

Kuwait National Day Special

Strong base of mutual support

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On Feb. 25, the State of Kuwait will celebrate the 60th anniversary of independence and 30th anniversary of its liberation from Iraq. This special occasion coincides with the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations with Japan, which was among the first countries to recognize our independence a few days after its declaration in 1961, bearing in mind that our friendship dates back to 1958.

Looking back on 2020, it was a year of tremendous challenges for all nations worldwide. The virus has highlighted the importance of maintaining solidarity with other countries to foster equal,

inclusive and sustainable resilience to future disasters and pandemics so that no one is left behind. Our great humanitarian leader, the late Amir His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, whom Kuwait and the international community lost on Sept. 29, had been advocating these principles for decades. He will be remembered as "an extraordinary symbol of wisdom and generosity, a messenger of peace, a bridge-builder," to borrow the words of U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

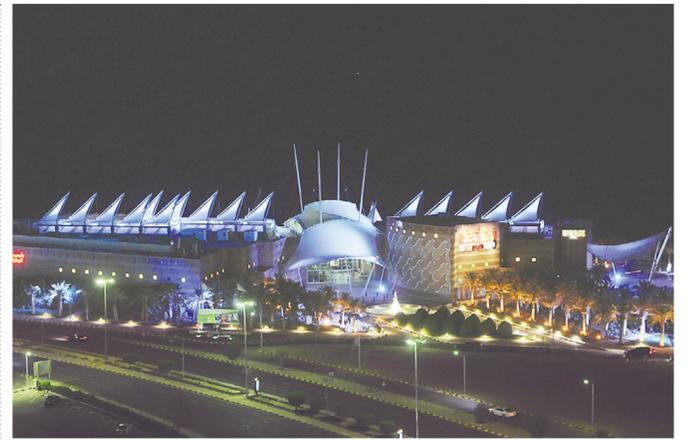
His highness laid the foundations of Kuwait's moderate and human-centered foreign policy that embraces tolerance and moderation per the teachings of our noble religion Islam. These values enabled our country to form ties of friendship and respect with all nations worldwide. His Highness, the Amir of the State of Kuwait Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, is committed to pursuing the same approach to develop it further.

In today's uncertain world, our friendly relations with Japan represent the model of a constructive relationship between two countries and peoples based on shared values. Our partnership has been developing and holds the potential for further growth in the future. For six decades, our governments have been working on strengthening these ties on the political, economic, commercial, scientific and cultural levels. Our bilateral trade reached a yearly total of around \$9 billion, with Kuwait being among Japan's largest crude oil sources.

Mutual support in times of need has been the pillar of our relations. One remarkable instance was during the Iraqi invasion, when Japan took an honorable stance by upholding Kuwait's rights and contributing a total of \$13 billion to the international coalition forces. Japan's support will always be engraved in the Kuwaiti people's minds and hearts. This appreciation was evident in the

aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake and the ensuing tsunami in March 2011, when the State of Kuwait granted Japan a donation of 5 million barrels of crude oil to alleviate the painful suffering of the victims and to contribute to the reconstruction efforts. Kuwait's support was only a small token of appreciation and gratitude to our friends, similarly to many other nations around the globe who stood by Japan, which has always been generous to others over the years. Additionally, during the coronavirus pandemic that has been devastating the world, cooperation between Kuwait and Japan in the medical field has also been exemplary and fruitful.

We are proud of our historical relations with Japan and look forward to further developing them. To that end, we will continue to exert every effort under the wise leadership of his highness the amir and His Highness Crown Prince Sheikh Mishaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.



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Long-standing ties continue to grow based on bilateral respect

YASUSHI KIMURA
CHAIRMAN, JAPAN-KUWAIT SOCIETY



On the auspicious occasion of the 60th anniversary of the national day of the State of Kuwait, I am pleased to offer on behalf of the Japan-Kuwait Society our sincerest greetings and

congratulations to the friendly people of Kuwait.

At the end of September, Amir His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah died at the age of 91. After serving as a bridge between Kuwait and Japan, as well as with the rest of the world for 40 years as minister of foreign affairs, he played an outstanding coordinating role

in the Gulf States as the amir of Kuwait for 14 years from 2006. I would like to express my heartfelt condolences on his passing. His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, who has ascended to the throne as the 16th amir, embarks on his journey in the middle of the challenging coronavirus pandemic. I pray he will fulfill his oath of office taken at the National Assembly to protect the land and work for the freedom and welfare of the people.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Kuwait so let us celebrate this remarkable occasion. Besides, this year also marks 10 years since the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011. We will never forget the tremendous support received from the State of Kuwait to assist with the recovery. I sincerely wish for the prosperity of the State of Kuwait and its people.

Relationship evolves beyond energy sector

EISUKE MORI
CHAIRMAN, THE JAPAN-KUWAIT
PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE

I am pleased to extend my congratulations to the nation of Kuwait on the occasion of its 60th national day anniversary and 30th anniversary of liberation.

I have the utmost respect for what Kuwait has achieved since its founding, in building a democratic system, creating remarkable economic development and making significant contributions to the stabilization of the Middle East.

Kuwait is also a leading source of fossil fuels for Japan, and has been a crucial friend to our resource-poor nation.



I am thrilled that in recent years our relationship has extended beyond the energy sector to the fields of education and the environment. Such wide-ranging exchanges will

further deepen the ties between our countries.

I would also once again like to thank Kuwait for the generous support it provided to Japan after the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake. Your assistance contributed greatly to the rebuilding of the areas

affected by the disaster. Thank you so very much.

I hope we can work together to overcome the coronavirus pandemic that is causing so much suffering around the world.

In closing, I and the other members of the Parliamentary Friendship League pledge to continue our exchanges to strengthen the bonds of friendship between our two countries.

I sincerely wish for the peace and prosperity of your country.

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His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, amir of the State of Kuwait
EMBASSY OF KUWAIT

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