

Kuwait National Day Special

Regional hub for finance and culture

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On Dec. 16, 2023, the State of Kuwait experienced a profound loss with the passing of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. His legacy encompasses substantial contributions to regional and international peace and the fortification of amicable relations between Japan and Kuwait.

As Kuwait commemorates the 63rd anniversary of its independence and the 33rd anniversary of its liberation, we reflect on the 63 years of flourishing diplomatic ties with Japan.

Amid shared challenges such as climate change, disasters, economic recovery, universal health coverage and peace, a formidable alliance beckons Kuwait and Japan

in the current global landscape, defined by the impact of the recent geopolitical developments in the Middle East and elsewhere around the world. The need for resilient economies and sustainable development strategies is more pressing than ever.

Kuwait and Japan possess the potential to leverage their commitment to human development, prosperity, peace, partnerships and environmental stewardship. The embassy spearheads expanded collaboration with Japan in areas such as cybersecurity, digitalization, clean energy, infrastructure, technology, education and health care.

One crucial aspect of this collaboration lies in promoting cultural relations and fostering cooperation between universities in Kuwait and Japan. This endeavor holds immense importance, as it contributes to both nations' academic growth and plays a vital role in deepening mutual understanding and friendship. Cultural exchanges and academic partnerships serve as bridges that connect societies, allowing for the exchange of ideas,

knowledge and perspectives, ultimately fostering a more affluent and more interconnected global community.

Kuwait's ambitious long-term economic development plan, Kuwait Vision 2035, aims to effect the country's metamorphosis into a regional financial, commercial and cultural hub. This initiative unfolds significant investment opportunities for Japan, with technology transfer and capacity building emerging as potential areas of cooperation. Japan's advanced technology leadership can benefit Kuwait's health care system, enhance manufacturing capabilities and propel efforts to diversify the economy, reducing reliance on oil revenues.

Furthermore, the cooperative ventures extend beyond conventional infrastructure projects in Kuwait, encompassing diverse sectors where Japan's expertise can catalyze transformative change. Japan's leadership in green energy and clean fuel technologies positions it as a valuable collaborator in Kuwait's pursuit of sustainable practices. In addition to expanding airports, seaports and transportation networks, Japan's influence can be harnessed in bolstering Kuwait's education and training initiatives, fostering advanced urban development, fortifying the banking and financial sector, driving innovation in information and technology and software development, and optimizing storage and logistics systems. This multifaceted collaboration stands poised to elevate Kuwait's overall infrastructure, fostering a holistic and forward-thinking approach to national development.

In a demonstration of solidarity, I visited the areas affected by the Noto Peninsula earthquake, aiming to underscore the robust bond between our nations. As I assessed the heart-wrenching damage, interacted with residents and offered moral support to affected families and children, I reiterated Kuwait's steadfast solidarity with the Japanese people. This visit, reminiscent of our support following the Great East



His Highness Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah EMBASSY OF KUWAIT

Japan Earthquake and tsunami in March 2011, emphasizes the bedrock of friendship founded on reciprocal assistance during challenging times. These initiatives vividly illustrate how Kuwait and Japan, united by shared values and a history of mutual aid, stand firmly together in adversity, fortifying the bedrock of their friendship.

Looking ahead, the legacy of the late amir serves as a testament to the enduring friendship between Japan and Kuwait. This legacy lays a robust foundation for continued collaboration in pursuing sustainable development and global well-being. Likewise, under the wise guidance of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, both countries remain steadfast in their commitment to building stronger relations for the benefit of their peoples.

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