

# National Day of Jordan

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## Jordan and Japan: 70 years of solid bonds of friendship

By **Lina Annab**

Ambassador of Jordan to Japan

On May 25, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan marks its 78th Independence Day. This year we also mark the silver jubilee of HM King Abdullah II's accession to the throne, and the platinum jubilee of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Jordan and Japan.



Lina Annab

Over the past seven decades, the solid bonds of friendship between Jordan and Japan have thrived and expanded to promote social, economic, defense and political cooperation.

The historical and warm friendship between the Royal and Imperial families was evident with the

honor of welcoming Their Imperial Highnesses Princess Takamado and Princess Tsuguko of Takamado in 2023 to the wedding of Jordan's Crown Prince Al Hussein bin Abdullah II.

Under the leadership of HM King Abdullah II, our bilateral relations were elevated to a strategic partnership in 2018, ushering in a new era that saw further strengthening of our ties. The recent official visits to Japan by HM King Abdullah II in 2023 and most recently the visit of Prime Minister Bisher Al-Khasawneh underscore the importance of our partnership.

The signing of an agreement with Japan's Digital Agency in 2023, as well as the successful Jordan-Japan Business Forum held in Jordan for foreign investors, bode well for expanding our economic horizons.

Additionally, cultural exchanges,

such as the friendship agreement signed between the Hitachi-no-Kuni trail in Ibaraki Prefecture and the Jordan Trail, and the high school exchange program with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, are paving the way for deepening people-to-people relations. We look forward to further strengthening our cultural bonds through Jordan's participation in the 2025 Osaka-Kansai Expo.

On the global stage, Jordan and Japan share an unwavering commitment to peace and stability. Central to this goal is stopping Israel's military aggression on Gaza; and the permanent and just resolution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict through ending the occupation of the Palestinian territories and establishing a sustainable political pathway towards achieving peace.

The establishment of an independent, sovereign Palestinian state

based on the two-state solution — in accordance with international law and relevant UN resolutions — is the only way to achieve true peace.

Situated in a region rife with conflict and instability, Jordan's role as a beacon of peace and tolerance is indispensable. Hosting nearly 10% of the world's refugees, Jordan embodies compassion and solidarity, providing a safe haven for those fleeing persecution, violence, and the ravages of war.

We welcome Japan's resumption of funding to UNRWA, a critical lifeline whose ability to provide vital support underscores the importance of continued funding and cooperation.

As we mark Jordan's Independence Day, I would like to extend Jordan's deep gratitude to the Government and people of Japan for their steadfast support and friendship.



Jordan Tourism Board

Petra the capital of the Nabatean Kingdom (4th century BCE and c. 106 CE) - UNESCO World Heritage Site

## Japan going hand in hand with Jordan

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. To commemorate this year's 70th anniversary together, a cherry tree planting event and other cultural events are being held in Japan and Jordan.



Kazunori Tanaka

Last year, there were many meetings and visits between our leaders, foreign ministers and others, and they built closer relations. In February this year, H.E. Dr. Bisher Hani Al-Khasawneh, Prime Minister of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, was invited to Japan for a summit meeting with Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and a meeting with the speaker of the House of Representatives. Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa, Defense Minister Minoru Kihara, and Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Ken Saito paid a courtesy call to Prime Minister



Royal Hashemite Court

King Abdullah II at Global Refugee Forum 2023

Khasawneh and joined a meeting with the Japan-Jordan Parliamentary Friendship Association.

As the international community is in the midst of an unprecedented crisis, peace and stability in the Middle East region have become even more important. There is no doubt that Jordan is a cornerstone for future stability. Japan will continue with its contributions, hand in hand with Jordanian friends.

Finally, I believe that Japan and Jordan will be able to further strengthen our prosperous and long-lasting partnership.

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