

Jordan's partnership with Japan continues to flourish

By **Lina Annab**
Ambassador of Jordan

In celebrating the 77th Independence Day of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, I extend my heartfelt greetings to Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan, and to the Government and people of Japan.

Jordan and Japan have enjoyed solid relations and warm friendship since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1954, and the resumption of diplomatic ties in 1974. In 2024, we anticipate with joy the 50th and 70th anniversary of bilateral relations, which coincide with the silver jubilee celebrations marking the 25th anniversary of King Abdullah's accession to the throne.

Over the past decades and under

the leadership of King Abdullah II, our partnership has steadily evolved, and it continues to develop, fueled by mutual respect, shared values, and a vision for

a peaceful world. Our longstanding relations are further bolstered by the exceptional friendship between the Royal and Imperial families.

King Abdullah II has visited Japan more than any head of state, underscoring the importance His Majesty places on relations with Japan. The most recent visit was in April 2023, during which King Abdullah II and Queen Rania met with Their Majesties the Emperor



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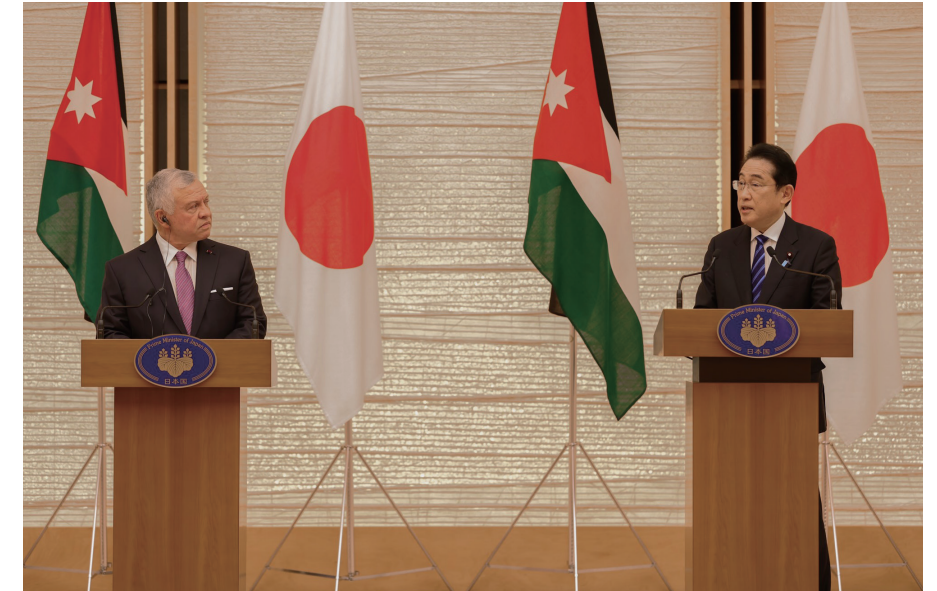
and the Empress of Japan, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and other business and political leaders. During the summit meeting, Prime Minister Kishida highlighted the importance of Japan's relations with Jordan and the role of Jordan as a cornerstone of peace and regional stability. Moreover, several strategic initiatives were explored in the important fields of technology, digital transformation, education, agriculture, energy, and defense.

Situated in a region rife with volatility and conflict, Jordan plays a pivotal role in fostering peace as well as in fighting extremism and terrorism. Jordan is also hosting and providing a safe haven and dignified life to almost 10 percent of the world's refugees, giving it one of the highest per capita refugee

populations in the world.

Japan's support for Jordan and for advancing peace in the region through supporting the Middle East Peace Process based on the two-state solution is greatly valued. Central to achieving peace is the resolution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and ending the Israeli military occupation of the Occupied Palestinian Territories. As Hashemite custodian of Jerusalem's Muslim and Christian holy sites, King Abdullah II is committed to upholding the historical and legal status quo at these holy places, which is essential for maintaining peace and freedom of worship.

On Independence Day we reflect with gratitude on the solid and constructive relations between Jordan and Japan.



Courtesy of Embassy of Jordan

His Majesty King Abdullah II and Prime Minister Fumio Kishida in Tokyo in April

Jordan, a keystone of peace in the Middle East

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

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

Since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1954, Japan and Jordan have developed an excellent friendship, building ties in various fields over the years.

In April of this year, Their Majesties King Abdullah II, Queen Rania, and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hussein were invited to Japan, where they met with Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan and had a summit meeting with Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

In March, prior to the King's visit to Japan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Ayman Al Safadi was invited to Japan for the third Strategic Dialogue between Foreign Ministers with Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi, as well as a meeting with the Japan-Jordan Parliamentary Friendship Association.



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As the international community is in the midst of an unprecedented crisis, including the situation in Ukraine, peace and stability in the Middle East region have become even more important. There is no doubting that Jordan is a keystone for this purpose. Japan will continue to contribute, hand in hand with its Jordanian friends, to the peace in the Middle East including through our unique initiative of the "Corridors for Peace and Prosperity."

I believe that Japan and Jordan will be able to overcome these difficulties and further strengthen our prosperous and long-lasting partnership.

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