

# National Day of Qatar

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## Qatar rejoices as it hosts FIFA World Cup

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Dec. 18 marks the National Day of the State of Qatar, a great occasion that shows the cohesion, solidarity and unity of the people of Qatar, and celebrates love for the homeland, loyalty to ancestors and fathers and the unforgettable sacrifices of these men and women. It is the day for pride in the wise leadership of H.H. the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, may God protect him, the leader of a process of achievement, development and a promising future.

On this auspicious occasion, I am honored to express, on behalf of the Government and people of the State of Qatar, my deepest reverence, warmest greetings and best wishes for good health and happiness to Their Imperial Majesties the Emperor and Empress, the Imperial Family and H.E. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, and for further progress and prosperity to the Government and friendly people of Japan.

The slogan of Qatar National Day 2022, "Our Unity Source of Our Strength," an excerpt from a speech of His Highness the Amir, affirms the Qatari people's determination to face challenges, achieve goals and continue



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Doha's beautiful skyline

down the path of the great achievements in all fields, and to draw plans for a brighter future for our beloved country.

The celebration of Qatar National Day this year is of particular importance because it coincides with the hosting of the 2022 FIFA World Cup. The two events provide an opportunity for our guests, including our Japanese friends, to learn about our history, rich culture, hospitality, belief in civilized interaction with other cultures and respect and pride in our Arab and Islamic values.

Today, the prestigious world championship concludes with beautiful memories that carry the principles of tolerance, diversity and understanding between civilizations, and its success would not have been possible without the support and backing of our friends and partners. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Japanese friends on the heroic performance and great achievements of the Samurai Blue in defeating two giants of the sport and reaching the Round of 16.

The State of Qatar attaches great importance to its relations with Japan, especially as it is one of our most important partners in the fields of energy, trade, investment and development. In

March 2022, the two countries celebrated the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations, in recognition of 50 years of success and strong relations that have evolved into a comprehensive strategic partnership. I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep thanks and appreciation to the Government and friendly people of Japan for their decades of friendship, fruitful partnership and constructive relations, which we are confident will grow ever stronger over the coming decades.

In confirmation of the great importance that our country's leadership attaches to Japan, H.H. Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Amir, participated in the state funeral held in September for former Prime Minister of Japan H.E. Mr. Shinzo Abe.

In June, Doha hosted the fourth round of political consultations between the foreign ministries of the two countries. H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Abdulaziz Al-Khulaifi, Assistant Foreign Minister for Regional Affairs of the State of Qatar, paid an official visit to Japan in November, during which he held talks with H.E. Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi. The third round of political dialogue at the ministerial level is scheduled to be

held in Tokyo next January. We reaffirm our boundless enthusiasm for working closely with our partners in Japan to strengthen, develop and di-

versify our relations.

In closing I wish to express my deepest appreciation to The Japan News for giving me this opportunity on

this happy occasion. I hope that the New Year will be a year full of health, wellness, happiness, peace and prosperity for all.

### Qatargas-Japan: Enhancing energy relations

The State of Qatar's energy relations with Japan, one of the largest importers and a foundation customer of the Qatari liquefied natural gas industry, have grown since the first LNG cargo was delivered to Japan's shores in January 1997. Qatargas' inaugural delivery was made possible by a historic Sale and Purchase Agreement (SPA) with Japan's Chubu Electric, and seven other Japanese buyers, who jointly import 6 million tons per annum (MTPA) of LNG from Qatargas.

Qatar's position as the largest LNG producer in the world is enhanced by its commitment to producing LNG in a sustainable and environmentally responsible manner. Ever since the first successful delivery of LNG to the Kawagoe Receiving Terminal on January 10, 1997, Qatargas has safely and reliably made more than 3,356 LNG deliveries to Japan over the past two decades.

Qatar has demonstrated its unwavering commitment to the people of Japan in the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami in March 2011, when Qatar prioritized additional LNG deliveries to help meet Japan's urgent energy needs.

Qatargas values its friendship with our foundation customers. It has established term contracts to supply LNG to many of the key Japanese buyers, including JERA Co., Tohoku Electric Power Co., Kansai Electric Power Co., Chugoku Electric Power Co., Tokyo Gas Co., Osaka Gas Co., Toho Gas Co. and Shizuoka Gas Co. Apart from these term contracts, Qatargas also delivers a significant amount of Japan's spot LNG requirements. Today, our commitment to serving the energy needs of our valued customers has never been stronger. As the world's premier LNG company, our customers know that they can rely on Qatargas to deliver safe and reliable LNG.

