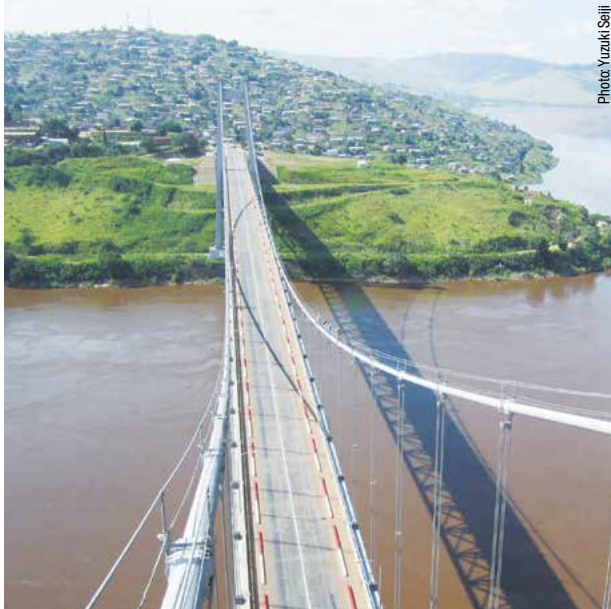
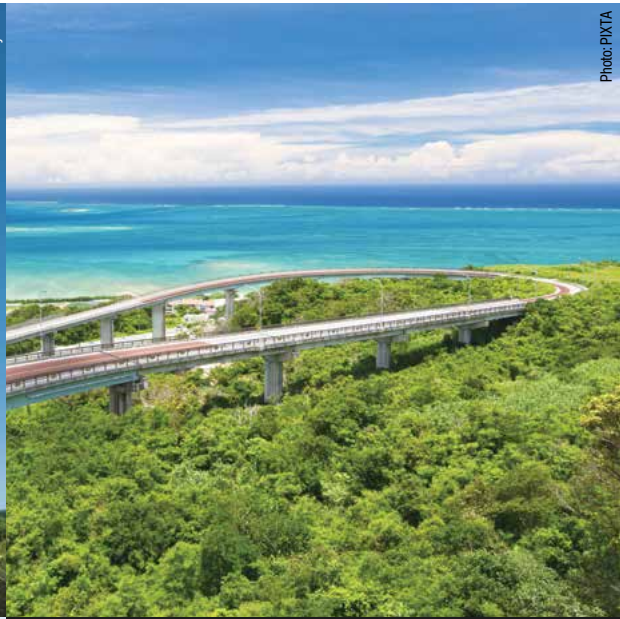


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Bridges of Japan

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Above left: A breathtaking view of Mount Fuji seen from Mishima Skywalk.

Above right: On clear days, visitors can enjoy the amazing scenery, which includes views of the Nirai Bridge and Kanai Bridge.

Below left: The deck of the Matadi Bridge. (Photo taken in 2014.) Below right: The illuminated Minami Bisan-Seto Bridge

Japan adopted Western bridge-building techniques as part of its extensive modernization, which began in the mid-to-late 19th century. Today, Japanese bridge-building is known for its world-class technology. In this issue of *Highlighting Japan*, readers will discover a number of very special bridges—one built as a symbol of recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake, one that has become a city landmark, the bridges connecting islands, one built in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in a Japanese international cooperation project, and others.

