

National Day of Kuwait

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Kuwait, Japan mark 65th anniversary of diplomatic ties

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On the occasion of the 65th anniversary of the National Day of the State of Kuwait and the 35th anniversary of the Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait, we reflect with pride on Kuwait's remarkable journey of transformation and comprehensive development since its independence in 1961. Over the decades, Kuwait has played a leading role in promoting peace and dialogue at the regional and international levels, leaving a clear and enduring footprint through its humanitarian, charitable and development initiatives worldwide. This principled approach reflects Kuwait's steadfast commitment to international law and the values of dialogue, cooperation and peace.

As we commemorate the 35th anniversary of Kuwait's liberation, we extend our sincere gratitude and deep appreciation to our allies and friends, including Japan, which played an exceptional role within the framework of international efforts that contributed to the liberation of Kuwait.

This year, 2026, also marks the 65th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Kuwait and Japan that were established in December 1961. Over the past year, several significant developments have further



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strengthened these long-standing ties. Most notably, the visit of His Highness the Crown Prince, Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, in May 2025 represented a pivotal milestone culminating in the elevation of bilateral relations to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and the signing of multiple agreements and memoranda of understanding in key sectors, including electricity and water, renewable energy, diplomatic training, direct investment and development cooperation. These achievements reflect the shared determination of both friendly countries to broaden mutual cooperation.

His Highness the Crown Prince also visited the 2025 Osaka-Kansai Expo, where Kuwait's pavilion showcased the nation's achievements in the fields of the economy, energy, environment and education, presenting Kuwait's cultural heritage and national identity in an innovative and interactive manner, attracting wide interest from Japanese and international visitors alike.

The past year also witnessed a series of high-level visits and milestones, including the visit of His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, during which His Majesty the Emperor of Japan conferred upon him the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun. Japan's foreign minister visited Kuwait to participate in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)–Japan Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in September during Kuwait's chairmanship of the previous GCC session. In October, the governor of Tokyo visited Kuwait as part of efforts to en-



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His Highness Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Crown Prince of the State of Kuwait, with His Majesty the Emperor of Japan on May 29, 2025

hance cooperation between the capitals of both countries. These engagements, alongside numerous reciprocal consultations, reflect the momentum and depth of bilateral ties.

In the economic field, the State of Kuwait and Japan enjoy dynamic and long-standing cooperation, particularly in the energy sector, which remains a cornerstone of our partnership. Looking ahead, both sides aspire to expand and diversify economic and trade relations by encouraging greater participation of Japanese companies in major development projects within the framework of "Kuwait Vision 2035," which aims to

transform Kuwait into a regional financial and commercial hub.

Kuwaiti–Japanese relations are rooted in mutual solidarity during pivotal moments. Japan adopted an honorable and principled stance in support of the State of Kuwait during the 1990 invasion and contributed effectively to international efforts aimed at liberating Kuwait during that decisive period. Likewise, Kuwait ensured it was in the lead of global efforts providing support and assistance to Japan in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake of 2011, reflecting shared values of loyalty and solidarity between the two friendly nations.

Cultural, educational and people-to-people exchanges also form a central pillar of the relationship. Kuwait offers annual scholarships to Japanese students to study the Arabic language, fostering deeper mutual understanding and strengthening ties between the two peoples. Many participants return home with Arabic language skills and a deep appreciation of Kuwaiti culture, serving as bridges of friendship between Kuwait and Japan.

On the diplomatic front, Kuwait and Japan share a firm belief in the values of peace and a strong commitment to the principles of the United Nations Charter and international law. This is reflected in their joint efforts to promote dialogue and stability and to underscore the vital importance of respecting the sovereignty of states, demonstrating a clear alignment of views regarding adherence to these international principles.

Building on this strong foundation and renewed momentum, we look

ahead with confidence and optimism to a future of even deeper partnership and cooperation, further

strengthening the bonds of friendship between the State of Kuwait and Japan.

Heartiest Greetings and Congratulations to the State of Kuwait on the Occasion of the 65th Anniversary of National Day and the 35th Anniversary of Liberation Day



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Friendship deepened by Expo pavilion

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I am pleased to extend my sincere congratulations to the State of Kuwait on the occasion of the 65th anniversary of its independence and the 35th anniversary of its liberation. I have a 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.

The State of Kuwait is an extremely important friendly country for Japan, which is poor in natural resources, as it is a key supplier of crude oil and other resources. I am also truly happy that in recent years, our two countries have been promoting active exchanges in various fields, including edu-



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cation and environmental protection.

Last year, the State of Kuwait had a pavilion at the 2025 Osaka-Kansai Expo in our country. The moment I arrived at the pavilion, I was captivated by its innovative architecture with a large roof that evoked a spread-out wing. Once inside, I was greeted by a series of exhibits that introduced the State of Kuwait's history and culture as well as its vision for the future, giving me the feeling of transcending time and space.

The pavilion of the State of Kuwait was one of the most popular at the exposition, visited by millions of people. I am sure that it significantly contributed to the friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and the State of Kuwait. I would like to express my deep respect for the efforts of all those involved in planning and making this project a reality.

In closing, I hope that the State of Kuwait will continue to develop further. I promise that the Japan-Kuwait Parliamentary Friendship Association will do its best to contribute to enhancing the ties between our two countries.

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