



*Message by H.E. Akihiko Nakajima, the Ambassador of Japan to the UAE  
on the birthday of H.M. the Emperor of Japan  
(February 23, 2021)*

*(The Japanese message follows the English version.)*

*On the joyful occasion of the birthday of His Majesty the Emperor Naruhito on February 23, I would like to express my humble but heartfelt joy and honor of celebrating His Majesty's birthday, and pray for peace and security in Japan and all over the world.*

*In view of the current COVID-19 pandemic situation, our embassy regrettably refrains from holding an annual National-Day reception in celebration of H.M. the Emperor's birthday this year. Nonetheless, we sincerely would like to convey our highest regards and gratitude for your precious support for our activities.*

*I truly hope we shall overcome the virus, through witnessing valuable initiatives originating here in the UAE together with many countries.*

*The Japan-UAE bilateral relations have made remarkable development in the past years. I am honored to share with distinguished readers of this message some of the last year's highlights here:*

*Ambassador of Japan to the UAE  
Akihiko Nakajima*



Hope Probe launched from Tanegashima Space Center, Japan in July 2020  
(Photo Credit: AFP)



ADNOC celebrated Japan's National Foundation Day in February 2021



Japan Day at Zayed University Abu Dhabi Campus in February 2020

天皇陛下の御誕生日に際し、在留邦人の皆様に謹んで御挨拶申し上げます。

本年度の天皇誕生日祝賀レセプションは、当地における新型コロナウイルス感染症の感染状況を考慮し、残念ながら開催を見合わせることに致しました。

新型コロナウイルス感染症が世界的に拡大し、国際社会が大きな困難に直面する中、在留邦人の皆様方におかれましても幾多の御苦勞がごありのことに拝察致します。一刻も早いコロナ収束を願うと共に、皆様方の安全安心に関し大使館として引き続き全力でサポートして参ります。

最後に、皆様の御多幸と一層の御繁栄を心から祈念し、御挨拶に代えさせていただきます。

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