

Egypt National Day

A country with a promising and stable future

Ismail Khairat
AMBASSADOR OF EGYPT

On the 64th anniversary of the 1952 revolution, I am delighted to celebrate with the people of Japan an iconic day in Egyptian history.



Recently, Egypt has been one of the first countries in the Middle East where the winds of change have blown in January 2011 and June 2013 when the Egyptian people expressed their legitimate aspirations and deserved hopes for freedom, democracy and social justice that provide for everybody a fair and balanced development whose fruits would be enjoyed by all segments of the society.

The Egyptian government completed the establishment of its constitutional institutions within a framework in which all authorities are balanced under the democracy for which the Egyptian people have struggled to attain and which they will never give up.

Historic presidential visit

This year we saw an extremely important and historical presidential visit to Japan, the first such visit in 16 years. President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi had a chance to discuss a number of political, economic, and developmental issues with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Both leaders witnessed the signature of three important agreements in the fields of conventional and renewable energy and civil aviation worth around \$500 million.

Moreover the president delivered a landmark speech at the Diet, becoming the first Arab and just the second African president to have such an honor. Furthermore, there were discussions between Japanese companies and Egyptian authorities to cooperate in building a new administrative capital of Egypt and the advancement of the Suez Canal Development Zone. At an economic forum held on the last day of the visit, both sides

signed 15 memorandums of understanding for projects valued around ¥2 trillion.

One of the most important outcomes of this visit was that both governments launched a comprehensive bilateral cooperation movement to modernize the Egyptian education system based upon the successful Japanese model.

Investment and tourism

Egypt has a large and growing domestic market of some 90 million people of whom 65 percent are of working age. With rising standards of living, the purchasing power of the domestic market will drive growth in many sectors.

Moreover, Egypt has adopted several measures and legislation for attracting and facilitating investment, and it is one of the top countries in the world where investors can see high revenues. Egypt has hammered out a radical solution in only one year for the energy shortage problem, and met all the energy needs of the industrial sector to maintain production.

We are currently passing through a genuine economic revolution and a new age of development as we are looking forward to promoting cooperation with our partners and friends in the world. At the top of the list is Japan, as we consider the country a

major partner and true friend that we can depend on to support the best interests of both sides.

We also hope to restore the momentum of Japanese tourism to Egypt. I can confirm that the authorities in Egypt will not spare any effort in guaranteeing the safety and security of visitors from all parts of the world.

Successful development

With regards to developmental cooperation, we highly

value Japan's landmark projects in Egypt such as the Cairo Opera House, the Friendship Bridge connecting Africa and Asia over the Suez Canal, the Cairo University Pediatric Hospital and the Egypt-Japan University of Science and Technology (E-JUST) among others. Moreover, Japan is at present assisting Egypt in implementing megaprojects, such as the fourth metro line and the Grand Egyptian Museum, which will be the largest cul-

tural center on earth.

During the presidential visit to Japan, both leaders confirmed their continuous support for E-JUST and expressed their expectations for E-JUST to be a core of cooperation between the two countries in the fields of high-

er education and science and technology.

I assure you that hand in hand we together can build and reconstruct. We can realize the dream of development, prosperity and peace for our two peoples and for humanity as a whole.

Further education exchanges pursued

Yuriko Koike
CHAIRPERSON, JAPAN-EGYPT
PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE

I would like to send my warmest congratulations on the occasion of the National Day of the Arab Republic of Egypt.



H.E. President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi made his first state visit to Japan earlier this year, providing a springboard for the bilateral ties to further expand in many areas. The Japanese government pledged to continue supporting Egypt's democratic process and promised to offer further economic assistance. The two nations agreed to launch an initiative called the Egypt-Japan Education Partnership, which will invite more than

2,500 Egyptian students to Japan during the next five years. As a graduate of Cairo University, I will pursue the promotion of exchanges between the young people of both countries.

During his stay in Japan, the president delivered a speech to the Diet. I was deeply impressed by his address, in which he expressed his determination to strive for the peaceful and stable lives of the Egyptian people. As the chairperson of the Japan-Egypt Parliamentary Friendship League, I fully support his efforts.

Meanwhile on a personal note, I had an opportunity to visit Cairo in February and attended several meetings. I was honored to meet the president during my stay.

I sincerely hope for the prosperity of Egypt and the Egyptian people.



Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi delivers a speech at the Diet in February. EMBASSY OF EGYPT

Working to expand ties and bilateral cooperation

Masahiko Komura
HONORARY CHAIRMAN, JAPAN-EGYPT PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE

On the occasion of the National Day of the Arab Republic of Egypt, as honorary chairman of the Japan-Egypt Parliamentary Friendship League, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to the people of Egypt.



I'm delighted to see the bilateral relationship has exponentially progressed thanks to the visit by H.E. President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi to Japan in February.

We, the members of the Japan-Egypt Parliamentary Friendship League, are determined to make contributions to further strengthen friendly ties between our two countries through exchange and enhanced cooperation with the newly formed Egyptian parliament.

Congratulations to the People of the Arab Republic of Egypt on the 64th Anniversary of Their National Day

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