

UAE Union Day Special

Shared visions of peace and stability

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Today marks the 53rd Union Day celebrating Eid al Etihad, the official name for national day festivities. As we observe this milestone, we reflect on an exceptional year in which the UAE

reaches for the moon and strides toward a better tomorrow under the visionary leadership of His Highness President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

2024 also represents a significant chapter in UAE-Japan relations, highlighted by the launch of negotiations for a comprehensive economic partnership agreement. This represents a consensus that will take the partnership between our nations to new heights, greatly bolster the trade and investment that flows between them, and boost the prosperity of our peoples.

Japan and the UAE's flourishing trade relations set the pace, with the UAE as Japan's top trading partner in the Arab world in terms of import and export. The focus is no longer on gas and fossil fuels as the nonoil trade between us reached \$8.1 billion in the first half of this year, with expectations of surpassing the \$17.3 billion from 2023. This is part of a welcoming trend that sees nonoil trade undeniably increasing each year, from \$13.3 billion in 2021 to \$15 billion in 2022, with each increase more than 10%. For the good of our nation, for the good of Japan and for the good of the planet, we strive for further collaboration.

The UAE hopes for elevated collaboration that builds upon the steadfast comprehensive strategic partnership initiative, a major topic during the dialogues between our Special Envoy to Japan and Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology H.E. Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber and Japan's foreign minister, chief Cabinet secretary and prime minister. Both Japan and the UAE understand and affirm the importance of strengthening cooperation between our nations.

Japan and the UAE are like-minded

countries in that we share visions of peace and stability, firmly pursue sustainable development and aim to build a sustainable future based on economic growth and prosperity. We stand side by side on the international stage with increasingly significant roles as global leaders and innovators, as we work together on the development of the energies of the future, desalination of water, advanced robots, space technology, artificial intelligence and the health care of tomorrow.

In 2021, the UAE became the first country in the Arab world to launch a spacecraft, called the Hope Probe, into orbit around Mars, an achievement realized with Japan's assistance using its HII-A rocket. We used HII-A rockets twice, but now we are using the H3 as we partnered with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, formalizing an agreement for the Emirates Mission to the Asteroid Belt. Scheduled for launch in 2028 aboard the advanced H3 launch vehicle, this ambitious mission will explore the origins of the solar system and the building blocks of life within the asteroid belt.

Japan and the UAE remain unwavering



in their commitment to fostering a thriving trade and investment relationship, while also developing a collaborative partnership in the energies and technologies of tomorrow. We look to the future with hope and expectation, fueled with reassurance and empowerment that Japan and the UAE stand side by side.

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