

UAE National Day Special

Relationships expanding in various fields

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Today, the UAE celebrates its 50th National Day. The journey that saw a major transformation and buildup of our country thanks to the vision of our founding fathers led by His Highness

Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al Nahyan.

Today, under the leadership of His Highness President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed al Nahyan, our country continues a development journey that started with a focus on the human capital of the UAE and creating the best educational and health care facilities in addition to infrastructure that supports the rapid diversification of the UAE. This drive is even faster today, given the role the UAE plays in the international arena and its contribution to the well-being of people inside and outside its borders.

The UAE and Japan enjoy strategic bilat-

eral relations that link us in the spirit of fraternity and cooperation. We elevated our partnership to new heights following a meeting between His Highness Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed al Nahyan, and then-Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, as part of Abe's official visit to the UAE in April 2018.

Building on our long-standing bilateral ties, both sides committed to deepening their strategic partnership under a comprehensive strategic partnership initiative.

As part of this initiative, the UAE looks forward to further developing relations with Japan in various fields, including food security, health and nuclear cooperation.

In 2022, the UAE and Japan will celebrate 50 years of diplomatic relations. On this important occasion, the UAE wishes to highlight the depth of our relationship and explore additional pathways of coordination to our mutual benefit.

Our relationship has diversified from oil and carbon-based energy to space and renewable energy. Both countries have announced their net-zero 2050 goals and are working closely in the fields of hydrogen and

ammonia to achieve this. Additionally, the UAE is scheduled to host the 28th U.N. climate conference in 2023, playing an important role in the sustainability drive for the whole planet.

The UAE is currently hosting Expo Dubai 2020, with 192 countries participating, making it the largest in terms of country participation. We expect to receive 25 million visitors throughout the expo's six-month run.

The partnership with Japan is reflected through positive economic indexes, as well as the value of Japanese foreign direct investment in the UAE, which totaled almost \$5 billion from 2016 to 2020, with growth of 33% from 2015 through 2019. Japanese investments and advanced technologies play a key role in supporting the UAE's diversifying economy. Japanese exports to the UAE were \$5.6 billion in 2020, while Emirati exports to Japan are estimated at \$16.7 billion.

Japan is ranked 10th globally among countries investing in the UAE, and ninth globally in terms of nonoil trade, averaging \$14 billion between 2017 and 2020.

We see very strong development in the



UAE-Japan relationship, especially in light of our shared visions and a need to contribute more to solving issues the world has to face, such as the coronavirus pandemic and climate change. The UAE will play a big role in bringing all countries together at the 2023 U.N. climate conference and will work on finding solutions that will make a difference and help achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. We are 50 years young and we look forward to our achievements in the next 50.

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