

# Egypt National Day Special

## Cooperation and partnership in many areas

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Today marks the 72nd anniversary of the National Day of Egypt, commemorating the July 23 Revolution, a historic occasion that holds great significance for the nation and its people. This was

a pivotal event that led to the establishment of the first Republic of Egypt and the dawn of a new era for both the country and the region by inspiring African movements to end colonialism and solidify the right to self-determination and independence.

The trajectories leading up to today were demanding and full of challenges, but they were achieved by hard and continuous work. I take this opportunity to highlight Egypt's recently adopted ambitious national agenda Egypt's Vision 2030, which was formulated on the principles of comprehensive sustainable development and balanced regional development, with special focus on economic, environmental and social dimensions, and how it contributes to the overall global goals and targets.

Egypt's recent achievements, especially in the areas of infrastructure, new urban communities, energy and localization of industry, stand witness to the resilience of the leadership to make progress and create a solid economy that attracts global investments. Among the latest is a striking \$35 billion deal based on the north coast area of Egypt, and the signing of 35 agreements with European companies at the Egyptian-European Investment Conference that brought in an additional €49 billion (\$53.6 billion).

I also take this outstanding occasion to review the deeply rooted relations between Egypt and Japan. Japan has always been a key partner in supporting Egypt's infrastruc-

ture projects, technological advancements and development of human capital. As two ancient civilizations with rich traditions and modern aspirations, both countries have forged a strong partnership that spans various fields from trade and investment to cultural exchanges, education, development projects and high-level political coordination. This long-standing cordial relationship was officially recognized and upgraded to the level of strategic partnership during the summit held for the leaders of both countries in Cairo in April 2023.

In that regard, the soon-to-be-inaugurated Grand Egyptian Museum, the largest archaeological museum in the world, can be cited as one of our iconic bilateral cooperation projects, with special recognition for the technical and financial support provided by the Japan International Cooperation Agency to ensure the project's success.

Additionally, cooperation in education cannot be overlooked when touching upon our relationship with Japan, which has the Egypt-Japan Education Partnership at its core. This partnership, signed in 2016, aims to strengthen the capacity of youth in various learning stages and includes the *tokkatsu* (special activities) model at the Egypt-Japan School, the transfer of the *kosen* (technical education) system, and the establishment of

Egypt-Japan University of Science and Technology, which became a flagship Japanese initiative in Africa after committing to offering 150 scholarships to postgraduate African students during the eighth Tokyo International Conference on African Development in 2022.

Economically, Japan plays a significant role in Egypt's infrastructure development, energy projects and manufacturing sector. Egypt quickly gained the attention of Japanese companies as a suitable investment hub and gateway to African markets. Numerous companies have opened branches to benefit from the different initiatives launched by Egypt in the Suez Canal Investment Zone and other free trade areas, including Sumitomo, which aims to build the world's largest wiring harness factory in Egypt.

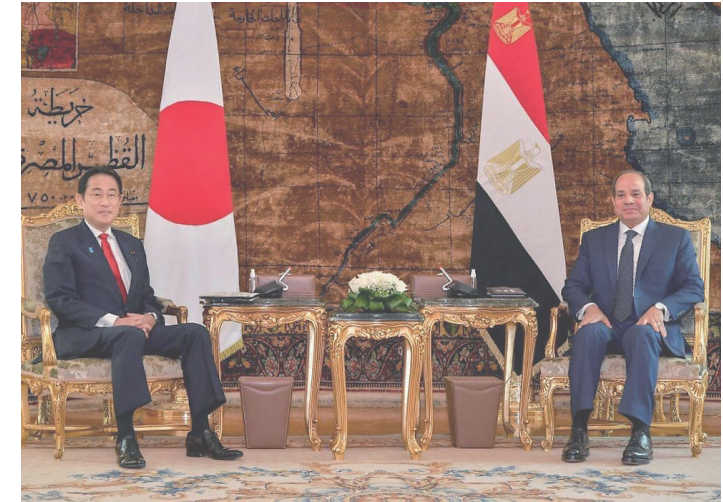
Egypt-Japan cooperation extends to the political levels as well, and discussions and cooperation at the bilateral, regional and international levels are ongoing, with the latest being the situation in Gaza. I hereby note the humanitarian assistance provided by Japan to alleviate the suffering of the people of Gaza. I also take this opportunity to reaffirm the importance of agreeing on an immediate cease-fire and opening the borders for food and aid supplies.

In connection with this, I also point out

the worrying developments in the Red Sea that come as a direct repercussion of the conflict in Gaza and negatively affect international trade routes, highlighting calls for more collaboration to end the war in Gaza.

With this in mind, I would like to re-extend my greetings to all of you on this glorious occasion, as well as extend my best wishes to my Egyptian compatriots in Japan on the occasion of Egypt's National Day.

Long live Egypt and Japan, and may their everlasting friendship prosper.



**Prime Minister Fumio Kishida poses with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi during their summit in Cairo on April 30, 2023.**

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