Qatargas, established in 1984, pioneered the LNG industry in Qatar and today is the largest producer of LNG in the world, with an annual production capacity of 77 MTPA from its world-class facilities in Ras Laffan Industrial City. The State of Qatar has announced plans to raise the country's LNG production capacity to 126 MTPA by 2027, representing an increase of 64% from the current amount.

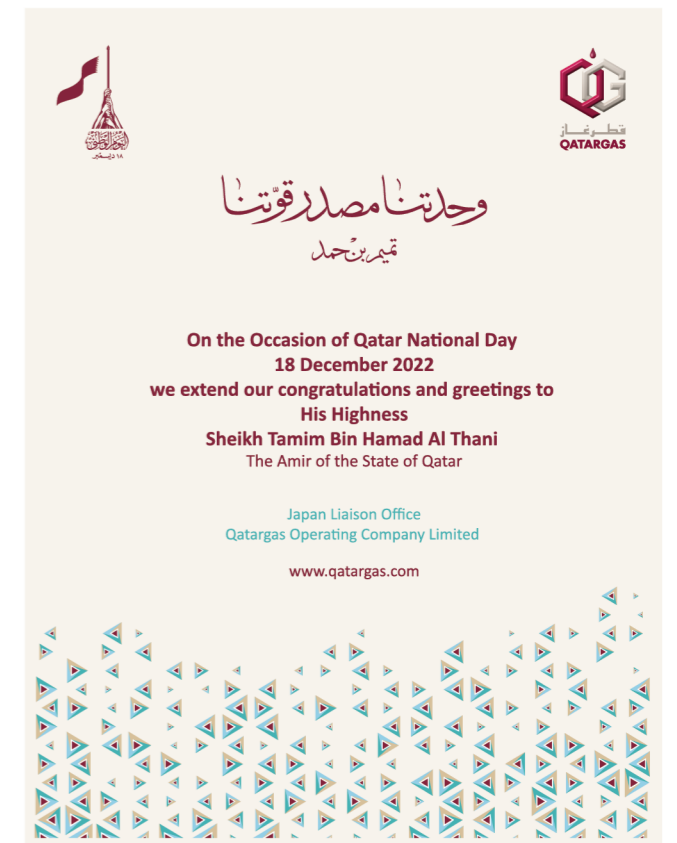
Qatargas' chartered LNG shipping fleet is not only the largest in the world, but also includes the largest LNG vessels. Our fleet provides unprecedented flexibility in meeting the needs of our customers. Every day, we produce and deliver LNG safely and reliably to every corner of the globe.

Since its first production in 1996, Qatargas has successfully delivered LNG to nearly 70 customers in more than 31 countries and is committed to meeting the world's demand for safe, reliable and lower-carbon energy. Through its operational excellence, Qatargas is adding value to its production chain, ensuring efficient energy supplies, creating new markets, contributing to the Qatari economy and supporting the local community in line with Qatar's National Vision 2030. In addition to the LNG facilities, Qatargas operates the Jetty Boil-Off Gas Recovery facility, Al Khaleej Gas, Barzan Gas, three helium plants, two Laffan Refineries (among the largest condensate refineries in the world) and the Ras Laffan Terminal on behalf of its shareholders.



The opening ceremony of FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 held on Nov. 20, 2022

Courtesy of the Embassy of the State of Qatar, Tokyo



## Congratulations

to His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani,  
the Amir of the State of Qatar on the National Day

Chiyoda Corporation

Chubu Electric Power Co., Inc.

THE CHUGOKU ELECTRIC POWER CO., INC.

Cosmo Energy Holdings Co., Ltd.

Doha Bank

ENEOS Corporation

Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd.

IINO KAIUN KAISHA, LTD.

IMPERIAL HOTEL, LTD.

Inchcape Shipping Services (Japan) Ltd.

INPEX CORPORATION

ITOCHU Corporation

JERA Co., Inc.

JGC HOLDINGS CORPORATION

JX Nippon Oil & Gas Exploration Corporation

The Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc.

Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.

Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd. ("K" Line)

KOBE STEEL, LTD.

LNG JAPAN CORPORATION

Marubeni Corporation

Mitsubishi Corporation

MITSUBISHI SHIPBUILDING CO., LTD.

MITSUI & CO., LTD.

Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.

Mizuho Bank, Ltd.

MUFG Bank, Ltd.

NYK Line

THE PENINSULA TOKYO

Qatar Airways Group Q.C.S.C

SHIZUOKA GAS CO., LTD.

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TAISEI CORPORATION

TOHO GAS CO., LTD.

Tohoku Electric Power Co., Inc.

Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Tokyo Boeki Holdings Corporation

Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.

TotalEnergies Japan S.A.

United Petroleum Development Co., Ltd.

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