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JAPAN —
UAE



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Congratulatory Messages from Ministers for the 50th Anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and the UAE



I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and the United Arab Emirates. As symbolised by the amicable relationship between the Japanese Imperial Family and Emirati Ruling Families, our two countries are bonded by deep friendship.

In the last 50 years, our bilateral cooperation has deepened further in many areas such as renewable energy, new energy with hydrogen and ammonia, science and technology, education, infrastructure and space technology, going beyond our established cooperation in the traditional energy sector. Under our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Initiative (CSPI), I hope this year will be marked as a special beginning to the Next 50 Years as we continue to strengthen our bilateral cooperation as strategic partners.

I would hereby like to congratulate the UAE on having made such an accomplished success of Expo 2020 Dubai. We sincerely hope to carry forward the legacy created at Expo 2020 Dubai to Osaka Kansai Expo in 2025.

Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan
HAYASHI Yoshimasa



As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries, I express my admiration for the people of Japan and for the success in building a peaceful and prosperous nation.

Japan and the United Arab Emirates are bond together by a very special relationship. Our political, commercial and cultural linkages are marked by common purpose and cooperation.

We have shared many things over the past 50 years much to our mutual advantage, the most prominent in my mind, are the values that we have shared in devotion to our own cultures and the deep respect for, and appreciation of other cultures, we have shared the values of human progress, tolerance, fraternity, dialogue, cooperation and peaceful coexistence. We have shared the desire for global peace and the safety, prosperity and well-being of our communities. These are values that you unit and strengthen us and provide a strong base for the excellent relations between our peoples.

I'm confident the bonds between Japan and the United Arab Emirates will continue to strengthen and that we will move forward together towards a more peaceful and prosperous world together, we will continue to promote peace and cooperation around the globe.

Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence of the United Arab Emirates
H.E. Sheikh Nahyan Bin Mubarak Al Nahyan

UAE → JAPAN

APPROX. 10 HOURS (by direct flights)



UAE



JAPAN

UAE



Total Area

APPROX. 83,600 km²

(approx. size of Hokkaido)



Population

9.30 MILLION

(2020 Federal Statistics Centre)



Capital

ABU DHABI



Language

ARABIC



Currency

DIRHAM

(AED 1 = Approx. JPY 31 as at end of Jan 2022)

JAPAN



Total Area

APPROX. 380,000 km²

(approx. five times of UAE)



Population

126 MILLION

(2021 National Statistics Centre)



Capital

TOKYO



Language

JAPANESE



Currency

JAPANESE YEN

(AED 1 = Approx. JPY 31 as at end of Jan 2022)

Formation of United Arab Emirates

2ND DECEMBER 1971

The Establishment of Diplomatic Relations

4TH MAY 1972

Recognition of UAE as an independent state by Japan

3RD DECEMBER 1971

(Japan is one of the first five countries which recognized UAE)

The Japanese Population in UAE

4,400* (as of October 2021)

*The largest Japanese population in the MENA region

Emirati Population in Japan

82 (as of June 2021)



Emirati Students in Japan

66 (as of June 2021)



The Number of Visitors from Japan to UAE

125,845 (JNTO)(2019)

The Number of Visitors from UAE to Japan

8,891 (UNWTO)(2019)

The number of Japanese Companies in the UAE

APPROX. 340 (as of October 2020)

UAE's Major Export Partner

JAPAN IS THE UAE'S TOP SECOND EXPORT PARTNER

(US\$ 15,412 million in 2020)

Japan's Crude Oil Import Partner

UAE IS THE JAPAN'S TOP SECOND CRUDE OIL IMPORT PARTNER

(790,000 barrel/day in 2020), 30% of Japan's imported crude oil comes from UAE

UAE's Crude Oil Export Partner

JAPAN IS UAE'S TOP CRUDE OIL EXPORT PARTNER

(Since the formation of UAE in 1971, Japan has consistently been the number one importer of UAE's crude oil.)

Total Trade Value (From Japan to UAE)

US\$ 72 BILLION (2019 JETRO)

Total Trade Value (From UAE to Japan)

US\$ 262 BILLION (2019 JETRO)

Major Visits of Imperial Family, Royal Family and Ministers

1970 Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan attended Expo Osaka, met His Imperial Highness Crown Prince Akihito

1975 Minister of Defence H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum met His Majesty Hirohito Emperor Showa.

1989 Deputy Supreme Commander of Armed Forces H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed attended the state funeral for the late Emperor Showa

1990 President H.H. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan on a state visit to meet H.M. the Emperor Akihito accompanied by H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid, H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, H.H. Sheikh Sultan bin Zayed Al Nahyan

1990 H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan attended the enthronement ceremony for H.M. the Emperor Akihito

2004 Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs H.H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan met His Imperial Highness Crown Prince Naruhito, Prime Minister KOIZUMI Junichiro and Minister of Foreign Affairs KAWAGUCHI Yoriko

2007 Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan met H.M. the Emperor Akihito on an official working visit

2014 Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan on an official working visit to meet H.M. the Emperor Akihito, and Prime Minister ABE Shinzo.

