

Bahrain National Day Special

Long ties built on trust and respect

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On the occasion of the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Day, it is my great pleasure to extend, on behalf of the government and people of Bahrain, our greetings and warmest respects to Their

Imperial Majesties Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, and to the government and people of Japan.

Celebrating this day in Japan, a country Bahrain holds in deep admiration, is always an honor and allows us to reflect on our nations' long-standing, genuine and deeply valued friendship.

This year carries special meaning for us, with Bahrain's proud participation in Expo 2025 in Osaka underscoring our unique bilateral ties. We deeply appreciate Japan's hosting of the expo with its characteristic precision, care and global leadership. The

Gold Award for the architecture and landscape category presented to the Bahrain Pavilion was a recognition of our creative vision and the spirit of cooperation that Japan has so generously fostered. The expo allowed nations to share their stories with honesty and confidence, and for that, we extend our sincere gratitude.

For over 50 years, Bahrain and Japan have built bonds of trust, mutual respect and shared values. What began as diplomatic ties has evolved into a broad partnership encompassing political dialogue, economic cooperation, advanced technology, education and cultural exchange.

Our economic partnership continues to strengthen. In 2024, bilateral trade surpassed ¥150 billion, reflecting not only the scale of our economic activity, but also the confidence and stability of our relationship. Bahraini exports such as petroleum, aluminum, steel and gold continue to support Japanese industries, while Japanese companies and expertise play key roles in Bahrain's development and diversification.

The elevation of our ties to a strategic partnership, reinforced by the distinguished

visit of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the crown prince and prime minister of Bahrain, marks a new chapter in our shared journey. The agreements signed during the visit include cooperation in space programs and digital transformation, highlighting our shared commitment to future-focused progress.

Japan's leadership in technology, renewable energy, digital innovation and artificial intelligence aligns closely with Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030. We see promising opportunities to deepen ties in fields that will shape the future for both nations.

Cultural exchange remains one of the most meaningful pillars of our friendship, exemplified by Expo 2025. Through exhibitions, education and cultural events, Bahrainis and Japanese continue to form lasting connections that enrich both societies.

So, as Bahrain celebrates its National Day, we look forward to expanding our cooperation and strengthening this partnership for years to come.

May the friendship between the Kingdom of Bahrain and Japan continue to flourish for generations ahead.



H.M. King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa

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to the People of the Kingdom of Bahrain
on the Anniversary of Their National Day



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