

Przemówienie inauguracyjne Pana Ambasadora Jacka Izydorzycyka
podczas przyjęcia z okazji
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oraz Dnia Wojska Polskiego

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Minister Kenji Yamada, Minister Hiroshi Yamada

Your Excellencies,

Distinguished Guests,

Today, we are gathered here to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Regaining the Independence of Poland and Poland's Armed Forces Day. I am honored to celebrate this most important Polish historic event in your distinguished company.

Freedom has a special meaning for Polish people and it's the value the most beloved and cherished by our nation. It is for freedom that our ancestors have striven during 123 years of occupation, it is for freedom that three generations of Poland have fought, it is also for freedom that so many Polish national heroes had lost their lives. It is thanks to many Poles who devoted their lives to the fight for a free nation, that we managed to successfully create our modern state in 1918 despite external difficulties and challenges caused by over 120 years of occupation.

It is also worth remembering here that Japan was among the first countries in the world to recognize the independence of Polish state. I would like to take this opportunity to express my joy and gratefulness to our Japanese friends for this early-stage recognition of Poland's sovereignty. I look forward to celebrating with all of you the next year 100th anniversary of establishing the diplomatic ties between Poland and Japan.

Thank you very much for your attention and for being here today with us.