2017 Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan met H.I.H. Crown Prince Naruhito, Prime Minister ABE Shinzo, and Minister of Foreign Affairs KISHIDA Fumio.

2019 H.H. Sheikh Hazza bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice chairman of Abu Dhabi Executive Council attended the enthronement ceremony for His Majesty Naruhito The Current Emperor

1973 Vice Prime Minister MIKI Takeo met President H.H. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan.

1978 Minister of Foreign Affairs SONODA Sunao met Crown Prince H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E. Ahmed Khalifa Al Sowaidi.

1978 Prime Minister FUKUDA Takeo met President H.H. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan.

1995 Their Imperial Highnesses the Crown Prince and the Crown Princess visited UAE

2001 Minister of Foreign Affairs KONO Yohei met Deputy Prime Minister H.H. Sheikh Sultan bin Zayed and Minister of Information and Culture H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed.

2004 Former Minister of Foreign Affairs KAWAGUCHI Yoriko, dispatched to attend the state funeral for the late President H.H. Sheikh Zayed met Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan

2007 Prime Minister ABE Shinzo met President H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

2012 Minister of Foreign Affairs GENBA Koichiro met Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed.

2013 Prime Minister ABE Shinzo visited Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

December 2017 Minister of Foreign Affairs KONO Taro met Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

January 2018 Minister of Foreign Affairs KONO Taro met Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

April 2018 Prime Minister ABE Shinzo met Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

January 2020 Prime Minister ABE Shinzo met Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

March 2022 Minister of Foreign Affairs HAYASHI Yoshimasa met Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

May 2022 Special Envoy of the Prime Minister AMARI Akira, Former minister of Economy was dispatched to offer condolences on the passing of President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, and met President H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Vice-President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

1970



September 1970, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi H.H. Sheikh Khalifa visits Japan to participate at Expo Osaka. A meeting with Crown Prince H.I.H. Akihito. Collection: Diplomatic Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

September 1970, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi H.H. Sheikh Khalifa meets Prime Minister SATO Eisaku. Collection: Diplomatic Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

1973



December 1973, Deputy Prime Minister MIKI Takeo visits President H.H. Sheikh Zayed. ©United Arab Emirates Japan Society

1975



April 1975 Minister of Defence H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, who made great assistance in dealing with the terrorist group when JAL jumbo jet airplane was hijacked and forced landing at Dubai Airport in 1973, visits Japan. Holds talks with Prime Minister MIKI Takeo. ©United Arab Emirates Japan Society

1978



September 1978 Prime Minister FUKUDA Takeo visits the UAE and holds talks with President H.H. Sheikh Zayed at the presidential palace ©Kyodo/ Kyodo News Images

September 1978 Prime Minister FUKUDA Takeo holds talks with then Prime Minister H.H. Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum at the guest palace in Abu Dhabi ©Kyodo/ Kyodo News Images

1989

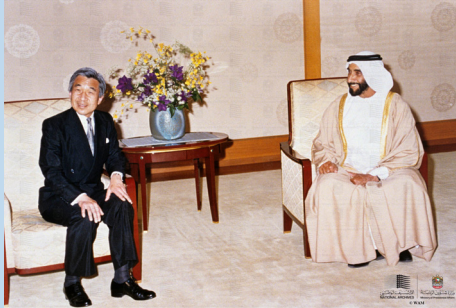


February 1989 H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed visits Japan to attend the state funeral for the late H.M. Emperor Showa. A photo from the Welcome Ceremony with KOIKE Yuriko then Secretary General of Japan Arab Associations. ©United Arab Emirates Japan Society



February 1989 H.H. Sheikh Mohammed tries Tempura at the Welcome Ceremony ©United Arab Emirates Japan Society

1990



May 1990 President H.H. Sheikh Zayed meets with H.M. the Emperor Akihito © The National Library and Archives of the Ministry of Presidential Affairs, UAE



May 1990 President H.H. Sheikh Zayed meets with H.M. the Emperor Akihito © The National Library and Archives of the Ministry of Presidential Affairs, UAE



May 1990 President H.H. Sheikh Zayed takes a walk with H.M. the Emperor Akihito in Akasaka Imperial Residence © The National Library and Archives of the Ministry of Presidential Affairs, UAE



May 1990 President H.H. Sheikh Zayed visits Bancho Elementary School in Tokyo © United Arab Emirates Japan Society



May 1990 President H.H. Sheikh Zayed visits Sumo in Tokyo © United Arab Emirates Japan Society



May 1990 President H.H. Sheikh Zayed visits Aquarium Tokyo Sea Life Park © United Arab Emirates Japan Society

1995



January 1995 Their Imperial Highnesses the Crown Prince and the Princess are welcomed by Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed at Abu Dhabi Airport ©Embassy of Japan in the UAE



January 1995 T.I.H. the Crown Prince and the Princess are welcomed by Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi H.H. Sheikh Khalifa at Abu Dhabi Airport ©Embassy of Japan in the UAE



January 1995 T.I.H. the Crown Prince and the Princess visit Jabel Hafeet. Photographed in Al Ain. ©The Asahi Shimbun



