

National Day of Pakistan

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Pakistan-Japan relations set to grow further

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Pakistan Day is an occasion to honor the foresight, resolve and sacrifices of our founding leaders and the countless individuals who helped realize their historic vision. It is a day to reflect on our national journey and renew our determination to advance the welfare, dignity and prosperity of our people.

The occasion also provides an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the longstanding friendship between Pakistan and Japan. Our two countries have enjoyed warm and cordial relations since establishing diplomatic ties in 1952. Over the decades, this relationship has matured into a mutually beneficial partnership anchored in respect, goodwill and shared aspirations for peace, stability and development.

Japan has long been among Pakistan's valued friends and development partners. Its support for Pakistan's socio-economic progress has been both meaningful and transformative, spanning infrastructure, energy, education, healthcare, disaster-risk reduction and human-resource development. Pakistan deeply appreciates Japan's constructive engagement and continued confidence in our country's potential.

Today, Pakistan-Japan relations encompass a broad and expanding spectrum of cooperation. Our partnership continues to grow across trade and investment, science and technology, climate resilience, cultural exchange and people-to-people ties. Japanese enterprises have made valuable contributions to Pakistan's industrial and economic landscape, while Pakistan offers considerable opportunities as a promising market with a young population, a strategic location and growing economic dynamism.



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Sharda is one of the most beautiful spots in Neelum Valley, Azad Kashmir.

Pakistan remains committed to strengthening its economic partnership with Japan by fostering a conducive environment for investment, encouraging innovation and promoting sustainable, inclusive growth. We see significant promise in deeper collaboration in areas such as information technology, clean energy, advanced manufacturing, agriculture and resource development. In an increasingly interconnected world, the complementarities between our two economies provide a strong foundation for a more forward-looking partnership.

Equally important are the human connections that continue to bring our nations closer together. The Pakistani community in Japan plays an important role in deepening mutual understanding and friendship between our peoples. Pakistani professionals, students, researchers and businesspeople are making positive contributions to Japanese society while also serving as a bridge between our two countries. Their presence adds an important dimension to the bilateral relationship and reflects the growing depth of Pakistan-Japan ties.

At a time when the international community faces



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Skardu in Gilgit Baltistan, Pakistan, is the gateway to some of the world's highest peaks, including K2.

complex and interrelated challenges, including climate change, economic volatility and humanitarian crises, Pakistan remains firmly committed to dialogue, cooperation and multilateralism. We believe that a peaceful and prosperous future rests on collective responsibility, mutual respect and sustained international partnership. In this context, Pakistan values Japan's role as a responsible and steadfast advocate of peace, development and international cooperation.

For Pakistan, Pakistan Day is not only a remembrance of a historic milestone — it is also a reaffirmation of our confidence in the future. Guided by the resilience of our people and the strength of our institutions, we continue to strive for a Pakistan that is progressive and inclusive. Our vision is one of opportunity for our youth, empowerment for our communities and constructive engagement with our international partners.

On this solemn occasion, I wish to convey my sincere appreciation to Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress, to the government of Japan and to the friendly people of Japan for their warmth, friendship and continued cooperation with Pakistan. I am confident that the

bonds between Pakistan and Japan will continue to deepen in the years ahead, to the mutual benefit of our two nations and peoples.

May the friendship between Pakistan and Japan grow ever stronger.

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