

Togetherness for a better and sustainable Fiji

By **Isikeli Uluinairai Mataitoga**
Ambassador of Fiji

On Fiji's 51st National Day celebration, it gives me great pleasure and honor on behalf of the President of the Republic of Fiji, the government and the people of Fiji, to extend warm and sincere greetings to Their Imperial Majesties the Emperor and Empress and members of the Imperial household, as well as to the government of Japan, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and the people of this great nation. I also extend warm greetings and "bula vinaka" to all Fiji nationals and friends of Fiji in Japan.



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The government and people of Fiji are deeply grateful to the government and people of Japan for the warm and cordial relations that have existed between our two countries since diplomatic relations were established 51 years ago. This relationship becomes even more crucial in the face of the new challenges and complexities brought by the COVID-19 pandemic. Fiji acknowledges with profound appreciation the early support from the government of Japan, in Fiji's efforts to combat COVID-19 and to protect its people.

Bilateral relationship

Fiji-Japan bilateral relations continue to soar to new heights every year. This was further solidified following high-level political exchanges between our two countries, including a virtual meeting between then-Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga and Fiji Prime Minister Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama on June 29.

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Following the Ninth Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting



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Then-Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga and Fiji Prime Minister Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama are seen during a videoconference on June 29.

(PALM-9) on July 2, let me express our appreciation to the government of Japan for its continuous support in deepening our relationship through our partnerships. Fiji is committed to deepening relations through high-level engagements, particularly in key areas focusing on achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

2020 Tokyo Games

Our close people-to-people ties are exemplified by the warm hospitality shown by the Tokyo 2020 host town to Fijian Olympians. Team Fiji had the pleasure of conducting its pre-Games training in Oita City, and the Men's Rugby 7s team was successful in defending its gold medal, while the Women's Rugby 7s team won their first-ever bronze medal during the Summer Games.

May I extend our sincere appreciation to the govern-

ment and people of Japan for their steadfast cooperation, to all our corporate sponsors, the Honorary Consulates of Fiji in Japan for their support and genuine commitment to the promotion of goodwill between

Japan and Fiji.

I hope that the coronavirus pandemic will end, and life will return to normal soon.

May God bless Fiji-Japan relations.



**Congratulations
to the People of
the Republic of Fiji
on the 51st Anniversary
of Their Independence**

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Hiroki Miura

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