National Day of Kuwait

State of Kuwait advances flourishing ties with Japan

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On Dec. 16, 2023, the State of Kuwait experienced a profound loss

with the passing of His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad Jaber Al Sabah. His legacy encompasses substantial contributions to regional and international peace



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and the fortification of amicable relations between Japan and Kuwait. As Kuwait commemorates the 63rd

anniversary of its independence and the 33rd anniversary of its liberation, we reflect on 63 years of flourishing diplomatic ties with Japan.

Support for Noto quake victims

In light of the recent Noto Peninsula Earthquake, I extend my deepest condolences and sympathies to the people of Japan, particularly those affected by this tragic event, on behalf of the government and people of the State of Kuwait. In a demonstration of solidarity, I visited the areas affected by the earthquake, aiming to underscore the robust bond between our nations. As I assessed the heart-wrenching damage, interacted with residents, and offered moral support to affected families and children, I reiterated Kuwait's steadfast solidarity with the Japanese people.

My visit to the Noto Peninsula, reminiscent of Kuwait's support following the Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami in March 2011, emphasizes the bedrock of friendship founded on reciprocal assistance during challenging times. These initiatives vividly illustrate how Kuwait and Japan, united by shared values and a history of mutual aid, stand firmly together in adversity, fortifying the bedrock of their friendship.

Close ties, stable energy supply

Amidst shared challenges such as climate change, disasters, economic recovery, universal health coverage and peace, a formidable alliance beckons Kuwait and Japan in the current global landscape, defined by the impact of the recent geopolitical developments in the Middle East and elsewhere around the world.

Kuwait and Japan possess the potential to leverage their commitment to human development, prosperity, peace, partnerships and environmental stewardship. The Embassy spearheads expanded collaboration with Japan in sev-

One crucial aspect of this collaboration lies in promoting cultural relations and fostering cooperation between universities in Kuwait and Japan. This endeavor holds immense importance, as it contributes to both nations' academic growth and plays a vital role in deepening mutual understanding and friendship.

Furthermore, the cooperative ventures extend beyond conventional in-



Kuwait City's landscape at dusk

frastructure projects in Kuwait, encompassing diverse sectors where Japan's expertise can catalyze transformative

The international exposition is a global cultural gathering rich with diverse ideas, activities and innovations that showcases the world's diverse traditions and cultures. It presents a valuable opportunity for promoting and marketing economic and political projects in addition to the historical legacies of all participating countries.

First and foremost, Kuwait's participation in Osaka-Kansai Expo 2025 reflects the strong fraternal relations enjoyed by Kuwait and Japan at all levels. Kuwait is one of the few countries that had the opportunity to participate in this exposition at the 1970 Osaka Expo, where it was one of only four Arab participants. This underscores the uniqueness and diversity of Kuwait's participation, which always focuses on highlightding light on the country's scientific, cultural and educational aspects.

Kuwait's participation in the exhibition, themed "Building the future society for our lives," aims to showcase the State of Kuwait's bright image and its commitment to nurturing Kuwaiti youth, creating a better future for them, developing human capital, and achieving sustainable development goals.

Looking ahead, the legacy of His Highness, the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, serves as a testament to the enduring friendship between Japan and Kuwait. This legacy lays a robust foundation for continued collaboration in pursuing sustainable development and global well-being. Likewise, under the wise guidance of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber AlSabah, both countries remain steadfast in their commitment to building

stronger relations for the benefit of their people.

Heartiest Greetings and Congratulations to the State of Kuwait on the Occasion of the 63rd Anniversary of National Day and the 33rd Anniversary of Liberation Day



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Parliamentarians seek closer relations with Kuwait

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I am pleased to extend my congratu-

lations to the State of Kuwait on the occasion of the 63rd anniversary of its independence and the 33rd anniversary of its liberation. I have utmost respect for the State



of Kuwait for having built a democratic nation since its founding, achieving remarkable economic development and contributing significantly to the stabilization of the Middle East

In December 2023, His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the then Amir of the State of Kuwait, passed away. I visited Kuwait as a special envoy of Prime Minister Fumio Kishida to praise the achievements of the late Amir and convey condolences to His Highness Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the new Amir, on behalf of the Japanese people. It was a great honor for me to have an audience with the new Kuwaiti head of state and be treated with warmheartedness just before his swearing-in before the National Assembly of Kuwait. For our resourcepoor country, the State of Kuwait, which is a leading supplier of fossil fuels such as crude oil, has been an extremely important friend. It has been really gratifying that in recent years bilateral exchanges have been gathering momentum in a variety of fields, including education and environmental protection.

In closing, I hope that under the leadership of His Highness Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the State of Kuwait will continue to develop and that the friendship between our two countries will deepen further. The League pledges to strengthen the bonds of friendship between our two countries through exchanges between lawmakers from Japan and the State of Kuwait.

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H.H. The Amir and The People of The State of Kuwait

On the Occasion of the 63rd National Day of Kuwait and 33rd Anniversary of Liberation



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