

# Oman National Day Special

## Friendship and cooperation continues to evolve

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On the joyous occasion of the commemoration of the Sultanate of Oman's 49th National Day on Nov. 18, and on behalf of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, his government and the people

of Oman, I have the great honor to convey greetings and best wishes of good health, harmony, peace and prosperity in the Reiwa Era to Their Imperial Majesties Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, and to members of the imperial family, as well as the government and friendly people of Japan.

It gives me great pleasure to convey my government's commitment to the friendship with Japan and its government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, recognizing his efforts to support and promote the distinguished relations between Oman and Japan, expressing my government's desire to further strengthen the friendship and cooperation between our two great nations. I also seize this opportunity to recognize the efforts and hard work of 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.

On this jubilant occasion, the people of Oman rejoice to commemorate their national day by proudly articulating their



**His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said**

wholehearted gratitude to H.M. Sultan Qaboos and respectfully wish to share this joyful time with all the people of Japan.

Oman has a long history as a state and through its history has made great contributions to civilization. The friendship between the people of our two nations extends to nearly 400 years, with this year marking the 47th formal anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1972. Omani-Japanese relations were founded on mutual respect and have developed with reciprocal trust and continue to expand rapidly.

The political principles guiding Oman's foreign policy stem from the strategic vision of H.M. Sultan Qaboos, and stipulates reinforcing ties of cooperation and reaffirming friendly relations with all states and nations on the basis of mutual respect, common interest, non-interference in internal affairs and adherence to the international and regional charters and

treaties and the generally recognized principles of international law conducive to the advancement of peace and security among states and nations. My country considers peace to be the central building block for stability and development and believes that dialogue and negotiation are the most appropriate means of resolving differences.

Under the wise leadership of H.M. Sultan Qaboos, Oman has become a modern and prosperous nation, rightfully proclaimed to be an oasis for peace and henceforth one of the most attractive places in the world for business investments and tourism. Our National Economic Principles are based on justice and the principles of free economy. In line with this policy, Oman and Japan signed in January 2014 an agreement for the avoidance of double taxation, followed by the Agreement for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investment in June 2015.

Building a strong infrastructure base is a key driver in the government's plans to diversify the economy and create growth and investment opportunities in key sectors, hence the government investment of \$25 billion in air, maritime, rail and road transport infrastructures, with universally competitive free zones and industrial estates emerging adjacent to the best deep-water ports in the Indian Ocean, such as the globally ranked ports of Sohar, Salalah and Duqm that provide fast trade routes to many of the world's leading markets.

One of Oman's most promising investments is the Duqm Special Economic Zone, with an area of 2,000 square kilometers and a 70-kilometer-long coastline. Moreover, Oman's prime geostrategic location

is unmatched, overlooking the Arabian Sea, the Sea of Oman, the Arabian Gulf and controlling the Strait of Hormuz, a gateway linking the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea. Oman is blessed with many natural resources and favorable conditions for economic success. Congruently, procedures introduced by the government to create a more conducive and investor friendly climate with no restrictions on repatriation of capital or profits, effectively enabled Oman to achieve vast strides in economic diversification significantly, raising non-oil exports. Oman presents an obvious competitive advantage to companies looking to establish a base in the region to penetrate fast-growing Gulf Cooperation Council, African and Asian markets.

In the spirit of the literary classic, there are more than 1,001 reasons to visit the Sultanate of Oman. From its 3,165-kilometer-



One of the oldest forts in Oman, Nizwa Fort was built in the middle of the 17th century and has seven wells and numerous openings designed for soldiers defending the fort. MINISTRY OF TOURISM

long coastline to its highest mountain peak at 3,004 meters, our friends in Japan are warmly welcomed to share the harmony and beauty of our country. We invite you to enjoy our hospitality as well as Oman's spectacular Royal Opera House, 18-hole grass golf courses, frankincense, ancient forts, castles, villages, markets and museums. For natural sights and excursions,

Oman has cave lakes holding rare blind fish; desert safaris; coral reefs; hot springs; turtle reserves; horse and camel riding; and whale, dolphin and bird watching.

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At 7,342 yards in length, the 18-hole Championship Course at Al Mouj Golf is Oman's first links style course offering amateurs and professionals a challenging, yet rewarding, game of golf. MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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to the People of the Sultanate of Oman  
on Their 2019 National Day



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