

Fiji-Japan partnership now in a new chapter of diplomatic ties

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On this memorable occasion, I am honored to 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 the Emperor and Empress, the members of the Imperial Household, and to the government and people of Japan. I also convey heartfelt greetings and bula vinaka to all Fijians and friends of Fiji residing in Japan.



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Fiji-Japan bilateral relations

For 56 years, Fiji and Japan have enjoyed a relationship built on trust, shared values and mutual respect. Japan remains one of Fiji's most reliable and strategic development partners. Through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan has provided more than \$578 million in official development assistance, significantly advancing Fiji's national development priorities.

In November 2025, our partnership entered a new chapter of diplomatic relations with the establishment of the Japan-Fiji Lomavata Kizuna Partnership. This partnership reaffirmed our commitment to democracy, human rights, sustainable development and the rule of law. These commitments reflect our shared determination to deliver meaningful outcomes and to strengthen cooperation in climate resilience, disaster risk reduction, economic development, environmental protection, infras-

tructure and connectivity, maritime security and policing.

An Inclusive Fiji for a Better Tomorrow

This year's Fiji Day theme, "An Inclusive Fiji for a Better Tomorrow," underscores our national vision of unity, resilience and progress. As Fiji marks its 56th anniversary of independence, we remain committed to placing our people at the center of development. Our priorities include expanding access to clean water, enhancing climate resilience and clean energy solutions, improving rural infrastructure and strengthening health care and education.

Fiji continues to support regional efforts such as the

2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent and preparations for the 11th Pacific Leaders' Meeting (PALM11) in 2027, contributing to the Ocean of Peace vision for a secure and stable Pacific. We also remain steadfast in global advocacy for climate action, ocean health, peacekeeping and sustainable development aligned with the SDGs.

Appreciation

We extend our sincere appreciation to our corporate sponsors, Fiji's Honorary Consular Corps in Japan, the Japan-Fiji Parliamentary Friendship League, the Fijian community and our many friends in Japan for their con-

tinued support and goodwill.

May God continue to bless Fiji-Japan relations.



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A traditional "bilibili" bamboo raft used by villagers in the interior of Fiji's largest islands to carry produce or go fishing



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Fiji offers some of the South Pacific's most luxurious wedding settings, not to speak of its landscape.

Congratulations

to the People of
the Republic of Fiji
on the 56th Anniversary of
Their Independence

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