

Qatar National Day Special

Global hub of innovation, sustainability, cooperation

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On the occasion of the State of Qatar's National Day, it is my pleasure to address this message to the esteemed readers of The Japan Times. This annual occasion is not only a celebration of our nation's rich heritage and identity, but also a moment to reflect on the journey of progress, resilience and vision that has shaped modern Qatar.

The National Day of the State of Qatar stands as a symbol of unity, determination and national pride. Thanks to the wise leadership of our country and the

dedication of its people, Qatar has gradually transformed into a dynamic, diversified and forward-looking state. From an economy that once relied primarily on natural resources, Qatar has today become a global hub for innovation, sustainability, education, culture and international cooperation. This transformation reflects our country's unwavering commitment to building a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable future for generations to come.

Since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1972, the partnership between the State of Qatar and Japan has grown steadily in both strength and depth. Over more than five decades, our bilateral ties have evolved into what is today a comprehensive strategic partnership, a level that was reached in 2023 thanks to the shared political will and common vision of both countries.

Political consultations, ministerial meetings and regular institutional cooperation have all contributed to consolidating this trusted friendship and opening new horizons for joint action.

Energy has long been one of the main pillars of this partnership. In recent years, however, cooperation between our countries has broadened and deepened to encompass a wide range of fields, including investment, trade, education, scientific research, advanced technology, clean energy, food security, environmental sustainability and infrastructure development, as well as coordination on international issues and collaboration in relief and humanitarian efforts.

Today, more than 60 Japanese companies operate in Qatar, contributing to various strategic sectors. Our bilateral trade has also grown significantly, with Japanese exports to Qatar reaching their highest level in more than a decade. This growth underscores the strength and adaptability of our partnership.

On this occasion, I am pleased to extend a sincere invitation to Japanese companies, investors and entrepreneurs to explore the promising opportunities that Qatar offers. Our country provides a highly attractive investment environment supported by world-class infrastructure, political and economic stability and a competitive legal and regulatory framework.

Our laws allow foreign investors to own up to 100% of projects in most sectors, with streamlined procedures, full freedom to repatriate profits and capital, and low tax rates. This is further complemented by specialized economic platforms such as free zones, the Qatar Financial Centre and Media City. Moreover, Qatar's strategic geographic location — linking Asia with Europe and Africa — enables Japanese



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companies to expand regionally and globally with ease and efficiency.

peoples closer together and to strengthen our mutual appreciation of each other's history, creativity and values.

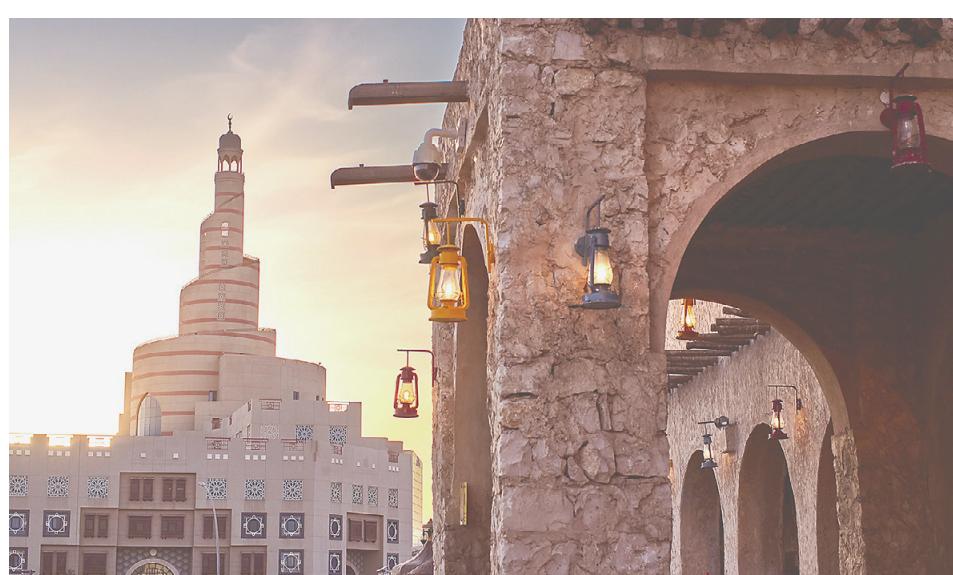
Today, the State of Qatar is also a prominent political and cultural destination. The country continues to invest in tourism infrastructure, museums, cultural institutions and world-class hospitality. Hosting the 2022 FIFA World Cup was a historic milestone that showcased Qatar's organizational, technological and cultural capabilities and reinforced its position as a global destination for tourism and culture.

Cultural and academic cooperation between Qatar and Japan has likewise flourished in recent years. Initiatives such as the Qatar Chair for Islamic Area Studies at Waseda University — alongside student exchange programs — have helped deepen understanding and dialogue between our societies. Exhibitions, artistic projects and cultural initiatives continue to bring our

at close range the warmth, mutual respect and genuine goodwill that characterize this relationship. I reaffirm my commitment to continue working with our Japanese partners to enhance our cooperation and expand its scope in the years ahead.

In conclusion, I would like to express my deep gratitude to The Japan Times for providing this valuable platform, and my sincere appreciation to the friendly people of Japan for their enduring friendship and support. As we celebrate the National Day of the State of Qatar, I look forward to a promising future of even stronger relations founded on peace, prosperity, innovation and sustainable development.

On behalf of the State of Qatar, I wish the people of Japan continued health, happiness and success, and I hope that our countries will continue to work together to build a brighter and more interconnected future for the benefit of all.



The traditional architecture of the Souq Waqif stands in contrast to the modern Abdulla bin Zaid Al Mahmoud Islamic Cultural Center. QATAR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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