

UAE National Day Special

Ongoing partnership continues dynamic evolution

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On the auspicious occasion of the 48th National Day of the United Arab Emirates, I would like to extend my sincere greetings to President of the UAE and Ruler of Abu Dhabi H.H. Sheikh Khalifa

bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President and Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, and their highnesses, the members of the UAE Supreme Council and Rulers of the Emirates.

Reflecting the valuable history of friendship between the imperial and royal families of Japan and the UAE, Deputy Chairman of Abu Dhabi Executive Council H.H. Sheikh Hazza bin Zayed Al Nahyan, and State Minister H.E. Sultan Al Jaber,



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witnessed the magnificent enthronement ceremony at the Imperial Palace in October. The UAE wishes for Japan to achieve a further prosperous future in the Reiwa Era with the accession of His Majesty Emperor Naruhito to the chrysanthemum throne.

The excellent relationship between the UAE and Japan is entering now a new phase of partnership under the framework of a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Initiative (CSPI) agreed on by both countries'



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leadership in 2018.

Building on our successful partnership for almost half a century, the UAE and Japan affirmed their commitment to develop their joint vision and further enhance cooperation in all potential areas toward mutual benefit and progress in a comprehensive manner.

The CSPI represents extensive success stories in the bilateral cooperation between our two countries. In September, in collaboration with the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, the UAE performed an educational project that was conducted by the first UAE astronaut Hazza Almansoori from the Japanese module Kibo at the International Space Station for UAE students studying in Japan.

I am so pleased that last year's successful launch of KhalifaSat was followed by such an epoch-making event again this year. This proves that the vibrant space collaboration has already been an active driving force for strengthening bilateral ties within the framework of the CSPI.

Under the far-sighted initiative of the UAE leadership aimed at benefiting from Japanese education as an ideal model, more than 10 years have passed since a Japanese school in Abu Dhabi launched Japanese-style education for the UAE nationals. As a promising sign of the program, currently four UAE nationals who learned Japanese education and culture in the school are studying in a Japanese high school. They will enter one of the Japanese universities to continue fostering their experience, knowledge and individuality in Japan. I hope for the day when they will apply what they learned in Japan to their future lives and further development of their country after returning home.

Energy remains a key priority under the CSPI. A long-standing energy partnership of our two countries has greatly contributed to energy development and economic diversification in the UAE. The UAE is Japan's

second-largest oil supplier, providing 29.9 percent of its total oil imports in September. Last year, Japan acquired oil field concessions in Abu Dhabi for the coming 40 years. This indicates that Japan is an important strategic energy partner to the UAE, while the UAE is a stable and reliable energy supplier to Japan. We are looking to strengthen the existing partnership with Japan on a long-term basis by pursuing new opportunities that will unlock greater value from our

resources.

I would also like to highlight that our country will host the Expo 2020 Dubai for six months starting in October of that year. In the countdown, the UAE is committed to staging the best expo in history owing to its strategic location as a tourism and trade hub, world-class infrastructure and political and social stability. Japan held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Japan Pavilion in August. On this occasion, I encourage many Japanese people to visit our country by our national carriers, Etihad Airways and Emirates. The UAE has much to offer. I am sure that they will find the best of the UAE in new experiences through the expo and other

fascinating tourism activities as well as business and investment opportunities.

In closing, I have the upmost pleasure to extend my sincere gratitude for the efforts and dedication of all our partner entities and people in Japan to give momentum to bilateral relations. In aiming to steadily increase success stories of cooperation within the framework of the CSPI, I am resolved to continue to work hard to further enhance the bilateral relations in all potential fields.

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