

# Iran National Day Special

## 'Huge advancements' in several spheres, furthering relations

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At the outset, I would like to express my sincere congratulations to the government and people of Japan, as well as my fellow countrymen on the auspicious occasion of the 40th anniversary of the

victory of the Islamic Revolution of Iran and the 90th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Iran and Japan.

### National achievements

After the revolution, huge advancements took place in the political, economic, social and scientific fields in Iran. In spite of sanctions, Iran's growth rate in science and technology has been 11 times more than the average growth of the world's output. The fields of some scientific advancement include stem cells, know-how for peaceful use of nuclear energy, nanotechnology, laser technology and space science and satellites.

### Iran's foreign policy

Iran's foreign policy is independent from leaning to the East or West. The nation has tried to adhere to the principles of supporting peace

and stability in the world and nonintervention in the internal affairs of other countries.

The strategic approach of Iran toward the Middle East, especially the Persian Gulf, relies on accepting the notion of the collective interests of all states based on a win-win principle. Iran considers security of the region as its own security and has always believed in dialogue, confidence building and collaboration among regional countries as the main pillars of security. Iran firmly believes that the current crises in the region have no military solutions and should be resolved by nonviolent tools and negotiations. As a general rule, Iran believes that dialogue and diplomacy are the best way for solving crises.

### Nuclear deal commitments

The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) is a valid international agreement, an outstanding achievement of diplomatic negotiations and a document annexed to Security Council Resolution 2231. In spite of U.S. unilateral withdrawal from the JCPOA, Iran continues to implement all its commitments under the agreement in the spirit of goodwill. The International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations watchdog, tasked to monitor Iran's commitments, confirmed for the 13th time Iran's full adherence to its share of the JCPOA. Fortunately, as one of the most important supporting countries of the JCPOA, the government of Japan has always

advocated the nuclear deal and taken practical steps to support continued implementation of it. Surely, Japan's practical support will be a significant help in keeping the deal.

The sanctions imposed by the U.S. are totally unilateral and against international laws, including U.N. Security Council resolution 2231. Such sanctions are harmful for global free trade, and have endangered legitimate interests of many countries and companies worldwide. Iran hopes all countries will oppose the illegal and unilateral U.S. sanctions and support their companies' interests and economic ties with Iran.

### Iran-Japan partnership

The nations of Iran and Japan have a long history of friendly relations. The year 2019 is the 90th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between Iran and Japan and can be a turning point for promotion of amicable relations and invaluable cooperation in our ties. For celebrating 90 years of diplomatic bonds, Iran will coordinate a variety of programs, including visits of senior officials, exhibitions of photos and documents, seminars on the future of economic relations, holding an Iran cultural week in Japan, publication of special editions of journals, competing in sporting events and more. These programs will create a friendly atmosphere for better understanding and cooperation between our nations.

### Political bilateral relations

The political relationship between the two countries has historically been amicable.

Japan has paid special attention to Iran as an influential country in the region. During the last five years, the leaders of the two countries have met each other numerous times on the sidelines of different international forums and emphasized their political will to expand relations in various fields.

Upon the invitation of speaker Chuichi Date of the House of Councilors, parliamentary speaker Ali Larijani is scheduled to pay an official visit to Japan on Feb.12 and 13 to meet high-ranking Japanese officials. This visit will play an important role in promoting bilateral relations, especially in parliamentary cooperation.

### Economic bilateral relations

Iran and Japan are opening a new chapter of economic and trade relations post-JCPOA. The two countries' trade transactions amounted to \$4.4 billion in 2017, which increased 20 percent in comparison to 2015. We hope to witness further growth in our relations proportional to our capacities. Iran, as one of the biggest exporters of oil and gas, is ready to supply the required energy to Japan like it has in the past.

Tourism is another field of cooperation between Iran and Japan. Iran's tourist attractions are very important for Japanese tourists who are fond of culture, arts and architectures. Peace and security are clear advantages of Iran in attracting Japanese tourists.



**Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, supreme leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran**



**Hassan Rouhani, president of the Islamic Republic of Iran**

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## Anniversary to deepen bilateral ties

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On the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the Islamic Revolution of Iran and the 90th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and the Islamic Republic of Iran, I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to the government and people of Iran on behalf of the members of the Japan-Iran Parliamentarians' Friendship League.

I am confident that on the 90th anniversary



of the establishment of diplomatic relations this year, we will witness a step forward in further cooperation in political, economic and cultural fields as well as parliamentary relations.

My colleagues and I in the Japan-Iran Parliamentarians' Friendship League will make our utmost efforts to further expand the two countries' ties.



## Congratulations

**on the Occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the Glorious Islamic Revolution of Iran**



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