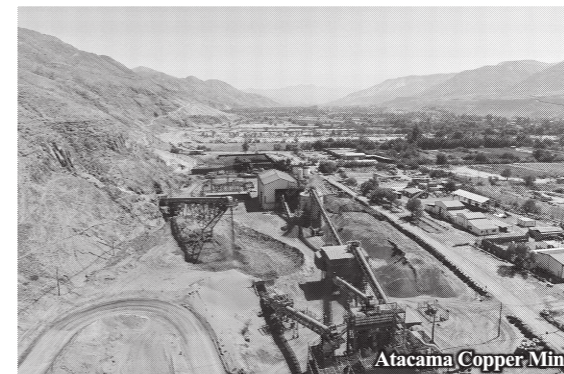
Important Chilean business delegations visited Tokyo this year. The Chilean Chamber of Construction

(CChC) delegation came focused on sustainable and innovative construction, and the Chilean Pacific Foundation organized a businesswomen networking mission to discuss management, gender participation in the workforce, and innovation strategies.

We expect to deepen these links

through the participation of Chile in Expo Osaka 2025, with the presence of many Chilean public and private stakeholders showcasing their respective attributes and opportunities to the Japanese in attendance, all under the warm embrace of the "Makün," or "The Mantle of Chile," in our pavilion.

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