January 1995 T.I.H. the Crown Prince and the Princess onboard a cruise boat. Photographed in Dubai. ©The Asahi Shimbun

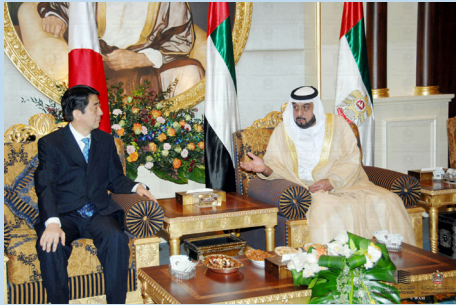


January 1995 T.I.H. the Crown Prince and the Princess watch the camel race. Photographed in Al Ain. ©The Asahi Shimbun

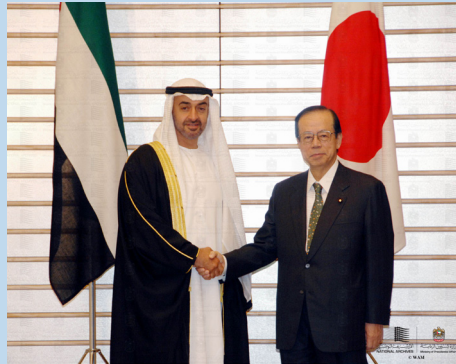


January 1995 T.I.H. the Crown Prince and the Princess meet with Crown Prince of Dubai H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. Photographed in Dubai. ©The Asahi Shimbun

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April 2007 Prime Minister ABE Shinzo visits the UAE, meets President H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed ©The National Library and Archives of the Ministry of Presidential Affairs, UAE



December 2007 The Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed visits Japan, holds a meeting with Prime Minister FUKUDA Yasuo ©The National Library and Archives of the Ministry of Presidential Affairs, UAE



26 February 2014 The Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed at Court Luncheon with H.M. the Emperor © WAM



February 2014 The Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed visits Judo team at Tokai University Takanawadai Senior High School © INPEX



May 2013 Prime Minister ABE Shinzo visits the UAE, holds a meeting with The Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed. ©The National Library and Archives of the Ministry of Presidential Affairs, UAE



25 February 2014 The Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed and H.H. the Crown Prince Naruhito at the welcome ceremony at Haneda Airport © WAM



April 2017 Japan- UAE Foreign Minister's Meeting between H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed and KISHIDA Fumio © Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan



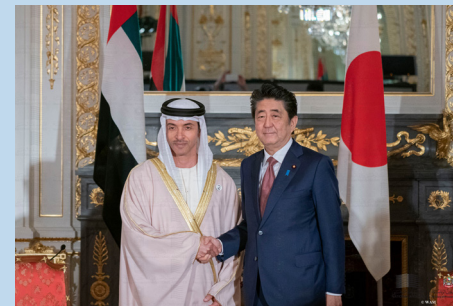
April 2018 Prime Minister ABE Shinzo visits the UAE. Meeting with the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Al Zayed © Cabinet Public Affairs Office of the Government of Japan



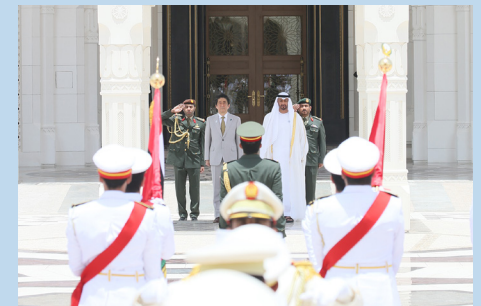
February 2014 The Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed meets Prime Minister ABE Shinzo © WAM



H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, The Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Dr. Gensitsu Sen, 15th-generation Grand Master of Urasenke at "Ryoku Sui An", a traditional Japanese Tea House built in the Emirates Palace © Urasenke Abu Dhabi



October 2019 H.H. Sheikh Hazza bin Zayed, Deputy Chairman of Abu Dhabi Executive Council visits Japan to attend the official enthronement ceremony of His Majesty the Emperor Naruhito ©The National Library and Archives of the Ministry of Presidential Affairs, UAE



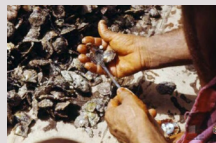
January 2020 Prime Minister ABE Shinzo visits the UAE, and holds a meeting with the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed © Cabinet Public Affairs Office of the Government of Japan

Pre and Post Foundation of the UAE and Japan

Japan contributed significantly to the UAE's nation building, both before and after its foundation. The Founding Father, President H.H. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan had a great passion for modernization. Utilizing oil revenue now owned by the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, H.H. Sheikh Zayed became devoted to the construction of cities, building schools and fostering new industry which would replace the diminishing pearl industry. It is a little-known fact that Japanese engineers and Japanese companies played an active part at that time. From the late 1960s, not just oil companies but trading companies, electronics companies, construction engineers and consultants from Japan, all arrived in the Trucial States, one after another to support the building of the new nation. It could be said that H.H. Sheikh Zayed had great expectations of Japan which was developing as an industrialized country. With the transition from pearling to oil, and the on-going effort to move the economy away from oil dependence, Japan has always moved forward with the UAE.

