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Algeria and Japan shaping a shared future

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The age of maturity. That is how I would describe the current state of friendship and cooperation between Algeria and Japan as the two countries prepare to celebrate the 70th anniversary of their relationship.

Japan played an early role in this relationship by allowing the Algerian National Liberation Front (FLN) to open an office in Tokyo in 1958, amid Algeria's fight for independence. This gesture laid the groundwork for formal diplomatic ties, established after my country's independence in 1962.

This year has seen three important events that have further boosted our partnership. In May, the first session of the Algerian Japanese Joint Intergovernmental Economic Commission was held in Algiers. In July, then Prime Minister Nadir Larbaoui visited Japan as part of its National Day celebrations at the 2025 Osaka-Kansai Expo, in which Algeria participated with a high-quality pavilion. This was followed in August by my country's active participation at the Ninth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 9) in



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The Grande Poste is an iconic 1910 postal services headquarters in Algiers that became a museum in 2015.

Yokohama.

That said, I remain convinced that the potential for our bilateral cooperation is still largely untapped, though many of the Japanese companies that have engaged in the Algerian market — JGC, Itochu, Marubeni, IHI, Sumitomo, Hitachi, Mitsui, Bridgestone, Mitsubishi

Heavy Industries, Toshiba and NEC, to name but a few — have been very familiar with my country since the 1960s. I would like to encourage them to invest, embrace a certain calculated risk and not limit themselves to procurement, engineering and trade. I also invite them to diversify their portfolios by exploring other sectors that are as promising and profitable as the energy industry.

Having specified that, I would like to briefly highlight some of the factors that have significantly influenced Algeria's economic environment in recent years. My country has embarked on a process of recovery and openness by diversifying an economic sector that has long been dominated by hydrocarbons. Simultaneously, a new investment law and improvements to the business environment have led to reforms aimed at attracting foreign investment.

The country is thus pursuing a strategy of developing infrastructure while enhancing its human capital and economic governance to build a more resilient economy and move steadily toward the status of an emerging country.

However, it cannot be denied that some challenges remain for Algeria to unlock its full growth potential as the country that has Africa's third largest gross domestic product (GDP) and to grow strongly in the coming years.

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