

National Day of Kenya

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6 decades of Kenya-Japan relations: Enduring partnership

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On Dec. 12, Kenya celebrates the 62nd Jamhuri Day. Jamhuri is the Swahili word for republic and the name aptly marks the auspicious day when Kenya became a republic. On this day Kenya honors its heroes, past and present, who have offered selfless service toward the realization of the nation's ideals.



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Over the course of six decades Kenya has attained remarkable levels of development and during this period, Japan has remained a steadfast, longstanding and dependable partner. The depth of the ties is evident in the diverse sectors of collaboration between the two countries — ranging from education, infrastructure and energy, health, agriculture, capacity building, environment and water as well as the contribution of the Japanese private sector in the Kenyan economy and in Kenya's national development. Indeed, Tokyo — in the land of the rising sun and Nairobi — the city in the sun — are connected through Japan-funded infrastructure development; innovations enabled through Japanese technology and skills transfer; and meaningful collaborations toward the achievement of global sustainable development goals.

This year has been an eventful year for Kenya-Japan relations. It started off with the inaugural session of the Kenya-Japan Policy Dialogue convened in Nairobi in January. The meeting considered mechanisms to expand Kenya — Japan cooperation including the increasingly crucial role of Japan's private sector in the ties between the two countries.



Courtesy of the Embassy of Kenya

Emmanuel Wanyonyi wins the men's 800 meters at the World Athletics Championships Tokyo 2025.

Osaka Expo

From April to October the world's attention was drawn to Japan during the six months that the 2025 Osaka-Kansai Expo ran. The Kenyan flag flew proudly among those of over 160 participating countries, as Kenya stood among equals and demonstrated the nation's commitment to global collaboration in trade, investment, climate action and cultural exchange, positioning it as a leading voice in shaping a sustainable and equitable future. The Kenya Pavilion attracted over 2,270,581 visitors, representing nearly 10% of all Expo attendees.

TICAD

The success of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) process is exhibited

through Japan's unwavering commitment to partner with Africa toward the development of the continent and the realization of Africa's potential. The TICAD 9 Summit held on Aug. 20-22 under the theme "Co-create innovative solutions with Africa" drew the participation of H.E. William Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya, among many other heads of state. This visit by Kenya's President followed an official visit to Japan in February 2024 and denotes the highest regard between the two nations.

For Kenya, the TICAD process remains an invaluable framework that has increased the impetus for Kenya-Japan relations. Kenya hosted TICAD 6, the first TICAD in Africa, which noted the alignment of the African Union's "Agenda 2063 — The Africa We Want" toward the achievement of inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development and the TICAD process objectives. In this regard, Kenya welcomes Japan's support to the achievement of mutually beneficial outcomes for Japan and Africa.

Athletics

It is the highest honor for a country's national anthem to be played during international competitions. It was therefore a source of great pride when the Kenyan National Anthem rang several times in Tokyo during the World Athletics Championships and the Deaflympics hosted in September and November, respectively. In both events Kenyan athletes were celebrated due to their outstanding performances. We continue to honor these heroes who elevate Kenya's standing globally.

As the year draws to a close, we look forward to continued engagement with Japan in pursuit of our common bilateral goals and in addressing emerging issues.

We take this opportunity to wish all Kenyans in Japan a happy Jamhuri Day!
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