

# Oman National Day Special

## Committed to strengthening friendship

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On the momentous occasion of the commemoration of the Sultanate of Oman's 51st National Day on Nov. 18, and on behalf of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, his government and the people

of Oman, I have the great honor to convey greetings and best wishes of good health, harmony, peace and prosperity to Their Majesties Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, the imperial family, as well as the government and friendly people of Japan.

On this jubilant occasion, the people of Oman rejoice to commemorate their national day by proudly expressing their wholehearted gratitude to His Majesty and respectfully wish to share this joyful time with all the people of Japan. Oman is unique in having one of the world's longest histories as an independent nation and through this glorious history Oman has made great contributions to civilization.

The friendship between the peoples of our two nations extends to over 400 years,

with next year marking the 50th formal anniversary of the establishment of modern diplomatic relations in 1972. Omani-Japanese relations were founded on mutual respect and have developed with reciprocal trust and continue to expand rapidly in various fields. Hence, it also gives me great pleasure to convey my government's commitment to the friendship with Japan and its government under the leadership of Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, recognizing his efforts to support and promote the distinguished relations between Oman and Japan, and expressing my government's desire to further strengthen the friendship and cooperation between our two great nations.

I also seize this opportunity to recognize the efforts and hard work of members of the Japan-Oman Parliamentary Friendship League, the Japan-Oman Society, the Hiroshima-Oman Friendship Association, the Nara-Oman Friendship Association, the Japan-Oman Club, the Japan-Arab Association and Japanese business leaders and industries.

His Majesty has categorically reasserted his commitment that the Sultanate of Oman will continue to follow the wise policy founded by the late sultan, which is ingrained in the principals of peace, dialogue, tolerance, coexistence, justice, equality and obligation to honor the rules

and principles of the U.N. Charter and international law.

My country considers peace to be the central building block for stability and development and believes that dialogue and negotiation are the most appropriate means of resolving differences. His Majesty has made this clear in all his addresses.

"Moving Forward with Confidence" is Oman's axiom for Vision 2040, a strategy spearheaded by the wise leadership of His Majesty himself. As we progress, the Sultanate of Oman will implement planned steps to restructure and modernize its administrative apparatus, and will continue to focus on diversifying its economy by boosting nonoil revenue and aim to further grow the economic sectors by fostering technology, promoting responsible ecosystems, and ongoing enhancement of the competitiveness of its free industrial and trade zones. Oman's progressive economic diversification development program, transparent business environment and stable political climate are projected to yield positive outcomes.

With no restrictions on repatriation of capital or profits, Oman hosts numerous and exclusive mega-investment opportunities, such as the Special Economic Zone at Duqm, which is located in a prime strategic location. Covering an area of 2,000 square kilometers with a 90-kilometer coast-

line, the zone is regarded as a major new drive for regional economic growth and offers a clear competitive advantage with unmatched incentives, a talented workforce and a robust infrastructure. The zone has an enormous multipurpose port, a state-of-the-art dry dock, a fishing port and an airport, in addition to prominent tourist, industrial and logistics areas.

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**His Majesty Haitham  
Bin Tarik Sultan of  
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**Muscat boasts a well-developed road network.**

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