Saudi Arabia-Japan: together in the 21st century

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Fahd and H.R.H. Crown Prince Abdullah

The Saudi Arabia-Japan relationship, which has been solid for the past fifty years, continues to grow and diversify. It has grown to be a model for bridging the gap between people and culture. Thanks to the leaders of both countries who have worked tirelessly to strengthen the bonds of cooperation, Japan, and Japan itself, has become a respected country that is admired for its diverse culture and international status.

Japan-Saudi Arabia ties unsinkable

Aman Kuranji, Prima Minister of Japan

Relations between Japan and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have been nurtured since the early stages of their relationship. Even during the oil crisis, Japan-Saudi Arabia relations were not weakened, but the two nations continued to embrace each other. Japan and Saudi Arabia have a common interest in peace and stability in the Middle East.

Economic-technical cooperation

The economic and technical cooperation between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Japan began in 1955 with the establishment of the Japanese government, which provided financial assistance for the construction of the first oil field in the Middle East. Since then, the cooperation has continued to grow, and today, Japan is the second largest trade partner of Saudi Arabia, topped only by the United States.

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### General Information
- ** Geography:** Along the Red Sea, a narrow fertile plain called the Tihama lies. Immediately to the east is a daunting desert north of Riyadh. (February 1981)
- ** Language:** Arabic
- ** Capital:** Riyadh (Population 3,500,000)
- ** Area:** 2,149,690 square kilometers
- ** Climate:**
  - The western coast facing the Red Sea has a subtropical climate with hot, humid summers, and dry, cold winters.
  - The eastern coast facing the Arabian Gulf has a climate similar to that of the western coast.
  - The central region has dry, moderate winters. The central region has dry, moderate winters.
  - The northern region has long, cold, dry winters.
  - The southwestern region has a tropical climate with hot, humid summers, and dry conditions in winter.
- ** Population:** 27,000,000 (2023 est.)
- ** Languages:** Arabic, English
- ** Religion:** Islam
- ** Currency:** Saudi Riyal (SR)
- ** Exchange rate:** US$1 = approx. SR3.75
- ** Important dates:**
  - The year 2005 is the 50th anniversary of our official tie-ups, and Saudi Arabia is all set to demonstrate its past with its wisdom and originality, the present with its modernity and advancement, and the future with its hope and confidence.
  - The Hajj (the pilgrimage to Makkah) is one of the five pillars of Islam. The number of pilgrims to Makkah during the pilgrimage month is enormous, sometimes exceeding two million.

### Diplomatic Relations
- **Official contacts between Saudi Arabia and Japan began in 1938 when Hebi Wadie, Saudi envoy to England, visited Japan to attend the inauguration of the Tokyo Mosque. In November 1939, Japan sent an economic delegation to Saudi Arabia. In June 1953, the two countries formally established diplomatic relations.**

### Basic Data of Saudi Arabia
- **GDP (per capita):** 10,973 dollars
- **GDP:** US$ 249 billion
- **Main Export Partners:** U.S.A., Japan, China, India, Korea
- **Main Import Partners:** U.S.A., Japan, China, India, Korea
- **Main Exports:** Oil products, transportation equipment, electronics/machinery
- **Main Imports:** Industrial machinery, transport equipment, foodstuffs, chemical products

### Royal Visits
- **King Fahd bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud:** visit to Japan in 1971
- **Emperor Hirohito:** visit to Saudi Arabia in 1960
- **King Faisal:** visit to Japan in 1955
- **Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz:** visit to Japan in 1960
- **King Faisal:** visit to Japan in 1971
- **Fahd:** visit to Japan in 1998

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