

Kuwait committed to promoting ties with Japan

By **Hasan Mohammad Zaman**
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The State of Kuwait this month celebrates its national day, marking the 61st anniversary of independence, and the 31st anniversary of its liberation from the brutal Iraqi invasion. Concurrently, we also celebrate 61 years of diplomatic relations and friendship between the State of Kuwait and Japan, which were established officially in 1961. However, our friendship and cooperation date back years before.



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Our bilateral relations witnessed numerous milestones throughout the past 61 years, starting with establishing diplomatic relations a few months after the independence of the State of Kuwait in 1961, followed by the exchange of diplomatic missions in 1962 and 1963.

In 1990, Japan took historic stances to uphold Kuwait's legitimate rights against the heinous Iraqi invasion. It contributed \$13 billion to support the international coalition to liberate the State of Kuwait. The people of Kuwait will never forget Japan's initiatives. Its appreciation was evident when Kuwait, per the directives of late Amir His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, may Allah have mercy on his soul, offered 5 million barrels of crude oil in support of the recovery efforts from the Great East Japan Earthquake and the devastating tsunami in 2011.

Most recently, our countries' cooperation has also been evident in countering the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to importing the medicine Avigan that was developed in Japan, the State of Kuwait, per the directives of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, contributed \$40 million to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, in support of the COVAX Facility, at the COVAX AMC Summit that the government of Japan hosted on June 2, 2021.

On the economic front, collaboration between our nations preceded the independence of the State of Kuwait as Japanese private sector companies have been actively involved in the Kuwaiti oil sector since the 1950s. Today, the State of Kuwait has become one of Japan's primary import sources of crude oil, while Kuwait imports numerous Japanese products in various sectors. The total volume of our bilateral trade has reached \$9 billion annually.

Moreover, the circumstances under the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted several significant issues, such as food security, health sys-

tems, education systems, cybersecurity, and artificial intelligence. Considering their paramount importance, the State of Kuwait is looking forward to working with the Japanese side to



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

deal with these challenges and contribute to a better and more sustainable recovery.

In conclusion, I assure you that the State of Kuwait and its people are



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

proud of our relations of friendship with Japan. We are committed to developing and promoting our bilateral ties in various fields under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir



Courtesy of the Embassy of Kuwait
Kuwait City's landscape view from Al-Shaheed Park

Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown

Prince Sheikh Mishaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

Sincere national day salute to people of Kuwait

By **Yasushi Kimura**
Chairman, Japan-Kuwait Society

On this auspicious occasion of the 61st anniversary of the 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, a year throughout which we were forced to live side by side with

COVID-19. As a result, commemorative events that would normally have been held with fanfare in various locations had to be scaled down or held online. However, it is pointless to lament what cannot be done; what is essential is to focus on what can be done and carry that out to the extent possible, maintaining a



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positive attitude.

Last year also marked 10 years since the Great East Japan Earthquake that occurred in 2011. Having received generous support from the State of Kuwait in its aftermath, areas in eastern Japan have cherished and continued to maintain ties with the State of Kuwait, never forgetting the kindness they received at the time. I hope that public- and private-sector exchanges between the two countries will continue to deepen in a wide range of areas.

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to
H.H. The Amir,
H.H. The Crown Prince,
H.E. The Prime Minister
and **The People of The State of Kuwait**

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