Pearls

The Arabian Gulf has been known as a trading centre for natural pearls since ancient times. At the beginning of the 20th century, the pearl industry accounted for 95% of Abu Dhabi's total revenue. However, political change in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, World War I, the Great Depression and the success of Japanese cultured pearls all combined to trigger the decline of the natural pearl industry.



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Oil

In 1958, the first offshore oil field was discovered in the Emirates of Abu Dhabi. In 1967, Japanese oil companies signed a concession agreement for the Mubarraz Field and Dalma Field.

Automobiles and Electric Appliances

Upon acquiring an extraordinary amount of oil revenue, Japanese automobiles became the main tools of transportation in the Trucial States. Additionally, Japanese products such as portable radios which provided citizens with entertainment, and home appliances became extremely popular.



利権協定調印 (1967)

アブジャに石油(油)の concession (1967)



サインする 利権協定に調印

December 1967, H.H. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan signed on Concession Agreement ©Abu Dhabi Oil Co., Ltd.

1960s

Abu Dhabi Urban Planning

In the late 1960s, Abu Dhabi's urban planning was accelerated under the directive of President H.H. Sheikh Zayed. Greatly entrusted by His Highness, a Japanese engineer Dr. TAKAHASHI Katsuhiko played a pivotal role in revising the master plan. It is said he would discuss with H.H. Sheikh Zayed everyday about how the urban development should be. Contrary to the complex and mystifying Dubai roads, Abu Dhabi roads are straightforward and simple which reminds us of Kyoto's grid patterned sections.



An aerial view of Abu Dhabi Corniche, 1970 ©National Library and Archives of the Ministry of Presidential Affairs, UAE

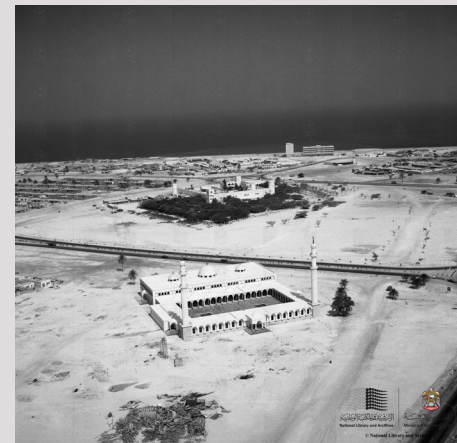


Abu Dhabi urban planning Dr. TAKAHASHI Katsuhiko and H.H. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan

1971

Foundation of United Arab Emirates

When the UAE announced its union on the 2nd of December 1971, Japan recognized the UAE as an independent state the next day after the foundation. Japan is one of the first five countries which recognized the UAE.

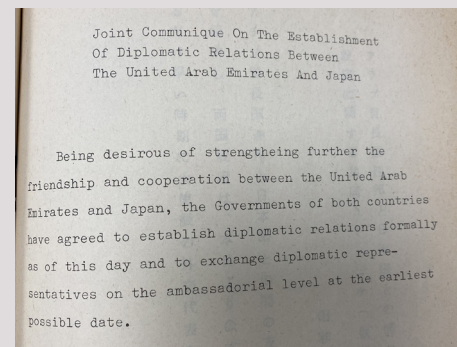


An aerial view of the Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi, 1970 ©National Library and Archives of the Ministry of Presidential Affairs, UAE

1972

Establishment of Diplomatic Relations

On 4th May 1972, H.E. TAKASE Naotomo, Ambassador of Japan in Kuwait and H.E. Ahmed Khalifa Al-Sowaidi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the UAE exchanged a letter regarding the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two governments.



Collection: Diplomatic Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

50 years through Energy

For over 50 years since the foundation of the UAE in 1971, Japan has consistently been the largest buyer of UAE crude oil and has established a mutually beneficial economic relationship to this day. Over one-quarter of the UAE's crude oil heads to Japan even now.

Japan - UAE relations on Energy go back to the mid 1960s when the UAE was still called the Trucial States. In 1967, Japanese oil companies signed a concession agreement with H.H. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan for the Abu Dhabi Marine Areas (ADMA). Then later in September 1969, crude oil was successfully discovered from the exploration well No. 1. The oil field which was discovered was named the Mubarraz oil field. Since then, for more than 50 years, Japan has been deeply engaged in the development and production of crude oil in Abu Dhabi.



