

Oman National Day Special

Friendship grows toward green energy future

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On the momentous occasion of the commemoration of the Sultanate of Oman's 52nd 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 Imperial Majesties Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, and to members of 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.

This year, Japan and Oman celebrate their 50th anniversary of modern diplo-

matic relations. The two countries share over 400 years of friendly contacts based on reciprocal trust and friendship, and since the official establishment of the diplomatic relations in 1972, their relations have been growing with cooperation in various fields, particularly in energy, trade and investments, finance, knowledge transfer and human resource development, that have been the backbone of a long and fruitful relationship. Hence, it also gives me great pleasure to convey my government's commitment to our friendship with Japan and its government under the leadership of Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

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 as well as Japan's business leaders and industries.

Under the leadership of his majesty, the Sultanate of Oman announced the 2050 Net-Zero commitment and unveiled an ambitious green hydrogen strategy. The initiative envisions an estimated \$140 billion in investment in a new low-carbon energy industry. To lead this transition toward a green economy, the sultanate also formalized the establishment of a

new hydrogen-centric energy company, Hydrom, that will be the leading body undertaking the supervising and follow-up plans and programs for carbon neutrality. Oman is gearing up to be an important producer and exporter of green energy by capitalizing on its optimally suited natural resources, including solar and wind power, its attractive geostrategic location and abundance of land. In fact, 50,000 square kilometers have been initially allocated for projects related to green hydrogen.

In this regard, the Green Hydrogen Summit 2022 (<https://greenhydrogensummitoman.com/>) will be held from Dec. 5 to 7 under the patronage of the Omani Ministry of Energy and Minerals at the Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre in Muscat. This high-profile event will offer an unparalleled opportunity for international and Omani communities to come together, interact, connect and network to grow the potential of hydrogen energy systems for a more sustainable future, inviting decision-makers and energy industry stakeholders from all over the world. The summit will also be an excellent opportunity for organizations and industries in Japan to showcase their capabilities and expand their network internationally at an exhibition that will be held in parallel with the event.

Outside the Arabian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz, busy shipping lanes carrying

a significant share of the world's maritime commercial traffic, Oman is truly the ideal destination for both Japanese investors who seek outstanding competitiveness, regionally superior infrastructure with an abundance of natural resources and first-class manufacturing and business properties, and Japanese travelers with a love for rich history and beautiful nature.

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His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik
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A sailboat cruises off the coast of Muscat. EMBASSY OF OMAN

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