

National Day of Mozambique

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Japan contributes to Mozambique's sustainable development

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Today, June 25, 2026, the Republic of Mozambique commemorates the 51st anniversary of its independence, a historic milestone that invites reflection on our journey as a nation and celebration of the partnerships that have supported our development and prosperity.



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The relationship between Mozambique and Japan stands out as a remarkable example of friendship, mutual respect and shared commitment to sustainable development.

For nearly five decades, Mozambique and Japan have cultivated a strong partnership that continues to evolve in response to global opportunities and challenges. Built on trust, solidarity and cooperation, this relationship has contributed significantly to Mozambique's socioeconomic transformation through investments in infrastructure, human capital development, energy, agriculture and industrial growth.

A cornerstone of this partnership is the Nacala Corridor, one of Southern

Africa's most important economic and logistics corridors. With support from Japan, the modernization of the Port of Nacala has strengthened regional connectivity, facilitated trade and promoted regional integration. Located on the Indian Ocean, the port serves as a strategic maritime gateway linking Southern Africa to Japan and wider Asian markets, reinforcing Indo-Pacific connectivity. The Nacala Corridor exemplifies how quality infrastructure can unlock opportunities, stimulate growth and improve lives across the region while creating an enabling environment for private-sector investment and commercial partnerships.

Mozambique and Japan have also deepened collaboration in strategic sectors shaping sustainable development. Japanese participation in natural gas projects in the Rovuma Basin, together with support for initiatives such as the Mphanda Nkuwa Hydroelectric Project, reflects a shared vision of energy security, diversification and environmental sustainability. These projects position Mozambique as an emerging energy hub contributing to regional development and the global transition to cleaner energy.

At the core of this cooperation lies the invaluable contribution of the government of Japan and the Japanese people through the Japan

International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Through its longstanding support, JICA has played a pivotal role in strengthening institutions, developing infrastructure and empowering thousands of Mozambicans through education, technical training and capacity-building programs. Human capital remains Mozambique's greatest asset, and investing in people continues to be central to our development agenda.

The spirit of the Tokyo International Conference on African

Development (TICAD) continues to inspire our bilateral engagement. The principle of "co-creating innovative solutions" reflects the essence of the Mozambique-Japan partnership: addressing shared challenges through dialogue, innovation, technology and investment. TICAD provides an important platform for strengthening cooperation between Japan and Africa while fostering partnerships among governments, development institutions and the private sector that promote inclusive

and sustainable growth.

As Mozambique celebrates 51 years of independence, we honor those who fought for our freedom and reaffirm our commitment to peace, unity and development. We also celebrate the enduring friendship between Mozambique and Japan, a

partnership that serves as a bridge between Africa and Asia and continues to create opportunities for future generations.

Congratulations
on the 51st Anniversary of
the Independence of
the Republic of Mozambique



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A scenery of Maputo, the capital and largest city of Mozambique