December 1967 H.H. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan signed on Concession Agreement © Abu Dhabi Oil Co., Ltd



March 1978 JODCO and ADNOC sign the Upper Zakum Joint Development Agreement. Upper Zakum is located about 80km northwest of Abu Dhabi city. © INPEX



The Hail Site Terminal - Abu Dhabi Oil Co Ltd's latest site. The crude oil produced is sent to Mubalas Island through a submarine pipeline for final processing prior to product shipping. © Abu Dhabi Oil Co Ltd



March 2019 INPEX awarded Onshore Block 4 in Abu Dhabi Block licensing. © INPEX



Mubalas Central Facilities Platform (CFP). Crude Oil produced from each production well is sent to Mubalas Island through a submarine pipeline via this CFP. © Abu Dhabi Oil Co Ltd

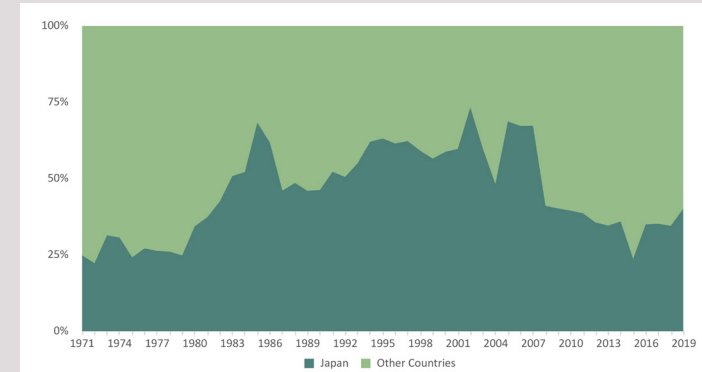
In 1973 as the October War broke out and the oil crisis began, Japan, deemed an unfriendly state by oil-producing Arab countries, suddenly faced an oil security crisis. However, H.E. Mana Al Otaiba, the UAE Minister for Petroleum and Mineral Resources as well as a Japanophile who visited Japan frequently at the time, explained at an OAPEC meeting, about Japan's stance on the Palestine conflict, and Japan was then up-graded as an Arab-friendly country. Thanks to the UAE's mediation, Japan was able to restore a stable supply of crude oil again.



November 1976 H.E. Mana Al Otaiba, Minister of Petroleum attended Tokyo seminar for OAPEC © United Arab Emirates Japan Society

When we look at figures of energy relations between Japan and the UAE, 30% of the crude oil Japan imports comes from the UAE, and 30% of the UAE's crude oil exports head to Japan. In addition, about 40% of Japan's self-developed oil fields are concentrated in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, which demonstrates the importance of the UAE. The Abu Dhabi government has agreed on acquisition of concessions to Japanese oil companies until 2055 for onshore oil fields and until 2058 for offshore oil fields.

Thus, the UAE has supported Japan's energy security for many years, and Japan has also become an essential component within the UAE's energy market. Our energy relationship has been the central pillar of the bilateral relationship between the two countries.



Japan's Share of UAE Crude Oil Export (1971-2019)

Compiled by JIME Center, The Institute of Energy and Economics, Japan based on the data from Annual Statistical Bulletin(OPEC), UN Energy Statistics Yearbook. ©JIME Center, The Institute of Energy Economics, Japan.



Engineers involved in oil and gas field exploration at Onshore block 4 © INPEX



An exploration well at Onshore Block 4. The oil and gas reservoir was discovered in 2021 raising expectations of a large reservoir. © INPEX

Next 50 Years : The New Energy Frontier

Japan and the UAE are indispensable partners moving forward together into the new energy era.

Japan and the UAE have also cooperated on the development of future human capital for the energy industry. Since 1993, Japanese oil companies have been inviting UAE students to Japan to study geoscience and have also continued with the educational support for Khalifa University which absorbed Petroleum Institute (PI), an education and research institution. Furthermore, the energy agencies such as JOGMEC and JCCP have provided training for many UAE engineers.

In Summer 2019, I was selected by Khalifa University to be one of the three individuals to be selected for my internship in Japan. I interned in INPEX/JODCO (Japan Oil Development Company) for 3 months and my experience was truly unique. My university was associated with ADNOC hence I had learned a lot about the oil and gas business. However, working in Japan and getting to see the Naoetsu LNG Terminal, visiting Chikyu an exploration vessel, experiencing the working of the JFE Steel Corporation and learning about INPEX's broad history was truly enlightening. This experience had taught me a lot, not just about the Japanese work environment but also their ethics and dedication. All these experiences at INPEX made me realize that I love working on site and I am currently pursuing a career as a site engineer with ADNOC on Das Island. I hope this UAE- Japan internship program persists and helps future engineers to learn as much as I did.

- Ms. Maryam Al Sajwani



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With an ongoing global trend toward decarbonisation, today Japan and the UAE are entering into a new energy era. Since the mid-1990s, both countries have kept the environmental conservation issues close to their hearts, and have committed to zero gas flaring by recovering associated gas which is generated during oil production. As we head towards the realisation of carbon neutrality by 2050, both countries have implemented solar power generation projects and worked on the co-development of new clean energy such as hydrogen and ammonia.

Hydrogen and Ammonia

Japan and the UAE collaborate on the hydrogen and ammonia sector. Intergovernmental co-operation aims to build an international supply chain, whereas the private sector has co-operated on manufacturing and the distribution of ammonia fuel. The collaborative partnership between the two countries continues to support the objective of global decarbonisation.



