

Chilean national day: 215 years of independence

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Chile and Japan stand united by a profound respect for shared values: democracy, human rights, the rule of law and cooperation for peace and sustainable development. These principles, together with our strong commitment to multilateralism, form the foundation of our enduring bilateral relationship and our joint efforts to address global challenges.

Chile is mindful of Japan's history and has sought to contribute to meaningful commemorations. While holding the vice presidency of the Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC) during the past semester, Chile co-organized a seminar commemorating the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombings in Japan, held on June 9 at the United Nations University in Tokyo. This seminar reflected on the tragedy of nuclear warfare while underscoring the role of Latin America and the Caribbean as a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone, reaffirming our shared commitment to peace and disarmament.

Cultural diplomacy continues to be a cornerstone of our bilateral ties. On July 2, to mark the 80th an-

niversary of Gabriela Mistral receiving the Nobel Prize in Literature, the Embassy of Chile screened the documentary "Locas Mujeres" at Waseda University. This event celebrated Mistral's enduring legacy as a poet, educator and advocate for social justice, while fostering academic and cultural reflection.

Enriching this cultural agenda further, Chilean artists Florencia Oz and Isidora O'Ryan performed "Antipodas" in Tokyo — a striking fusion of flamenco, Chilean tonadas and cueca. Their performance offered a contemporary exploration of cultural identity and connection across hemispheres, showcasing the creative vitality of Chilean artistry abroad.

On July 11, the University of Tokyo hosted a symposium titled "The Development of Sustainable and Resilient Urban Ecosystems in Asia-Pacific: SDGs 9 and 11 of the 2030 Agenda." Chilean architects Roberto Bannura and Marcial Jesus shared perspectives on urban sustainability and innovation. They also contributed to the Chile Pavilion at the 2025 Osaka-Kansai Expo with a presentation titled "Sustainable Urban Ecosystems and Uses of Wood in Habitable Solutions: A Chilean Professional Perspec-

tive." These contributions highlighted Chile's dynamic voice in global discussions on sustainable cities.

In the economic sphere, trade and investments between Chile and Japan continue to thrive. Chilean exports to Japan have grown, particularly in fisheries and aquaculture (notably salmon and trout), wine and agricultural products such as pork and lemons. These premi-

um exports have become valued items in Japanese households, reflecting Chile's growing role in supporting Japan's food security.

Both countries also share a vision for a sustainable energy transition. Chile's green hydrogen sector is expanding rapidly, with investment rising from 12.5 billion dollars in

2022 to 48.9 billion dollars in 2025. This remarkable growth demonstrates Chile's vast potential, based on solar and wind endowment, and underscores the importance of collaboration with Japan in developing clean, sustainable energy solutions.

Chile and Japan continue to deepen a partnership anchored in

shared values and forward-looking cooperation.

Through cultural exchange, trade, innovation and a joint commitment to peace and sustainability, we celebrate our national day with the conviction that our friendship will grow even stronger in the years ahead.



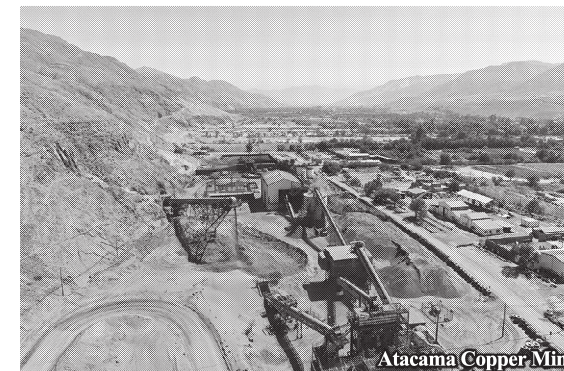
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