

Oman National Day Special

Country moving forward with confidence

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On the joyous occasion of the commemoration of the Sultanate of Oman's 50th National Day anniversary on Nov. 18, on behalf of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, 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 to Their Imperial Majesties Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, members of the imperial family, the government and friendly people of Japan.

On this occasion, the people of Oman rejoice to commemorate their National Day by proudly articulating their wholehearted gratitude to H.M. Sultan Haitham and respectfully wish to share this joyful time with the people of Japan.

The friendship between our two nations extends to nearly 400 years, with this year marking the 48th anniversary of modern diplomatic relations. 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 Yoshihide Suga, recognizing his efforts to support and promote bilateral relations, expressing my government's desire to further strengthen the friendship and cooperation between our great nations. I also recognize the efforts and hard

work of members of the Japan-Oman Parliamentary Friendship League, the Japan-Oman Society, the Hiroshima-Oman Friendship Association, the Nara-Oman Friendship Association, the Japan-Oman Club, the Japan-Arab Association and Japanese business leaders and industries.

The year 2020 has been a milestone in the history of my country. The passing of H.M. Sultan Qaboos bin Said — may God rest his soul — in January was a very sad time for the people of Oman, for he was the beloved founder of the modern Oman renaissance and the pioneer of its foreign policy and international relations over the past five decades.

Oman 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. H.M. Sultan Haitham

has made this clear in his earlier address to the nation: "Loyal people of Oman, throughout our country's glorious history, the world has known Oman as an influential cultural entity, which promoted the region's growth and prosperity, security and peace. Generations were keen on taking turns in upholding its banner so that Oman's message of peace would continue to roam the world, carrying a great heritage and noble goals, building and not demolishing, re-approaching and not distancing. We are committed to sustain this approach, with you and by you, so that we could together perform, with firm will, our cultural role and historic mission."

"Moving Forward with Confidence" is Oman's axiom for the vision of transformation development in the next 20 years spearheaded by the wise leadership of H.M. Sultan Haitham. Oman's "Vision

2040" includes 65 key performance indicators and has four key themes: "A Society of Creative Individuals," "A Competitive Economy," "An Environment with Sustainable Elements" and "A State with Responsible Institutions." As we progress forward, Oman will implement calculated steps to restructure and modernize its administrative apparatus and will continue to diversify its economy by boosting nonoil revenue and aims to further grow the economic sectors by fostering technology, promoting responsible ecosystems, and enhancing the competitiveness of its free industrial and trade zones.

Oman welcomes Japanese investment and offers a competitive advantage to companies seeking to enter one of the world's potentially fastest-growing markets. In addition to Oman's unmatched prime geostrategic location, pool of young talent,



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robust infrastructure and conducive investor climate with no restrictions on repatriation of capital or profits, several bilateral agreements have been adopted to cultivate a more favorable investment environment.

I conclude with Oman's Foreign Minister H.E. Sayyid Badr bin Hamad bin Hamood AlBusaidi's address at the 75th session of

U.N. General Assembly, "We live in a world of continuous and successive transformations towards scientific and technological advancement, and if humanity is to remain the master of technology in this new world, we are always in need to find ways and means of working together better than before and from one phase to another."

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