

National Day of Mozambique

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Mozambique celebrates 50th anniv. of independence

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On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Mozambique, we would like to reaffirm the historical and strategic ties with Japan, in a partnership marked by solidarity, innovation and a shared vision for the future.



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In this landmark year, as Mozambique celebrates half a century of national independence, we also proudly mark 48 years of diplomatic relations with Japan. This is a friendship that transcends borders, languages and oceans, uniting two nations committed to progress and cooperation. The historical relationship between Mozambique and Japan dates back centuries through cultural and economic contacts, but it has gained new momentum with the strong diplomatic partnership built since 1977.

Today, we celebrate more than a formal bond: we celebrate a deep partnership founded on dialogue, mutual trust and solidarity. Over the past decades, Japan has been a strategic partner in Mozambique's development, contributing significantly to building key infrastructure projects such as the modernization of the Port of Nacala, the construction of the Combined Cycle Thermal Power Plant in Maputo and partici-

pation in the liquefied natural gas (LNG) exploration in the Rovuma Basin. Also noteworthy is the Mphanda Nkuwa hydroelectric dam project, which positions Mozambique as a key player in the region's energy transition and providing green energy to Southern Africa and the Indo-Pacific.

At the heart of this cooperation is the important role played by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), which has driven Mozambique's economic and social growth through structural development projects and the training of thousands of Mozambican youths, the country's most renewable and transformative resource.

Mozambique's participation in the 2025 Osaka-Kansai Expo, under the theme of "Empowering Lives,"

symbolizes this shared ambition. Further, the subtheme, "Education and Work through Artificial Intelligence and Robotics," illustrates how, alongside Japan, the country is turning challenges into opportunities, aligning with the Sustainable Development Goals and preparing for the post-2030 agenda.

The Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) constitutes an important pillar of our relationship, with its ninth edition scheduled for Aug. 20–22 in Yokohama. Mozambique has been a prominent partner within the TICAD framework, advocating for sustainable development and focusing on topics such as energy transition, infrastructure development and human capital enhancement. This multilateral platform reinforces

Japan's commitment to the African continent and opens new windows of opportunity for investment, innovation and technical cooperation.

The future of Mozambique–Japan relations is projected with optimism and ambition. By strengthening areas such as human development, agriculture and renewable energy, with the growing presence of Japanese companies in strategic

sectors, a joint path is being built toward inclusive, resilient and sustainable development.

It is my pleasure to extend a special invitation to visit Mozambique's pavilion at Expo 2025. Discover Mozambican talent, be inspired by real stories of transformation and witness the creative energy of a nation on the move.

On June 25, Mozambique cele-

brates 50 years of independence under the theme: "50 Years of Independence, Peace, Sustainable Development, Unity, Coexistence and Tolerance." It will be a moment of reflection and celebration of national achievements and also a renewal of our commitment to a more just and promising future for all Mozambicans, both within and beyond our borders.



Courtesy of the Embassy of the Republic of Mozambique

The Port of Nacala symbolizes the strong partnership between Mozambique and Japan, reflecting shared commitments to regional integration in Southern Africa, quality infrastructure and sustainable development.

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