

# UAE Union Day Special

## Striving for economic diversification

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This year, we celebrate the 52nd anniversary of Union Day of the United Arab Emirates. 2023 also sees the UAE hosting the 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Conven-

tion on Climate Change (COP28).

His Highness President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed al Nahyan has announced the year 2023 as the year of sustainability, under the slogan "Today for Tomorrow." This comes as an embodiment of his keen interest that the concept of sustainability is a major national priority. We believe that the UAE's role is important and pivotal in global efforts aimed at reducing the repercussions of climate change at the regional and international levels.

The UAE affirmed that COP28 will focus on performance and implementation, and

not just on pledges. In line with the vision of the UAE's wise leadership, the COP28 presidency aims for the conference to be a turning point for achieving tangible and substantive progress in global climate action. This goes hand in hand with achieving sustainable economic and social development.

Over the past five decades, the UAE has worked to strengthen international partnerships and is moving rapidly to enhance the competitiveness and sustainability of its economy and to explore new opportunities. The UAE's foreign policy focuses on supporting long-term economic prosperity, and the country adopts strategies that encourage economic diversification, away from oil, and works to build an economy based on knowledge and diversity, enhanced by scientific and technological progress.

This year, we have seen several mutual visits between the two sides, including the visit of His Highness Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed al Nahyan to Japan in June, and the official visit of His Excellency Prime Minister Fumio Kishida to the UAE in July. Also, His Excellency Minister

of Industry and Advanced Technology and Special Envoy of the UAE Sultan Al Jaber visited Japan in September and held the first ministerial-level meeting of the comprehensive strategic partnership initiative with Her Excellency Foreign Affairs Minister Yoko Kamikawa.

The UAE, under the leadership of Nahyan and His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum, continues the process of national development and economic growth toward the future model of the UAE, as an extension of the legacy of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al Nahyan and Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed al Nahyan, may God rest their souls.

Last year, we celebrated the 51st anniversary of UAE-Japanese relations. We have already begun a new 50-year journey in which we share visions on many vital issues, such as climate and energy, and constantly explore together areas of cooperation and make them expand day after day.

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