

Jordan National Day Special

Bilateral ties show deep mutual respect and trust

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On this Independence Day, as we mark the 80th anniversary of our nation's independence, we celebrate the long journey of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan with pride, gratitude and renewed determination.

Since gaining independence in 1946, our country has steadily built its state upon enduring values of moderation, coexistence and respect for human dignity. These principles have guided our national development and shaped our role in a region marked by profound challenges and transformation. Despite difficult circumstances, Jordan has remained committed to peace, stability and constructive dialogue, believing that cooperation and understanding are the foundations of lasting security.

Under the leadership of His Majesty King Abdullah II, Jordan has pursued a balanced and pragmatic foreign policy while advancing domestic reforms aimed at strengthening institutions, empowering citizens and expanding opportunities for all. Our nation continues to promote regional stability, humanitarian cooperation and international partnership, working with friends and partners across the world to address shared challenges.

Last year, the king paid his 16th official visit to Japan, further strengthening

bilateral ties and reaffirming our shared commitment to cooperation and mutual understanding. In addition, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hussein attended the National Day of Jordan at the Osaka Expo in 2025, representing the country on this important international stage and highlighting the kingdom's vision for innovation, partnership and global engagement.

The true strength of Jordan lies in its people. Our youth bring energy and creativity, our researchers and educators cultivate knowledge and innovation, and our entrepreneurs drive economic growth and opportunity. In recent years, Jordan has fostered new industries and startups in areas such as life sciences, green technologies and digital transformation. By investing in education, research and human capital, we are laying the foundation for a resilient and inclusive economy for the next generation.

Jordan has also demonstrated remarkable resilience and generosity in responding to regional humanitarian crises. Despite limited natural resources and economic pressures, the kingdom has continued to provide refuge, support and dignity to those affected by conflict and displacement. This reflects Jordan's deep-rooted values of compassion and responsibility toward its neighbors and the international community.

At the same time, Jordan remains focused on sustainable development, environmental protection and water security — critical priorities for ensuring long-term national stability and prosperity.

We are deeply grateful for the enduring friendships Jordan has built around the world. In particular, the strong partnership between Jordan and Japan stands as a model of mutual respect and trust. Cooperation in diplomacy, development assistance, education, science and technology, and people-to-people exchanges has continued to deepen, contributing to stability and prosperity in both countries and beyond.

As we commemorate this important national milestone, we reaffirm our com-

mitment to building a more prosperous, innovative and peaceful Jordan. We extend our sincere appreciation to all those who have supported our journey and stood with us through times of challenge and change. May this Independence Day inspire renewed confidence in our shared future, deeper pride in our Jordanian identity and stronger determination to work together for the well-being of our people and the stability of our region in the years to come.

Close bonds across many spheres

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On the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the independence of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations on behalf of the Japan-Jordan Association.

Please allow me to express my deep respect for His Majesty King Abdullah II's tireless efforts that have contributed to regional stability.

The close ties between Japan and Jordan have developed into cooperative relations in a wide range of fields. Indeed, I was thrilled to hear that the Jordanian

Pavilion was awarded first place in terms of satisfaction rating at the Osaka Expo last year, in recognition of its excellent exhibit, which demonstrated the harmony between traditional culture and cutting-edge technology.

Last year, I had the pleasure of meeting the king, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hussein and His Excellency Faisal Al Fayez, the president of the senate.

Indeed, at a time when the situation in the Middle East remains challenging, we earnestly hope that the situation will stabilize as soon as possible, and we look forward to the further expansion of bilateral cooperation between Japan and Jordan.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to His Excellency Nasser Shraideh, ambassador of Jordan to Japan, for his continued efforts, and I hope that the deep friendship between Jordan and Japan will further develop in the future.



A huge Jordanian flag flies above the densely packed buildings of Amman. Top right: The city of Petra, once a part of an important trade route and dating back more than 2,000 years, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. GETTY IMAGES



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