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Kuwait-Japan partnership stronger in facing global challenges

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How can the State of Kuwait and Japan join forces to tackle common challenges — climate change, disasters, economic recovery, universal health coverage, and peace? As Kuwait celebrates the 62nd Anniversary of its Independence and the 32nd Anniversary of its Liberation, it also marks 62 years of growing diplomatic relations with Japan. On this occasion, I look back at these challenges and reflect on the immense potential role our bilateral partnership and friendship can play in supporting a more equitable, sustainable, and resilient future.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, governments were trying to forestall the widespread economic pain caused by the halt of so much economic activity, human mobility, and the unprecedented public health impact. In the wake of this closure, countries worldwide are searching for ways to ensure a resilient economic recovery while focusing on achieving sustainable development.

Kuwait and Japan are well-positioned to strengthen their ties, given their shared commitment to human development, prosperity, peace, partnerships, and helping our planet; thus, the five pillars of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

To achieve these objectives, my Embassy is undertaking a proactive approach to expand its collaboration with Japan in critical areas such as cybersecurity, digitalization, clean energy, infrastructure, technology, education, and health care, among others. This approach is in line with the significant investment opportunities that Kuwait offers, focusing on sustainable and innovative solutions. The long-term economic development plan, known as Kuwait Vision 2035, which aims to transform the country into a regional financial, commercial, and cultural hub, includes initiatives to support the growth of the private sector, improve the business environment, and attract foreign investment.

One potential area of cooperation is technology transfer and capacity building. Japan is a leader in advanced technology and innovation, particularly in clean energy, robotics, artificial intelligence, smart agriculture, and health care. Kuwait can benefit from these technologies, particularly in improving its health care system, enhancing and growing its manufacturing capabilities, and supporting its efforts to diversify its economy and reduce its reliance on oil revenues.

Infrastructure development is also an area where Kuwait and Japan can further cooperate. Kuwait has several infrastructure projects, including expanding its airports, sea-ports, and transportation networks, and Japan has extensive experi-

ence and expertise in infrastructure development and urban planning which can benefit Kuwait to a large extent.

In addition to these new fields, Kuwait and Japan are committed to addressing the challenges posed

by climate change and human development based on their adherence to human rights, the principles of the UN Charter, and building peace. Both countries have a long history of being at the forefront of development and humanitarian as-

sistance worldwide.

Under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, our nations can signifi-

cantly contribute to enhancing the resilience of our economies by promoting our friendship and mutually beneficial collaboration, while addressing emerging challenges and promoting sustainable development.



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His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah



His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait



Al-Shaheed Park
Courtesy of the Embassy of Kuwait

Heartfelt congratulations from Japan-Kuwait Society

By Takeshi Saito
Chairman, Japan-Kuwait Society

On this auspicious occasion of the 62nd National Day of the State of Kuwait, I am pleased to offer on behalf of the members of the Japan-Kuwait Society our sincerest greetings and congratulations to the friendly people of Kuwait.

Japan and the State of Kuwait celebrated the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations in 2021, but we couldn't have many celebratory events due to COVID-19. I'm

glad that we are now able to hold some commemorative events to celebrate the long-lasting friendly relations between Japan and Kuwait.

Taking this opportunity, I'd like to express my gratitude to His Excellency Hasan Mohammad Zaman for his great efforts, the former Ambassador of Kuwait to Japan, who departed his office



Takeshi Saito

at the end of July in 2022. As the ambassador of Kuwait to Japan since 2018, he made significant contributions to enhancing Japan-Kuwait relations over the course of four years even though many activities were restricted due to COVID-19. I have high hopes not only for the future activities of his successor, His Excellency Sami Ghassab Mohammad Al-Zamanan, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Kuwait to Japan, but also for Kuwait's prosperity and the friendly relationship between Japan and Kuwait.

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H.H. The Crown Prince
and The People of The State of Kuwait**

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