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## Türkiye, Japan solidifying enduring ties

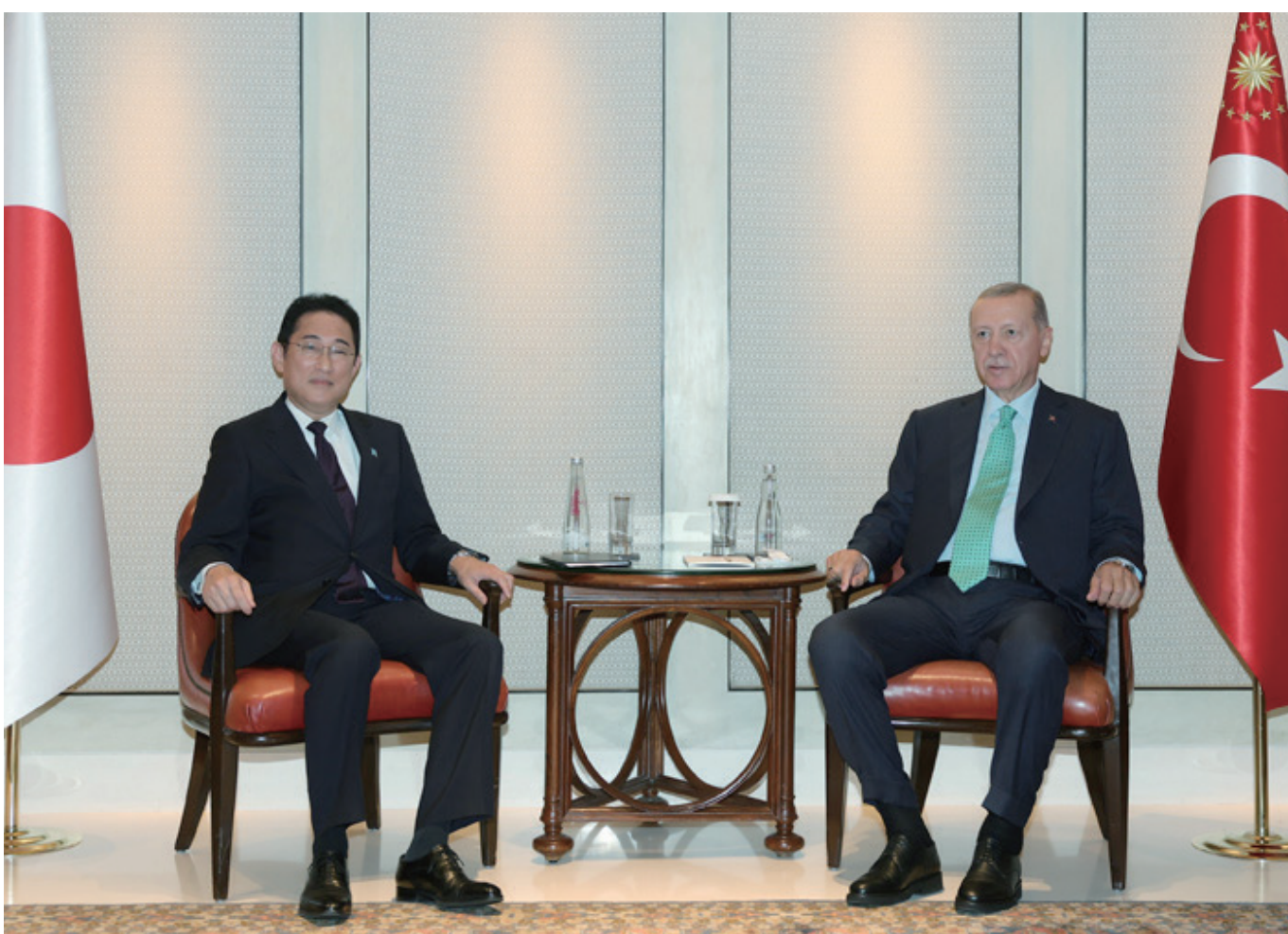
Türkiye and Japan share an enduring friendship and a strategic partnership that was solidified in 2013. As we approach 2024, which marks the 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between our two nations, we eagerly seize every opportunity to strengthen and expand our cooperation, with the centennial serving as a momentous milestone for our relations.

The enduring friendship between Türkiye and Japan finds its roots in the historic Ertuğrul Frigate incident 133 years ago, followed by a remarkable narrative of solidarity. More recently, during the Iran-Iraq War, Türkiye responded readily to Japan's request to evacuate Japanese citizens from Tehran, a testament to the strength of Turkish-Japanese relations. We have extended support to each other during natural disasters, such as the 1999 Izmit Earthquake in Türkiye and the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake. Japan reciprocated by providing aid to Türkiye after the devastating earthquakes earlier this year in February, cementing the bonds of friendship. We are profoundly grateful.

Türkiye and Japan also share robust economic and commercial ties. Japan stands as our third-largest trading partner in the Asia-Pacific region, and we believe there is vast untapped potential for deeper collaboration. Currently, 253 Japanese companies operate in Türkiye, with investments totalling \$3.36 billion. Japan ranks 12th among countries making the most direct investments in Türkiye.

Tourism represents another avenue brimming with potential for Türkiye and Japan. In 2022, Türkiye ranked as the third most attractive tourist destination, with 21 UNESCO World Heritage sites. To enhance economic and tourism relations, we wholeheartedly encourage Turkish Airlines to expand its flight offerings to Japan, including by inaugurating a new Istanbul-Osaka route in December.

Lastly, I must highlight the Turkish-Japanese Science and Technology University, set to formally begin its academic journey next year, aligning perfectly with the anniversary of our diplomatic relations. This institution will serve as a cornerstone in elevating academic and technological ties between our two nations.



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Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan meets Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida during the 2023 G20 Summit in New Delhi on Sept. 8.

In closing, let me emphasize that the enduring friendship and resolute solidarity between Türkiye and Japan are not just diplomatic words but deeply felt emotions. This exceptional bond, forged through history and tested by shared challenges, serves as a beacon of hope and a testament to the strength of our friendship. As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of

our Republic and approach the centennial of our diplomatic relations, our hearts swell with gratitude and pride, knowing that together we will continue to reach even greater heights, bound by a friendship that transcends borders and time.

By Korkut Güngen



Cappadocia in central Türkiye is a UNESCO World Heritage site famous for epic hot-air balloon flight experiences.



East meets West in Istanbul, Türkiye's largest city, which bridges Europe and Asia across the Bosphorus Strait.



Turkish coffee is on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage list.



Traditional Turkish confectionery products such as Turkish delight, helva and baklava are exported to 150 countries.

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