

# Kuwait National Day Special

## Working together to address a wide range of global issues

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As Kuwait marks its 64th Independence Day and 34th Liberation Day, we reflect on our nation's journey and the deep-rooted ties with Japan. Over six decades, diplomatic relations have fostered a strong alliance built on trust, cooperation and shared values. Kuwait and Japan stand together in addressing global challenges, fostering innovation and promoting cultural and educational exchanges to create a prosperous and sustainable future.

Japan was among the first nations to recognize Kuwait's independence in 1961, marking the beginning of a relationship that has flourished across multiple sectors. Over the years, both countries have demonstrated unwavering solidarity in times of crisis — Kuwait remains grateful for Japan's support during its 1991 liberation, just as Japan has valued Kuwait's humanitarian assistance, including vital energy supplies following the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake. More recently, the 2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake reaffirmed this enduring friendship, reflecting the mutual commitment to standing together during challenging times.

Beyond traditional areas of cooperation, economic resilience and sustainability have become top priorities. Kuwait has long played a crucial role in Japan's energy security, but as the world transitions toward clean energy solutions, deeper collaboration in green energy and efficient infrastructure is essential. The embassy

remains committed to advancing bilateral investments and strengthening partnerships to drive shared prosperity.

Medical cooperation remains a cornerstone of our growing partnership. This year, the embassy took a significant step in enhancing health care collaboration, including a visit by a delegation from our Ministry of Health and continued support for the Kuwait Partnership Fund for Medical Education at Tohoku Medical and Pharmaceutical University, which has been offering scholarships to medical students since 2015. These initiatives promote medical research, training programs and knowledge exchange, ensuring that both nations benefit from advancements in medicine and patient care.

Education continues to serve as a powerful bridge between our peoples. Kuwait University offers yearly full scholarships to around 10 Japanese students, allowing them to study Arabic and immerse themselves in Kuwaiti culture. This initiative fosters mutual understanding and strengthens bilateral ties. The embassy actively engages with students across Japan, inviting them to cultural events and embassy visits that showcase Kuwait's rich heritage and traditions. Such people-to-people connections reinforce the foundation of friendship and cooperation between our nations.

One of the most significant milestones in our bilateral relations is Kuwait's participation in the 2025 World Expo, which saw Kuwait become among the first countries to confirm a type A pavilion. Under the theme "Kuwait: A Visionary Lighthouse," the pavilion symbolizes Kuwait's commitment to innovation, sustainability and human progress. Inspired by Kuwait's maritime heritage, the design represents a lighthouse illuminating the path toward a

future of economic diversification, environmental responsibility and the development of human capital, which is in line with Kuwait Vision 2035.

Embodying the subtheme "Empowering Life," the pavilion will offer visitors an immersive journey through Kuwait's advancements in renewable energy, water sustainability, digitalization and education. It will highlight the nation's dedication to youth empowerment and technological innovation while showcasing its humanitarian contributions, environmental stewardship and cultural diplomacy. Visitors will experience firsthand how Kuwait harmonizes tradition with modernity, shaping a progressive and future-ready society.

To build momentum, the embassy has been actively promoting Kuwait's participation through networking events and cultural engagements, reinforcing its role as a dedicated global partner. Our pavilion will symbolize Kuwait's aspirations, inviting the world to witness its journey toward a sustainable and interconnected future.

Kuwait remains steadfast in its commitment to human capital development, with one of the most successful initiatives being the training program for officials under the Japan International Cooperation Center and Kuwait Civil Service Commission. This program has provided Kuwaiti professionals with valuable insights into public administration, crisis management and international relations, strengthening governance and institutional excellence. Such programs equip future leaders with the expertise to drive progress in an increasingly interconnected world. Kuwait and Japan will continue to exchange expertise, best practices and leadership training, further expanding cooperation across key sectors.

As Kuwait and Japan move forward, our



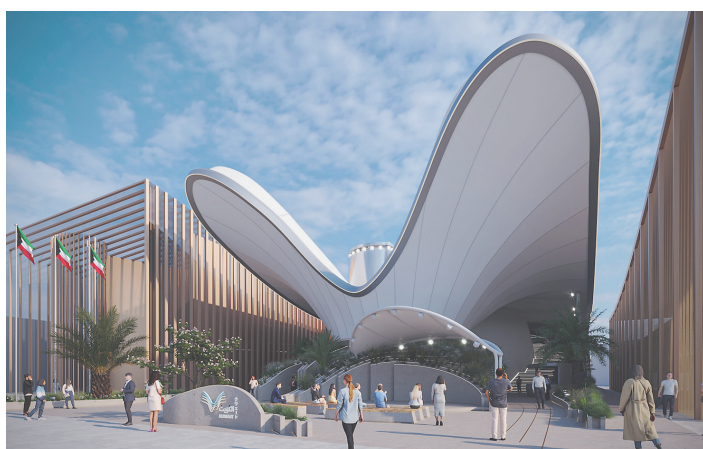
Left: Kuwait Tower shines like a jewel against the backdrop of the Kuwait City skyline. Below: The capital boasts an array of modern, world-class skyscrapers.

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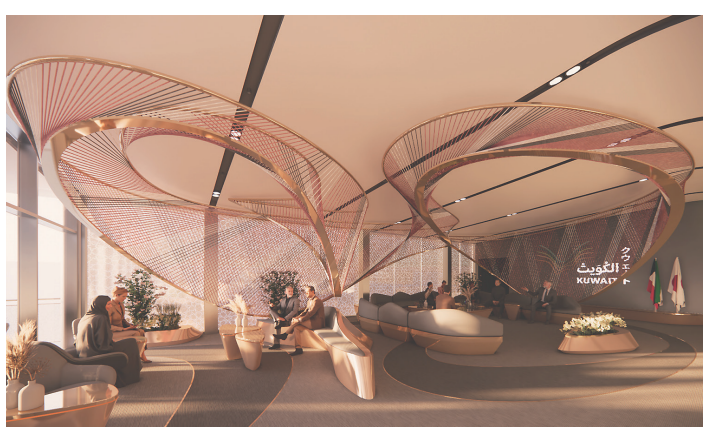
partnership must continue to evolve to meet new global challenges. The foundations of our relationship — mutual respect, shared ambitions and a commitment to sustainable progress — remain as strong as ever. Both nations are well-positioned to enhance economic resilience, foster technological innovation and strengthen cultural diplomacy.

On this special occasion, I extend my deepest gratitude to the people of Japan for their unwavering support and friendship. The future of Kuwait-Japan relations is promising, dynamic and filled with opportunities. As we look ahead, let us continue strengthening this invaluable partnership to build a world of peace, prosperity and innovation.

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Artistic renderings offer previews of the exterior and interior of the Kuwait Pavilion for the 2025 World Expo in Osaka.



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