

Iran National Day Special

Building positive efforts to consolidate bilateral ties

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I would like to commemorate the 44th anniversary of the glorious victory of the Islamic Revolution and the National Day of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the government and people of Iran to the esteemed Japanese diplomats and citizens, diplomatic envoys, representatives of international organizations in Tokyo, distinguished Iranian residents and all dear Japanese friends of Iran.

After the shah fled, the Pahlavi dynasty and monarchy collapsed 44 years ago. The Islamic Republic was established and the new political system was implemented based on values such as the promotion of democracy, freedom, equality, human rights and respect for women.

Iran is a vast country with a remarkable and brilliant scientific, cultural and civilizational history, as well as huge amounts of natural and human resources. With the efforts of its educated youth in recent decades, it has become one of the leading countries in the West Asian region in the fields of science and new technologies.

Many efforts and measures have been undertaken following the victory of the Islamic Revolution in accordance with the dignity of women and the strengthening of the family institution. The third clause of Article 14 of Iran's Constitution emphasizes the provision of equal rights for men and women, the establishment of fair judicial security for all and general equality before the law.

Also, the equality of all citizens before the law and the government's duty to guarantee women's rights in all aspects are specified in articles 20 and 21. In addition, articles 20, 21 and 28 of the constitution, articles 38 and 75 to 78 of the Labor Law and Article 67 of the Social Security Law,

articles 83 and 90 of the Bill of Rights and the Organizing and Supporting Home Businesses Law are among the most important laws that protect the rights of women in the workplace.

It should be noted that there are currently over 4,000 female entrepreneurs in Iran. Women manage 20% of our entrepreneurship centers and 20% of the knowledge enterprises. Also, the rate of economic participation by women increased from 12.4% in 2014 to 16.4% in 2017.

In addition, within the four years ending in 2021, women's collective voice, leadership and decision-making have been strengthened in such a way that the number of female managers has grown by 98.4%. The number of female managers in all sectors was about 12.7% in 2018 and increased to 25.2% in 2021.

It is necessary to mention that 14 parties have been established, particularly by women, and have obtained activity licenses. More than 15,000 women belong to political parties and organizations. Many general elections have been held in the country over the last four decades. It means that in Iran, a general election is held every year.

The foreign policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran has always been based on multilateralism, justice, cooperation, mutual respect, opposition to unilateralism, and the necessity of playing a constructive role in facing international and regional challenges.

The historical and excellent relations between our countries date back to the Silk Road era and are rooted in kinship and cultural ties. This relationship has been continued on the basis of trust and mutual respect since the victory of the Islamic Revolution. Despite the ups and downs, the statesmen of our countries have tried to overcome problems with political determination and taken steps to protect the precious heri-

tage of the long-standing and friendly ties between our countries.

High-ranking officials from our countries have had serious, continuous consultations and meetings about various issues. The leaders of Iran and Japan met during the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly and discussed ways to strengthen and consolidate positive relations as much as possible, and also exchanged views on regional and international developments.

The 90th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Iran and Japan was celebrated by holding various celebrations in 2019 in Tehran and Tokyo. We will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the establishment of official relations between our countries in 2029.

I hope that we will witness the ever-increasing prosperity of the great historical relations between Iran and Japan and our friendly nations in all fields. I also hope that both countries will continue their efforts to strengthen bilateral relations and multilateral and international cooperation in the future.

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