Interns visits Naoetsu LNG Terminal in Niigara, Japan ©INPEX



Hydrogen Ammonia production partnership at TAZ'IZ Complex ©ADNOC



The possibility of building a global hydrogen supply chain using Japan's liquefied hydrogen carrier, ©Kawasaki Heavy Industries

Submarine Power Cable

Japanese corporations have participated in a submarine power cable installation project to supply electricity to ADNOC offshore production facilities. The supply of onshore clean electricity to the offshore facilities aims to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by more than 30%.



Interns at Chiba Oil Refinery in Chiba, Japan ©Cosmo Energy Exploration & Production



The collaboration possibility at CCUS (Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage) plant ©ADNOC



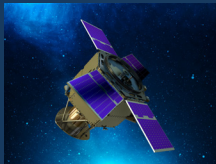
ADNOC offshore facility ©ADNOC

Together To Space: Moon, Mars and to the Further

Japan-UAE relations are expanding into Space cooperation. The frontier of cooperation is broadening to exploration of the red planet Mars, as well as Moon exploration.

Launch of KhalifaSat

October 2018, UAE's first entirely Emirati-built satellite was launched successfully aboard the Japanese rocket H-IIA 40 from Tanegashima Space Centre. As a multipurpose earth observation satellite, KhalifaSat is capturing high quality detailed images. (a 5-year mission)



KhalifaSat ©MBRSC



H II-A 40 ©Mitsubishi Heavy Industries/JAXA

Launch of Hope Probe

July 2020, UAE's Mars Exploration Hope probe was successfully launched aboard the Japanese rocket H-IIA 42 from the Tanegashima Space Centre. The probe arrived in orbit around Mars in February 2021, and capturing detailed movement images of Mars atmosphere as well as the weather.



Mars and Hope Probe ©MBRSC



Astronaut Hazza Al Mansouri inside the experimental module "Kibo" with MBRSC Students ©JAXA/NASA



Education Project at Japanese Experiment Module "Kibo"

September 2019, An education project was held from the Japanese Experiment Module "Kibo" on the ISS. Hazza Al Mansouri the UAE's first astronaut conducted the educational experiment from Space streamed live connecting JAXA's Tsukuba Space Center and Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Center (MBRSC). UAE students and Astronaut Hazza asked and answered questions from earth and in space. Since 2020, UAE has participated in robot programming competitions and plant experiments. Japan and UAE are also pursuing the release of a microsatellite from "Kibo" as well as scientific experiments.



H II-A 42 ©JAXA

Deployment of a CubeSat from Japanese Experiment Module "Kibo"

February 2022, a CubeSat (Light-1) which was developed by Khalifa University in UAE to detect and study terrestrial gamma-ray flashes was deployed from "Kibo" on the ISS.



Release of a CubeSat from "Kibo" ©JAXA/NASA

The development of Lunar Surface Explorer

UAE partnership with a Japanese space sector company for its 2022 lunar exploration program. If the mission succeeds, UAE will be the fourth country to implement the lunar exploration. A rover will be designed and built entirely by Emirati engineers and is targeted to be transported by a Japanese company's lunar lander to the lunar surface within 2022.



Lunar rover Rashed Rover © MBRSC



Lunar Lander ©ispace

To the Next 50 Years: A message from Astronaut WAKATA Koichi

Luckily I have had the privilege of working with Emirati Astronauts and UAE Space sector professionals on various occasions, so I have had many moments which have left me with strong impressions. For instance in October 2018 when the UAE's Earth observation satellite KhalifaSat was launched aboard a Japanese rocket, I was able to welcome the Director General of the UAE Space Agency and a party of UAE officials at Tanegashima Space Centre, and together with them I witnessed the launch. Also in July 2020, when the Hope probe was launched, despite being under the strain of the Covid-19 pandemic. I was able to welcome Her Excellency Sarah Al Amiri the UAE Minister of State for Advanced Technology and Chairwoman of the UAE Space Agency at Tanegashima. 20th July was a memorable day as it was 51 years before when Apollo 11 landed on the Moon. As we celebrated the successful launch of the Mars Mission, I recall one of the UAE officials expressing at the time that this Mars Hope Probe launch would have an enormous impact on the UAE's next 50 years of its Space exploration. As the first in the Arab world, the fact that Mars Hope Probe succeeded on the same celebratory date as the Apollo Moon landing, I feel this will have a tremendous effect on the younger generations in the UAE and Arab regions.

In September 2019, The First Emirati Astronaut Hazzaa Ali Almansoori gave his first space education lecture from the KIBO module on the International Space Station (ISS). KIBO flight control room at Tsukuba Space Center welcomed the UAE Ambassador to Japan as well as 9 Emirati students who are studying in Japan to watch the first lecture taught in Arabic by the first Emirati Astronaut. Currently I am with Astronaut Mansoori at Houston NASA Johnson Space for several periods of training. We organised another space education event in September 2020 at the Japanese experimental module KIBO on the ISS. This time it was as a competition where students from around the world competed to develop software to fly a drone in space. The students who passed the preliminary stage could then fly a drone in the ISS by using the programming that they developed. 38 teams from around the world including the UAE participated. I also joined online and gave the students my words of encouragement. I am certain that JAXA contributes to the UAE in the area of the human capital development for Space exploration too.

