

National Day of Jordan

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Jordan a cornerstone of stability in the Middle East

By **Lina Annab**
Ambassador of Jordan

Today marks the 76th Independence Day of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. On this day, Jordanians look to the future with unwavering resolve to be a force of good in the world.

For 68 years, Jordan and Japan have enjoyed friendly relations and warm ties. The exceptional friendship between Jordan and Japan's Royal and Imperial families further

solidifies our longstanding relations.

As a cornerstone of stability in a region rife with volatility and conflicts, Jordan plays a pivotal role in fostering peace and fighting extremism and terrorism. Jordan also hosts almost 13% of the world's refugees, giving it the second highest number of



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refugees per capita in the world.

Jordan values Japan's ongoing support of its humanitarian efforts, and in advancing peace in the region based on the two-state solution. Central to achieving peace is the resolution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and the end of the Israeli military occupation of the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Moreover, the status of Jerusalem is crucial to achieving lasting peace. As custodian of Jerusalem's Muslim and Christian Holy Sites, His Majesty

King Abdullah II is committed to upholding the historical and legal status quo at these sacred places.

In our efforts to bolster our relations, we are grateful to the Japan-Jordan

Parliamentary Friendship League chaired by the Honorable Kazunori Tanaka, and to the Japan-Jordan Association chaired by Mr. Mikio Sasaki, whose generosity and support

enrich the ties between our countries.

It is befitting to celebrate our Independence Day by contemplating again the solid ties and friendship that Jordan and Japan enjoy.

Japan, Jordan going hand in hand for peace

By **Kazunori Tanaka**
Chairperson, Japan-Jordan Parliamentary Friendship League

On behalf of the Japan-Jordan Parliamentary Friendship League, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to our longtime friends, the people of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, on the occasion of their National Day.

It is my great pleasure to witness the excellent bilateral relations between Japan and Jordan, based on the time-tested and multi-layered ties of friendship that have developed ever since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1954. Anyone can understand how close

we are by the mere fact that Japan has had the honor to welcome His Majesty King Abdullah II more than 10 times. I hope that his majesty will visit again soon.

Then Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi's visit to Jordan last August was a good opportunity to revive the mutual visits of our nations' dignitaries. As the chairperson of the Parliamentary Friendship League, I spare no effort to invigorate the exchange of parliamentarians of both



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countries as the world moves toward the post-COVID-19 era.

The international community now faces an unprecedented crisis in Ukraine, but peace and stability in the Middle East is no less important. There is no doubting that Jordan is key to this purpose. Japan will continue its contribution, hand in hand with its Jordanian friends, to Middle East peace, through such measures as our unique initiative of the "Corridors of Peace and Prosperity."

By working together, I strongly believe that Japan and Jordan can overcome current difficulties, further cementing our prosperous and long-lasting partnership.



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on the Anniversary of Their National Day



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