

Bahrain National Day Special

A strong and flourishing bilateral relationship

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On the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's accession to the throne and the celebration of the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Day, the Embassy of the Kingdom of Bah-

rain extends its warmest and most respectful greetings to Their Imperial Majesties Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, as well as to the government and the friendly people of Japan.

This year's commemoration is especially significant, as it marks over five decades of strong diplomatic relations between Bahrain and Japan. The bond between our nations has deepened over time, founded on mutual respect, shared values and a commitment to strengthening cooperation across cultural, economic and policy spheres.

The ties between Bahrain and Japan serve as a model of enduring partnership, defined by shared interests and a common vision for the future. Over the years, our countries have built a dynamic and multifaceted relationship, one that encompasses not only trade and investment, but also political dialogue and cultural exchange.

Economic collaboration has been at the heart of this relationship, particularly through strategic agreements and investments that have helped shape a prosperous landscape for both nations. The Agreement between Japan and the Kingdom of Bah-



H.M. King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa

rain for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investment is a keystone in this regard. This agreement continues to provide a robust framework for mutual investment, trade and sustained growth, contributing to a flourishing economic partnership.

Policy dialogue between Bahrain and Japan has also played a vital role in strengthening bilateral relations. Both countries have consistently engaged in discussions on numerous global and regional issues, from trade mechanisms to governance structures, creating an environment that fosters continued cooperation and mutual understanding. These discussions have been key in ensuring that the partnership remains relevant and responsive to the evolving global landscape.

Cultural diplomacy continues to play a crucial role in our relations. Our nations have long shared a deep appreciation for

each other's rich cultural heritage.

Looking ahead, Bahrain is excited to exhibit its unique culture through the 2025 World Expo in Osaka, where our pavilion will serve as a gateway for expanding our cultural ties with Japan.

We believe the pavilion will provide a detailed image of Bahrain's contemporary economic, social and cultural scenes. Arts, education and tourism will enhance our bilateral relationship and bring our societies closer together, further enriching our shared cultural appreciation.

Bahrain remains steadfast in its commitment to economic diversification, focusing on key sectors such as financial services, technology, telecommunications and manufacturing. Japan's leadership in innovation and technology positions it as an ideal partner in Bahrain's journey toward a more sustainable and diversified economy.

Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030 puts emphasis on creating a knowledge-based economy, while Japan's technological expertise in fields such as artificial intelligence, renewable energy and digital infrastructure will present numerous opportunities for collaboration. Both countries are committed to working together in these emerging sectors, driving innovation and shared economic success.

From 2023 and 2024, trade between the Kingdom of Bahrain and Japan reached about ¥200 billion, reflecting the strength of our economic ties and potential for future growth. Among Bahrain's key exports to Japan are blue crabs, a delicacy found in several Japanese supermarkets, and industrial aluminum and fiberglass, materials essential to the production of its trains.

As Bahrain celebrates the Silver Jubilee of the king's accession to the throne and its National Day, we take this opportunity to reflect on the shared history and remarkable growth of our friendship with Japan. Our relationship is one built on foundations of trust, respect and a shared vision for the future. Both nations look toward a future of innovation, shared expertise and mutual prosperity committed to exploring new avenues of cooperation, particularly in emerging sectors like clean energy, digital technologies and sustainable development.

Together, we look forward to continuing our journey of creating new horizons of collaboration and strengthening the bonds of friendship that unite us.

May the friendship between the Kingdom of Bahrain and Japan forever prosper!

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Above: Bahrain Fort is an archaeological site dating back to 2300 B.C. Right: The Bahrain World Trade Center, standing 240 meters over Manama, is the first skyscraper in the world to include wind turbines in its design.

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