

Brunei Darussalam National Day Special

Bilateral cooperation key to friendly relationship

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On the auspicious occasion of Brunei Darussalam's 36th National Day Anniversary celebration, it is my sincere honor to convey the warm greetings and best wishes of the government of His Majesty Paduka Seri

Baginda Sultan and Yang di-Pertuan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei Darussalam and the people of Brunei Darussalam to their imperial majesties the emperor and empress, members of the imperial family and to the government and people of Japan.

In commemorating the national day this year, Brunei Darussalam adopted the theme of Menjayakan Wawasan Negara, which means Accomplishing the National Vision. The theme underscores the country's commitment to work toward Wawasan 2035 or National Vision 2035. In 15 years, it is our hope that we will realize a nation that comprises a well-educated and highly skilled population; improved quality of life for its people; and a dynamic and sustainable economy.

Brunei Darussalam remains committed to working closely with Japan and we are appreciative of the contributions made toward Brunei Darussalam's growth and development. Bilateral cooperation has been strong and we are confident that this

partnership will continue to flourish.

Our very warm wishes also go to the people of Japan for the continued prosperity of the nation as the country transitioned into the new Reiwa Era on May 1. It was with much pride and honor to have the opportunity to welcome the sultan and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen to Tokyo to attend the enthronement ceremony of His Imperial Majesty Emperor Naruhito last October.

Japan is our largest trading partner and we are happy to have celebrated the 50th anniversary of our two countries' partnership in liquefied natural gas (LNG) last December. Brunei Darussalam is committed to ensuring a reliable and stable supply of LNG to Japan in the coming years. We are also proud to launch a shipment of hydrogen fuel under the pioneering Hydrogen Supply Chain Demonstration Project in Brunei Darussalam for the forthcoming Olympic and Paralympic Games. In this regard, we wish Japan the very best in her preparation for these historical events.

With regards to connectivity, it is with great pleasure that Brunei Darussalam and Japan successfully resumed direct flights in March 2019. We hope to attract more Japanese companies and businesses to Brunei Darussalam now that these direct flights have launched. We are confident that there are ample and mutually beneficial economic opportunities that can be tapped in Brunei Darussalam beyond the oil and gas sector.

Improved connections between our two countries also provide an exciting opportunity to promote Brunei Darussalam as a



The Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha Bridge, commonly known as the Sungai Kebun Bridge, opened in October 2017. The bridge connects Kampung Sungai Kebun to Bandar Seri Begawan.

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unique, regional tourist destination that is rich not only in history, culture and traditions, but also in natural flora and fauna.

Therefore, we look forward to welcoming more Japanese visitors to Brunei Darussalam and to indulge in many fun-filled activities for all to enjoy. We will also continue to participate in the various people-to-people exchange programs offered by Japan such as the Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Programme and the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths Programme, among others. We believe that these programs will foster the mutual cultural understanding and friendship that has long existed. As Brunei Darussalam will take on the ASEAN chairmanship

in 2021, we hope to work closely with Japan on maintaining the cohesive and strategic partnership in this regard.

In closing, we would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of the Japan-Brunei Parliamentarians' Friendship League and its Chairman, Toshihiro Nikai, secretary-general of the Liberal Democratic Party; the Japan-Brunei Friendship Association; the Kyushu-Brunei Club and the ASEAN-Japan Centre for their efforts in strengthening the close ties between Brunei Darussalam and Japan.

Lastly, I would like to extend my appreciation to The Japan Times for allowing me this opportunity to say a few words, and also to the sponsors for their generosity.

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Tourism, communication deepen strong bonds

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On behalf of the Japan-Brunei Friendship Association (JBFA), I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah and the people of Brunei

Darussalam on the auspicious 36th anniversary of their National Day.

Ever since Royal Brunei Airlines commenced its direct services to Japan, it became clearly visible that an increasing number of Japanese tourists visited Bru-

nei Darussalam to explore its beauty and wonderfulness of mosques, Kampong Ayer — one of the world's largest water villages — and the wild nature of the Ulu Temburong National Park, beaches and diving spots.

It is our utmost privilege that the city of Tokyo is going to host the Olympic Games this year and would like to fully support the participating athletes from Brunei.

As such, I trust that the good relationship between the two nations be further deepened through these interactions in various fields. The JBFA also remains highly committed to making relentless efforts to foster cordial ties through various activities.

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The Omar Ali Saifuddien Mosque, located in the heart of Bandar Seri Begawan, is a famous tourist attraction in Southeast Asia.

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