

# Oman National Day

## Cooperation growing in a variety of spheres

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The Sultanate of Oman commemorates its 47th National Day on Nov. 18, and the people of Oman celebrate this significant occasion in the nation's modern history

with a great deal of pride and joy. The nation expresses its heartfelt gratitude to His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said for his visionary guidance and nation-building efforts.

On this memorable occasion, I have the honor, on behalf of H.M. Sultan Qaboos, his government and the people of Oman, to convey the greetings and best wishes of good health, success, peace and prosperity to Their Imperial Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, the members of the Imperial family, as well as the government and friendly people of Japan.

Let me also express my sincere appreciation to H.E. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, honorary chairman of the Japan-Oman Society, for his support and encouragement of the relations between Oman and Japan. It is the desire of the government and people of Oman that under his leadership, the friendship and partnerships between our countries will be further strengthened. We wish him success in his significant task of providing leadership to the government and people of Japan.

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**His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said**

Japan for the kind cooperation extended to us for many years. Additionally, all the members of the Japan-Oman Parliamentary Friendship League, the Japan-Oman Society, the Japan-Oman Club, the Hiroshima-Oman Friendship Association, the Nara-Oman Friendship Association and the Japan-Arab Association have our profound appreciation.

### Oasis of peace, prosperity

The basic principles of Oman's foreign policy stem from the strategic vision of H.M. Sultan Qaboos for peaceful co-existence between all peoples, neighborliness, non-interference in the internal affairs of others and mutual respect for national sovereignty.

While Oman's foreign and domestic policy embodies the traits of the Omani identity — known for calmness, frankness, concern for others and positive interactions with them — it also embodies a clear vision about how relations with other nations

should be. It is a vision that has always manifested wise leadership, farsightedness and strong keenness to build the best ties with all countries in a manner that enhances peace, security and stability in the region and provides a climate that is conducive to development and prosperity for everyone.

Inspired by the thought of H.M. Sultan Qaboos, Omani diplomacy has accorded attention to friendship with the world through good, balanced ties with each country that takes positive steps on the way to cooperation and commits itself to international charters and U.N. principles for achieving progress and consolidating the foundations of international stability.

Hence Oman foreign policy's response to all events that have taken place in the region and the world has been prudent and enlightened; so these events, even at the height of their hostility, did not influence Oman's foreign policy in any negative way.

On grounds of this clear and deep vision, Oman established its relations with other states in its capacity as a peace-loving nation that is always determined to resolve disputes through positive dialogue and by peaceful means. Oman spares no effort in fostering peace, security and stability in its surroundings because it has gained friendship, credibility and esteem, both through its leaders and as a state. Oman's amiable efforts and endeavors succeeded many times in overcoming disputes and seeing rapprochement between states in the region and beyond. This has earned Oman more respect at all levels.

Over the years of Oman's modern renaissance, the individual Omani constituted the

cornerstone and the moving force for progress at all levels. The Omani people celebrate national day while building their country with firm will and strong determination, working sincerely to achieve the goals of the development march, which advances in well-studied steps toward maintaining the country's prosperous present and preparing for a bright dignified future.

The achievements made would not have been possible without constructive planning, wise leadership, full dedication and strenuous efforts for the progress of Oman and on ensuring equality among all Omanis and on upholding the rule of law. The strides for more progress continue on in various fields to make Oman, as it has always been, an oasis for peace and prosperity and one of the most attractive places in the world for business and tourism.



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### Oman-Japan relations

This year marks the 45th anniversary of the formal establishment of diplomatic relations between Oman and Japan. With nearly 400 years of friendly contacts, the historical relations between Oman and Japan were founded on mutual respect, and since the establishment of the diplomatic relations in 1972 they have been developed with reciprocal trust and friendship, and the interaction and cooperation between the two countries have since been growing rapidly on various levels.

In closing, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the people of Japan for their kindness and hospitality, and to our many friends in Japan for their support and assistance in promoting the good relations between our two friendly peoples. I am also indebted to our sponsors, whose generosity has made this supplement possible. I am confident that our relations in the coming days will see the further enhancement of close bonds of friendship between Oman and Japan.




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