

Jordan National Day Special

Key player in keeping regional peace

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In celebrating the 77th Independence Day of The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, I extend my heartfelt greetings to their majesties the emperor and empress, and to the government and

people of Japan. Jordan and Japan have enjoyed solid relations and warm friendship since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1954, and the resumption of diplomatic ties in 1974. In 2024, we anticipate with joy the 70th and 50th anniversaries of our bilateral relations, which coincide with the silver jubilee celebrations marking the 25th anniversary of King Abdullah II's accession to the throne.

Over the past decades and under the leadership of the king, our partnership has steadily evolved and continues to develop, fueled by mutual respect, shared values and a vision for a peaceful world. Our long-standing relations are further bolstered by the exceptional friendship between the royal and imperial families.

The king has visited Japan more than any head of state, underscoring the impor-

tance he places on relations with Japan. The most recent visit was in April, during which the king and Queen Rania met with the emperor and empress, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and other business and political leaders. During their summit meeting, Kishida highlighted the importance of Japan's relations with Jordan and the role of Jordan as a cornerstone of peace and regional stability. Moreover, several strategic initiatives were explored in the important fields of technology, digital transformation, education, agriculture, energy and defense.

Situated in a region rife with volatility and conflicts, Jordan plays a pivotal role in fostering peace as well as in fighting extremism and terrorism. Jordan is also hosting and providing a safe haven and

dignified life to almost 10% of the world's refugees, giving it one of the highest ratios of refugees per capita in the world.

Japan's support for Jordan and for advancing peace in the region through supporting the Middle East peace process based on the two-state solution is greatly valued. Central to achieving peace is the resolution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and ending the military occupation of the Palestinian territories. As Hashemite custodian of Jerusalem's Muslim and Christian holy sites, the king is committed to upholding the historical and legal status quo at these holy places, which is essential for maintaining peace and freedom of worship.

On Independence Day, we reflect with gratitude on the solid and constructive relations between Jordan and Japan.

Cooperation contributes to international stability

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On behalf of the Japan-Jordan Association, I am pleased to extend my warmest congratulations to the people of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on their 77th Inde-

pendence Day.

Over the past few years, the impact of the novel coronavirus pandemic has made visits between our countries difficult. However, with the resumption of

normal travel and active engagement, I am confident that bilateral relationships rooted in history and tradition will be ever strengthened.

This past April, I was granted the opportunity to have an audience with His Majesty King Abdullah II during his visit to Japan and received great insight into Jordan's path toward enhancing the country's social and industrial development as well as expectations for Japan. I hope that by further expanding the breadth and depth of bilateral cooperation, the efforts of both countries will contribute even more to peace and stability in the international community.

Next year, Jordan and Japan will celebrate the 70th anniversary of their establishment of diplomatic relations. Under

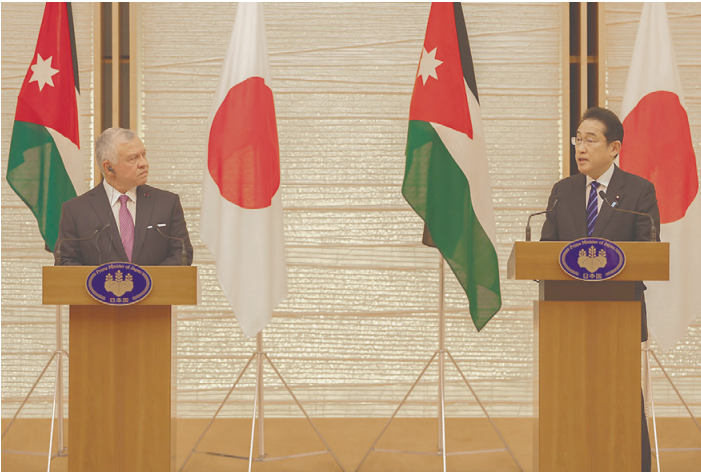
the strong leadership of the Hashemite royal family, Jordan has and continues to play an important role in ensuring stability and security in the Middle East and is one of Japan's most important partners.

Our bilateral relationship extends to our royal and imperial households and is the backbone of a proud and long history shared by our nations.

I am confident that this relationship, based on mutual respect and shared values, will continue to flourish in the future.

In closing, I would like to express my sincerest appreciation to the ambassador of Jordan to Japan, and to wish progress and prosperity for both Jordan and our many shared friendships.

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King Abdullah II and Prime Minister Fumio Kishida hold talks in April in Tokyo. EMBASSY OF JORDAN

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