

National Day of Fiji

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Rebuilding the Republic of Fiji together with an inclusive and caring approach to all parties

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It is with great pleasure and honor on this memorable occasion that I extend, on behalf of H.E. President of the Republic of Fiji, Ratu **William Maivalili** Katonivere, the government and people of Fiji, warm greetings to Their Imperial Majesties the Emperor and Empress and the members of the Imperial Household, as well as to the government of Prime Minister **Fumio Kishida** and people of this great nation, Japan. I also extend warm greetings and “bula Vinaka” to all Fijians and Friends of Fiji in Japan.



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Fiji-Japan bilateral relations

The government and people of Fiji are grateful for the special bond that underlies its relationship with Japan since establishing diplomatic rela-



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Hon. Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka of Fiji delivers an address at the U.N. General Assembly in New York on Sept. 22.

tions 53 years ago. Japan continues to be Fiji's vital development partner. Its official development assistance (ODA) program, through Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) provides valuable support for Fiji's human and physical resources, including valuable humanitarian assistance in times of natural disasters. Since 1983, JICA's volunteer scheme has dispatched a total of 749 volunteers to Fiji. People-to-people exchanges, another major pillar of Fiji-Japan relations, continue to strengthen every year.

Fiji as a good global citizen

Fiji's commitment as a good global citizen is manifested through its ongoing engagement with the United Nations and the leading role it continues to play in various international forums. Fiji continues to advocate for the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent aspirations, the fight against global warming and safeguarding the health of our oceans, adopting an inclusive and caring approach to all parties concerned, to ensure that no one is left behind. Fiji is also committed to our obligation to implement human rights covenants and conventions emanating from the Universal Declaration and continue to uphold global peace and security.

Appreciation

May I extend our sincere appreciation to all our corporate sponsors, The Japan News, Fiji's Honorary Consular Corp in Japan, the Japan-Fiji Parliamentary Friendship League, the Fijian community and friends, for their continued support and commitment to the promotion of goodwill between Japan and Fiji.

May God bless Fiji-Japan relations.

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to the People of
the Republic of Fiji
on the 53rd Anniversary of
Their Independence

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