

King Frederik X's Birthday Special

Working together to build a sustainable future

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As the ambassador of Denmark to Japan, it is with great pleasure that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to His Majesty King Frederik X of Denmark on his birthday. On this special

occasion, I also extend my warmest greetings to the people of Japan.

This year's celebration is unique for Denmark, as it marks both the monarch's birthday and a new chapter in the history of our nation with the king's ascension to the throne on Jan. 14.

Denmark and Japan share a long-standing friendship built on mutual respect, understanding and cooperation. Our bilateral relations have thrived over the years, strengthened by shared values and a com-

mitment to fostering peace, knowledge exchange and cultural enrichment.

Furthermore, Denmark and Japan are committed to addressing climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Through the 2015 Paris climate agreement, both of our nations have pledged to transition to low-carbon economies and prioritize sustainable development.

By fostering dialogue and sharing ideas and perspectives between Danish and Japanese stakeholders, our countries can develop innovative solutions to address the challenges of climate change together.

Currently, Denmark's largest offshore wind tender is underway and is expected to multiply our wind energy capacity. Denmark's ambitious offshore wind projects will not only boost renewable-energy capacity, but also open doors to innovative solutions like "Power-to-X," which covers a number of technologies that produce hydrogen using electricity. As Denmark advances its offshore wind projects, Japan is also making strides toward a green transition with recent legislative amendments

allowing for the installation of offshore wind power in its exclusive economic zone. Initiatives like this stand as proof that Japan and Denmark are on a joint path toward a greener future.

Even on such a joyful occasion, it's important to recognize the uncertainties and challenges our world is facing. Denmark and Japan are blessed with being democratic, stable and peaceful countries, but we also face conflicts and political tensions in our regions. And through joint recognition that Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific security are inseparable, we are committed to strengthening our cooperation.

Both Denmark and Japan are fully committed to protecting human dignity and to upholding and strengthening the free and open international order based on the rule of law, with the U.N. Charter at its core.

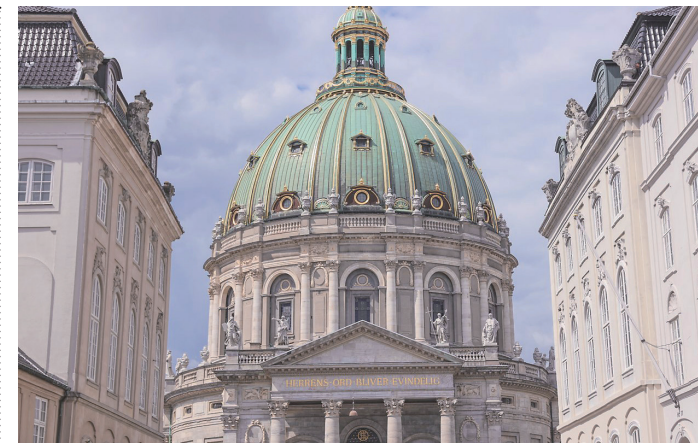
The bilateral friendship and cooperation between Japan and Denmark, as strategic partners, is stronger than ever. Based on shared values and principles such as freedom, democracy, the rule of law and

respect for human rights, Japan and Denmark have continued to build upon the solid foundation of more than 150 years of diplomatic relations.

As we celebrate the king's birthday, let us reaffirm our shared commitment to building a greener, more sustainable future for generations to come. By continuing to collaborate on shared priorities including renewable energy initiatives, technological innovation and cultural exchange, we can pave the way for a sustainable tomorrow.

In conclusion, I wish the people of Japan health, happiness and prosperity as we come together to honor his majesty. He stands as a symbol of the continuity of our long-standing monarchy but also marks a new era in Denmark. An era, which I believe, will continue to inspire us all to work for a brighter future together.

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The Marble Church, which is also known as Frederik's Church, is a popular wedding venue in Copenhagen.

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