Truth be told, I had never been to the UAE until I joined the UAE Space Agency Advisory Committee in 2018. I visited Abu Dhabi for the first time in April 2018 to attend the Committee. What struck me most was the flourishing of younger talent at the Space Agency.

There are these very talented young people, and a relatively small number of people are successfully handling very large projects. It was especially impressive to see the young talents with sparkle in their eyes engaging in their work with such satisfaction. Also, as we see in Her Excellency Sarah Al Amiri Chairwoman of the UAE Space Agency, the advancement of women in the work force is progressive in the UAE. 40% of employees at the UAE Space Agency are women. I believe the UAE has the largest proportion of women working at their Space Agency among all countries participating in Space exploration including NASA.

Currently the UAE is achieving various goals at a rapid pace, and progressing with a long term vision. The UAE Space Agency was just founded in 2014. The UAE has achieved so much in such a short time in areas such as developing the first Emirati-made satellite, then launching of the satellite, sending the first UAE astronaut to space onboard the ISS, and developing and launching of the UAE Mars Probe, and successfully putting the Hope probe into orbit around Mars. In Oct 2021, the UAE announced the exploration of the Solar Systems and Venus. I feel the UAE is further continuing its various challenges in Space exploration. Witnessing such fast paced progress, I pay my deepest respect to the UAE government in continuing with new missions while steadily succeeding in realizing their plans.



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JAXA Astronaut WAKATA Koichi

Since assuming the position of Advisory Committee member of the UAE Space Agency in 2018, Wakata has provided strategic and technical advice regarding the policies and business plans for the UAE Space Agency.



July 2020 H-II-A 42 rocket carrying Mars probe HOPE ©MHI



July 2020 Her Excellency Sarah Al Amiri the UAE Minister of State for Advanced Technology and Chairwoman of the UAE Space Agency and Dr. YAMAKAWA Hiroshi, JAXA President ©JAXA



July 2020 Her Excellency Sarah Al Amiri, Dr. Yamakawa, and others at the Mars Hope Probe launch ©JAXA

Education: “Young people are our future: wealth is not money, wealth lies in men.” (By H.H. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan at UAE University Commencement)

The Japanese School in Abu Dhabi

The Japanese School in Abu Dhabi is the only Japanese school in the world where non-Japanese citizens are accepted and where Emiratis and Japanese children study together. The School started to welcome Emirati students in 2006 at the strong request of H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, then Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi. The scene of children from the UAE and Japan studying side by side is now a symbol of Japan-UAE's good will relationship. After graduating from Japanese junior high school in Abu Dhabi, Emirati children continue their study in Japan. In 2021, the first Emirati students from the Japanese School in Abu Dhabi enrolled in Tokai University in Japan. In addition to improving academic abilities, the Japanese school encourages children to develop values such as tolerant minds that transcend differences in religions, race, and gender, and the respect for others, as well as an attitude to strive for excellence, and it is one of the sought after schools in Abu Dhabi.



1978 The Opening Ceremony © Japanese School in Abu Dhabi



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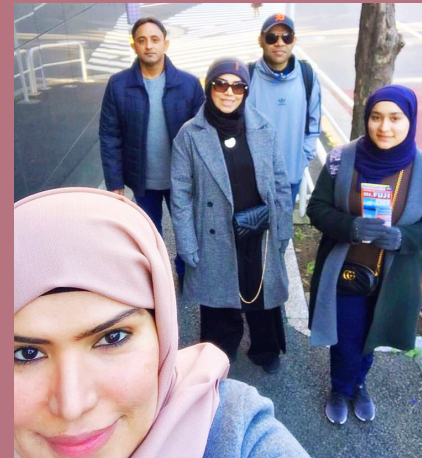
Lunch together with Japanese and Emirati children © United Arab Emirates Japan Society



Emirati students graduated from Japanese School Abu Dhabi now studying at Tokai University Takanawadai High School in Tokyo © Embassy of Japan in UAE

Studying in Japan

In 2013, then Prime Minister Abe visited the UAE and announced during a meeting with H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, then Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi that Japan would accept 500 UAE students in the next five years, which was attained by 2017. Both countries agreed to strengthen their cooperation in education. Currently, many Emirati students are majoring in academic fields such as environmental studies, mechanical engineering and business administration, and conducting research projects at universities all over Japan.



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"1994 was the first year of my residency in Japan. Up to this date, I am proud to be the first Emirati woman who got the Japanese Government scholarship to study in Japan. Ever since I stepped in its land, my heart got attached to its authentic people, distinct culture and beautiful language. After completing my studies, I returned to my country but my heart remained in Japan. I was talking a lot to my children about Japan and its people. Although they never visited, they loved it like I did. Years after separation, I finally visited Japan in 2019 with my family. Moreover, I hope to visit again soon and live there again so that I can deepen the study of Japanese culture and its language."

