

## Zambia fetes 57 years as beacon of peace, stability

By Jim Sinyinza

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On this 57th Independence Anniversary for Zambia, I wish to convey greetings from the President of the Republic of Zambia Mr. Hakainde Hichilema to Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan, the Prime Minister, H.E. Mr. Fumio Kishida, and the people and government of Japan.



Jim Sinyinza

Zambia has remained a beacon of peace and stability in the last 57 years. This is evidenced by smooth transitioning of governments after elections including the one recently held in August 2021. Zambia's peaceful nature is underpinned by a strong belief in national unity, patriotism, and the spirit of "One Zambia, One Nation."

Fifty-seven years to the day after becoming independent, Zambia has continued its path of economic development. The country continues to make strides in developing key socioeconomic areas, though much needs to be done.

Zambia is committed to ensuring consistency in policy and shall continue building a business-friendly environment that allows greater freedom for businesses.

In his address to the first session of the 13th National Assembly held last month, President Hichilema stated: "Economic transformation will be the overarching framework that will bring together interventions in the various sectors of the economy to create jobs and reduce poverty. To this end, the government will implement policy measures to promote economic transformation, particularly in job-rich sectors of agriculture, mining, tourism, energy, commerce and industry, green economy, transport as well as information and communication technology."

Zambia and Japan have continued cooperating in several economic areas that have seen Zambia record



Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema

improvement in many socioeconomic sectors, including infrastructure, education, health, and agriculture sectors, among others.

The strides and acceleration of socioeconomic development largely depend on enhanced economic cooperation and continued investment inflows.

Zambia remains grateful to Asahi City in Chiba Prefecture and Marumori Town in Miyagi Prefecture for the Host Town Initiative that was aimed at promoting human, economic and cultural exchanges between Japan and Zambia during and after the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics. The Zambian Embassy in

### We always wish for Zambians' happiness

By Katsumi Yamaguchi

Chairman of the Japan-Zambia Friendship Association and Chairman of the ECC Group of Schools

Congratulations on the 57th anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Zambia. It is a great honor to join the people of Zambia in celebrating its Independence Day since the establishment of the Japan-Zambia Friendship Association in 1975. On behalf of the members of our association, the students and staff at the ECC Group of Schools and the people of Japan we are extremely pleased to extend our warmest congratulations to H.E. President Hakainde Hichilema, and our love and friendship to the people of the peace-loving country of the Republic of Zambia.



Katsumi Yamaguchi

I am very impressed to see Zambia continuing to

make steady strides as a peaceful, independent nation. I pray for the continued progress of the country and the peace and happiness of all the people of Zambia. Our association is based on the founding philosophy of the ECC Foreign Language Institute, the charter body of the fellowship: "It is our goal, through the teaching of foreign languages, to contribute to the development of our students' capabilities, international awareness and leadership qualities. In this way, we hope to promote more interaction and understanding among the peoples of the world, thus helping to contribute to world peace."

I hope that through working together to promote bilateral friendship and mutual understanding, ties between Zambia and Japan will continue to grow. It is the greatest pleasure for our association to serve the needs of the people of Zambia, even in a small way. With heartfelt wishes for an ever-brighter future, the association and the ECC Group of Schools will continue to make efforts in the hope of strengthening and increasing the ties of friendship between our two nations.

Japan remains committed to implementing and actualizing the spirit of the initiative.

I, therefore, take this opportunity to invite the Japanese business community to invest in Zambia's growing and secure economy. I further appeal to the

Japanese people to visit Zambia as tourists and sample its ambience, beauty and hospitality.

I wish to reaffirm the strong bonds of friendship and cooperation that have characterized the relations between Zambia and Japan.



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A large herd of buffalo in Zambia's Kafue National Park

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to the People of  
the Republic of Zambia  
on the 57th Anniversary of  
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