

UAE National Day

A prosperous future through a balanced and respectful approach

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On the auspicious occasion of the 45th United Arab Emirates National Day, I am honored to convey, on behalf of the government and people of the United Arab Emirates, my heartfelt greetings to Their Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, the government and people of Japan. I also extend my sincere felicitations to President of the UAE H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President and Prime Minister H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and the honorable members of the Supreme Council and Rulers of the Emirates.

The UAE national day is a day of great pride. It is not only an occasion when we celebrate the successes achieved over the last 45 years, but also one when we reflect upon the legacy left by the founding father of the UAE, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, whose vision, together with his fellow leaders of the UAE's constituent emirates, made incredible achievements through dedication, unity and commitment. The very vision of the UAE's founding leaders is inherited by the current leadership of H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan and the members of the Supreme Council and Rulers of the Emirates to continue our way toward shaping a bright and prosperous future.

Although the history of our country began just 45 years ago, we have made dramatic developments politically, economically and socially, progressing together with Japanese cooperation that started even before the foundation of our country, creating one of the safest nations in the world where more than 200 nationalities coexist in political and economic stability. The UAE has taken a gradual and balanced approach in light of the international and regional environment, respecting and committing to the rules and laws of international human rights, as well as moderation and non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries; the values and principles of our late founding father that we also share with Japan.

The relations between our two countries have developed

not only through economic cooperation, but also in cultural and educational exchanges that have continued over the years. Since I was sent to Japan as the one of first UAE government scholarship students to study twenty-some years ago, hundreds of UAE youth have studied in Japan, acquiring Japanese culture and technologies, and making Japan their second homes. Today, as the UAE's ambassador to Japan, I would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those men and women in governmental and educational entities, private corporations, non-governmental organizations and other entities who have touched on our people and country in the course of the development of relations over many years.

Our values and principles are reflected in the UAE's international approach and its focus on

humanitarianism and assistance to those in need, making the UAE one of the world's most generous aid donors together with Japan. The UAE has provided development, humanitarian and charitable assistance to more than 21 sectors spanning 178 countries over the last 45 years.

Currently there are two realities in the Middle East; the dismal one focused on in the media, and the other one that we know in the UAE that consists of coexistence, love, openness, peace and modernity. These are the values that we live by and share with the rest of the world and Japan. There is a Mars mission named "Hope" underway with a 2020 launch that sends a message of hope for a better future to millions of Arab youth. Japanese cooperation from the public and private sectors on this project has been

reached, starting with the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, which concluded a memorandum of understanding with the UAE Space Agency in March. Japanese participation in this project was made possible by our solid trust for Japan's integrity and high level of technology assured through our long-standing economic cooperation.

The economy of the UAE has become increasingly more di-

versified and sustainable, with the contribution of non-oil sectors to the UAE's gross domestic product accounting for more than 76 percent in 2015. Our shifting of the economy toward the industrial and manufacturing sectors is enabled by the contribution of our important partners such as Japan, and we hope to strive for a more resilient, sustainable and diversified economy through a strategic partnership with Japan.



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