

# Egypt National Day Special

## Ties flourish in a wide range of areas

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This year marks the 70th anniversary of July 23, 1952, an iconic day in Egypt's modern history. The day that enabled the country to retain its independence and free will, launch its national development plans, and lead the way for supporting the independence of many Arab and African countries. The spirit of this revo-

lution gave us the ability to conquer the impossible, as it's the ray of light that leads and inspires us in facing our current challenges, after success in overcoming many more that ended up being crushed on the rocks of the will of the solid Egyptian people.

Complementing the spirit of the July Revolution, the Egyptian economy has shown resilience in the face of the immense challenges the world is facing today, by implementing a clear vision the main pillar of which is investing in the Egyptian people and developing their capabilities. From this standpoint, Egypt's Vision 2030 came to reflect the country's long-term strategic

plan to achieve the principles and goals of sustainable development in its economic, social and environmental dimensions. Also, the strong performance of the country's business environment led to restoring international investors' confidence in the Egyptian economy, and introduced Egypt as one of the most attractive foreign investment destinations among emerging markets.

Relations between Japan and Egypt are deeply rooted in history, as Egypt has been one of the first countries in the Middle East and Africa to establish bilateral relations with Japan, dating back to 1862 when the members of the Japanese mission to Europe visited Egypt and had their famous photo taken next to the Sphinx, leading to interactions between our peoples that have continued and developed.

Today, bilateral relations keep flourishing in all fields, and on the occasion of the July 23 Revolution, I would like to seize this opportunity to express, on behalf of Egyptian President H.E. Abdel Fattah el-Sissi, leader of the Egyptian government and the Egyptian people, our profound admiration and deep respect to Their Imperial Majesties Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, members of the imperial family, the government and the people of Japan for the continued friendly relations that exist between Egypt and Japan, as we value Japan's significant contribution to social and economic development in Egypt through a long history of developmental cooperation between our countries.

Adding to the above, since 1974, Japan has been a constant partner in promoting



**Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi (left) stands next to Emperor Naruhito at the imperial palace in March 2016.** EMBASSY OF EGYPT

several key cultural, economic and educational projects in Egypt, such as the Cairo Opera House, Cairo University Pediatric Hospital and the Egypt-Japan University of Science and Technology, among many other vital ventures. Also, the ongoing schemes of cooperation include Japanese support for the Grand Egyptian Museum, which is planned to be the biggest archeological museum in the world.

Therefore, the main objective is to elevate the partnership between our countries to a strategic and enhanced one and to promote Egypt in Japan in all domains, with the aim of increasing Japanese investment in Egypt by introducing investment opportunities to the Japanese business community, and presenting the image of contemporary Egypt to the Japanese, updating their vast knowledge of ancient Egypt.

Finally, I would like to extend our best wishes to my Egyptian compatriots in Japan on the occasion of our national day.

Long live Egypt and Japan and their everlasting friendship.

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**The Nile River flows through Cairo.**  
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## Building closer economic bonds

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Congratulations to all Egyptians on your National Day. Egyptian-Japanese interchange has been robust since His Excellency Abdel Fattah el-Sissi assumed the presidency in 2014. Travel

paused during the COVID-19 pandemic but is regaining momentum. My friend Ibrahim El-Araby, the chairman of the Egypt-Japan Business Council, came this May to receive

official recognition for his contributions to Egyptian-Japanese relations.

Two upcoming events will raise the profiles of Egypt and Africa in global business. The eighth Tokyo International Conference on African Development will convene in August in Tunisia. And the 27th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change will convene in November in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. Both events will highlight the decarbonization and digitization that are unfolding across Africa.

The Japan-Egypt Business Council will continue working to nurture closer economic ties between our nations. In that spirit, I reiterate our best wishes for all Egyptians on this special day.

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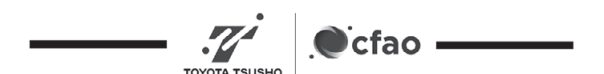
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