

President Lee Jae Myung delivers special Liberation Day message to overseas and Japanese-resident Koreans

‘Proud of overseas Koreans, will support talent development’
‘Will never forget the patriotism of Koreans in Japan’

President Lee Jae Myung delivered a special message to overseas compatriots on Aug. 15, the 80th anniversary of Korean Independence Day.

“Today, the overseas compatriot community has also achieved remarkable development, demonstrating the resilience of our people in various fields, such as the economy, society, academia, arts and sports. I am truly proud,” he said.

“The government will meticulously ensure these brilliant achievements continue into the next generation. We will support the next generation of compatriots so they can grow as talented individuals while preserving their pride and identity as Koreans.”

Lee emphasized, “If we pool the great capabilities of our overseas compatriots worldwide and our citizens, we can build a nation that grows and develops vigorously once again.

“Wherever you may be, I am always grateful to our compatriots who live with pride in the Republic of Korea and a sense of representing our homeland,” he said. “I will do my utmost to build a Korea that is always a source of pride and a nation you can trust and rely on.”

Lee delivered a special separate message to Korean residents in Japan, stating, “The Republic of Korea will never forget the history of our compatriots in Japan, who always demonstrated shining patriotism even amid blood, sweat and tears.

“It was the dedication of our compatriots in Japan that helped us eighty years ago to reclaim the stolen light of our country,” Lee said. “Despite enduring unspeakable suffering in harsh labor sites and horrific devastation in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, they always extended a helping hand to their homeland.”

He expressed gratitude, saying, “Thanks to the sacrifices and



President Lee Jae Myung delivers a commemorative address at the 80th Liberation Day celebration held at the Sejong Center for the Performing Arts in Seoul on Aug. 15.

dedication of our compatriots in Japan, the Republic of Korea has achieved remarkable accomplishments over the past 80 years.

“Their support continued through many critical moments, including the IMF foreign exchange crisis,” he said. “The sacrifices of young compatriots in Japan were also significant during the homeland’s journey toward democratization.”

He particularly emphasized that “Among the 173 Korean diplomatic missions worldwide, the nine missions established solely through donations from local compatriots stand as a testament to the dedication of Korean residents in Japan.” 장