

National Day of Fiji

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Fiji vows ‘Peace, Unity, Progress for All’

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On this memorable occasion, it is with great pleasure and honor that I extend, on behalf of the President of the Republic of Fiji, H.E. Ratu Naiqama Tawakecolati Lalabalavu, the government and the people of Fiji, our warmest greetings to Their Imperial Majesties Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, the members of the Imperial Household and the government and people of this great nation, Japan. I also extend heartfelt greetings and “bula vinaka” to all Fijians and friends of Fiji residing in Japan.



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Fiji and Japan’s bilateral relations

The government and people of Fiji deeply value the special bond that has underpinned our relationship with Japan since the establishment of our diplomatic ties 55 years ago. Japan remains a vital development partner, and over the years, the government of Japan has made significant contributions to Fiji’s socio-economic progress.

I express our sincere appreciation to Japan for its



Courtesy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Fiji

The address of the Hon. Prime Minister of Fiji at the recently concluded 80th U.N. General Assembly in New York



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Where happiness comes naturally. (Natadola Beach)

development assistance, which has exceeded \$1.6 billion, since the inception of our bilateral relationship in 1970. Through its official development assistance program, implemented via the Japan International Co-operation Agency, Japan has supported the development of Fiji’s human and physical resources, including by providing humanitarian aid during natural disasters. Since 1983, JICA has dispatched 771 volunteers to Fiji, strengthening people-to-people connections and fostering mutual understanding.

In the present, the 2025 Osaka-Kansai Expo offers an excellent opportunity to further deepen Fiji-Japan relations. We are confident that this global platform will enhance collaboration in trade, investment and people-to-people engagement — ensuring mutual benefits for both our nations.

Committed to global citizenship

Fiji’s commitment to global citizenship is reflected in its active engagement with the United Nations and its

leadership across various international forums. Fiji continues to champion the PALM Process, the aspirations of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, the fight against global warming and the protection of ocean health.

We continue to advocate for an “Ocean of Peace” — as a pathway to a peaceful Blue Pacific Continent, an inclusive and compassionate vision that ensures no one is left behind. Fiji’s national development priorities focus on inclusive infrastructure and sustainable economic growth. These priorities align with our participation in the 2025 Expo, which presents a valuable opportunity for trade, investment and business-to-business partnerships that serve the shared interests of Fiji and Japan.

The 2025 Fiji Day theme, “Peace, Unity and Progress for All,” commemorates the 55th anniversary of Fiji’s independence. These words are deeply interconnected, underscoring the importance of national unity. As we reflect on our past achievements, we also

look forward with optimism. Through peace and unity among all Fijians, we are inspired to persevere and progress as a nation.

Appreciation

We extend our sincere appreciation to all our corporate sponsors, The Japan News, Fiji’s Honorary Consular Corps in Japan, the Japan-Fiji Parliamentary Friendship League, the Fijian community and our friends in Japan for their continued support and commitment to fostering goodwill between our two nations.

May God bless Fiji-Japan relations.

Congratulations

to the People of
the Republic of Fiji
on the 55th Anniversary of
Their Independence

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