

Deep-rooted Kuwait-Japan ties advancing further

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As Kuwait marks its 64th Independence Day and 34th Liberation Day, we reflect on our nation's journey and the deep-rooted ties with Japan. Over six decades, diplomatic relations have fostered a strong alliance built on trust, co-operation and shared values.



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Japan was among the first nations to recognize Kuwait's independence in 1961, marking the beginning of a relationship that has flourished across multiple sectors. Over the years, both countries have demonstrated unwavering solidarity in times of crisis — Kuwait remains grateful for Japan's support during its 1991 liberation, just as Japan has valued Kuwait's humanitarian assistance, including vital energy supplies following the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake. More recently, the 2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake reaffirmed this enduring friendship, reflecting the mutual commitment to standing together during challenging times.

Beyond traditional areas of cooperation, economic resilience and sustainability have become top priorities. Kuwait has long played a crucial role in Japan's energy security, but as the world transitions toward clean energy solutions, deeper collaboration in



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The Kuwait Pavilion at the 2025 Osaka-Kansai Expo

green energy and efficient infrastructure is essential. The Embassy remains committed to advancing bilateral investments and strengthening partnerships to drive shared prosperity.

Medical cooperation remains a cornerstone of our growing partnership. This year, the Embassy took a significant step in enhancing healthcare collaboration, including a visit by a delegation from the Ministry of Health and continued support for the Kuwait Partnership Fund for Medical Education at Tohoku Medical and Pharmaceutical University, which has been offering scholarships to medical students since 2015. These initiatives promote medical research, training programs and knowledge exchange, ensuring that both nations benefit from advancements in medicine and patient care.

Education continues to serve as a powerful bridge between our peoples.

Kuwait University offers yearly full scholarships to around 10 Japanese students, allowing them to study Arabic and immerse themselves in Kuwaiti culture. This initiative fosters mutual understanding and strengthens bilateral ties.

One of the most significant milestones in our bilateral relations is Kuwait's participation in the 2025 Osaka-Kansai Expo, which was among the first countries to confirm a Category A pavilion. Under the theme "Kuwait: A Visionary Lighthouse," the pavilion symbolizes Kuwait's commitment to innovation, sustainability and human progress. Inspired by Kuwait's maritime heritage, the design represents a lighthouse illuminating the path toward a future of economic diversification, environmental responsibility and human capital development, which is in line with Kuwait Vision 2035.

Embodying the subtheme "Empowering Life," the pavilion will offer visitors an immersive journey through Kuwait's advancements in renewable energy, water sustainability, digitalization and education. It will highlight the nation's dedication to youth empowerment and technological innovation while showcasing its humanitarian contributions, environmental stewardship and cultural diplomacy. Visitors will experience firsthand how Kuwait harmonizes tradition with modernity, shaping a progressive and future-ready society.

To build momentum, the Embassy has been actively promoting Kuwait's participation through networking events and cultural engagements, reinforcing its role as a dedicated global partner. The Visionary Lighthouse pavilion will symbolize Kuwait's aspirations, inviting the world to witness its journey toward a sustainable and interconnected future.

As Kuwait and Japan move forward, our partnership must continue to evolve to meet new global challenges. The foundations of our relationship — mutual respect, shared ambitions and a commitment to sustainable progress — remain as strong as ever. Both nations are well-positioned to enhance economic resilience, foster technological innovation and strengthen cultural diplomacy.

On this special occasion, I extend my deepest gratitude to the people of Japan for their unwavering support and friendship. The future of Kuwait-Japan relations is promising, dynamic, and filled with opportunities. As we

look ahead, let us continue strengthening this invaluable partnership to

build a world of peace, prosperity and innovation.

Heartiest Greetings and Congratulations to the State of Kuwait on the Occasion of the 64th Anniversary of National Day and the 34th Anniversary of Liberation Day



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MPs bring Japan-Kuwait relations closer

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I am pleased to extend my sincere congratulations to the State of Kuwait on the occasion of the 64th anniversary of its independence and the 34th anniversary of its liberation. I have deep respect for the State of Kuwait for having achieved remarkable economic development since its founding, contributing significantly to the stabilization of the Middle East.



Eisuke Mori

For Japan, which is poor in natural resources, the State of Kuwait is an extremely important friendly country, as it is a key supplier of fossil fuels such as crude oil to us. On top of that, I am truly happy that in recent years our two countries have been promoting active exchanges in various fields, including education and environmental protection.

His Highness Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah was sworn in as the new Amir

of the State of Kuwait in December 2023, and His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah was appointed the new Crown Prince in June 2024. I would like Japan-Kuwait relations to be strengthened further under the leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah, who has been active in carrying out diplomatic activities.

Fifty-five years ago, The State of Kuwait unveiled an amazing pavilion at the 1970 Osaka Expo. I understand that the finishing touches are currently being given to its 2024 Osaka-Kansai Expo pavilion, and I look forward to visiting it.

I hope that, under the leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah, the State of Kuwait will continue to develop further and that the friendship between our two countries will deepen further. I promise that the Japan-Kuwait Parliamentary Friendship Association will do its best to contribute to enhancing the ties between our two countries through bilateral parliamentary exchanges and other efforts.

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