- Ms. Monira Ahmad Darwish

Japanese Language Education

Japanese language education in the UAE has seen growth in recent years. Currently the Japan International Cooperation Centre (JICE) sends Japanese instructors to Zayed University, Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi University and UAE University. In 2021, 3 public high schools in Sharjah and Dubai have started to teach their students Japanese language. Japanese language teachers sent by a Japanese oil company are also teaching at the Applied Technology High School (ATHS). Japanese is also taught at private language schools and as of 2021 about 600 people are enrolled in educational institutions to learn Japanese.



Japanese language learners © Japan International Cooperation Center(JICE)

The Bridge to Japan

Ship for World Youth

The Ship for World Youth program is one of the International Youth Exchange Programs run by Japan's Cabinet Office. 120 youths from Japan together with 120 youths from countries around the world spend 1 month on board a ship, aiming to promote multicultural understanding and leadership. So far 131 young people have been brought on board from the UAE over 14 journeys. The reunions have also been organized by the former youth program attendees.



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"I joined the Ship for World Youth Program in 2010 which was organized by the Cabinet Office of Japan. It was a great experience to gather around 230 youth participants from around the world on one ship and cruise to different places. The program taught me a lot about different cultures and specifically the Japanese culture.

I'm extremely happy to have taken part in this program which gave me the opportunity to have a family in different parts of the world and further build friendships for a lifetime."

- Mr. Hamad Alzaabi

Hang in there (Gambare!) Japan! The UAE stands together with Japan

When the Great East Japan Earthquake struck Japan in March 2011, causing severe damage to a wide area of Japan, the UAE participated in a large financial and material relief effort. The UAE donated a portion of the proceeds from the Abu Dhabi World Trade Fair, as well as sending charitable contributions to Japan from companies such as JAFZA. Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Humanitarian & Charity Est. (hereinafter M-Charity), the charitable foundation of H.H. Sheikh Mohamed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum (Prime Minister of the UAE and ruler of Dubai) supplied blankets and panel boards to disaster-stricken families and houses. Since then, various UAE Aid organisations have started initiatives to support Japanese people. In 2018, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan Foundation, the charitable organisation of the former President has started to support Japanese Muslims. Since 2011, M-Charity has been supporting Iftar and Eid Al Adha for Japanese Muslims. In 2016, M-Charity supported the renovation of "Islam Cultural Exchange Centre" in Tokyo, also started "Olympic Project" in 2019 to introduce Islam to several host-towns to welcome Muslim athletes.



The panel boards for house restoration donated by M-Charity © UAE-Japan Cultural Center



Islam Cultural Exchange Centre in Gotanda, Tokyo launched by M-Charity © UAE-Japan Cultural Center

UAE-Japan Cultural Center

UAE-Japan Cultural Center was established in March 2008 by Mrs. KISHIDA Naoko to strengthen the cultural and social tie between Japanese residents and local communities in the UAE. Throughout a year, it offers Japanese language courses and Arabic Cultural lectures in Dubai and Sharjah. It organizes Japanese Summer Camp, New Year Event, Field Trips, Japan Study Tour and various volunteer activities. Since its establishment, 4,500 students have been benefited by this Center (as of 2021). It celebrated the 10th anniversary in 2018. The founder Mrs. KISHIDA Naoko is a former member of the Ship for World Youth.



Introducing Japanese Calligraphy ©UAE-Japan Cultural Center

ENKA

ENKA (Emirates Nihon Keiken Association) was founded in 2017 by Ms. Amna AlDarmaki. 15 members from the UAE and Japan actively organize many events both in the UAE and Japan. ENKA aspires to be the main Japanese & Emirati cultural hub and it aims to promote a positive cultural experience between the UAE and Japan.



ENKA Cultural Event ©ENKA



New Year Celebration ©UAE-Japan Cultural Center

Japanese Culture nestled in the UAE



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Urasenke Abu Dhabi

In 2009, H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, then Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi was presented a traditional Japanese Tea House built in the Emirates Palace by Dr. Genshitsu Sen, 15th-generation Grand Master of Urasenke, a prominent school of Japanese Tradition of Tea, as a symbol of friendship and goodwill. The Tea House also symbolizes an oasis blessed with green and water, had been given a name 'Ryoku Sui An'. In 2010, the Tradition of Tea lesson started in Abu Dhabi. The uniqueness is combination with the culture of the UAE, i.e. tea bowl of desert sand, hanging scroll of Arabic calligraphy, and Emirati sweets served with a cup of matcha green tea.

"Even if religion, culture, living environment and language are different, I believe gratitude, hospitality, and feelings of mutual respect and care are common in the world. Through tea ceremony, I would like to convey the message of learning proper posture in daily life, always being calm and mindful as well as accepting others."

- 1st Degree Instructor of the Urasenke School of Chado Instructor Ms. HIRAIWA Yuka

"My tea name is So-Sai which means "colourful". I started to learn Japanese tea since 2008 and am still learning it. Japanese tea gives me peace in my mind. All the steps to serve a bowl of tea go slowly and quietly. I find calmness and peace, while serving it. I hope many other people who are interested in Japan will learn tea ceremony."

- Mr. Saif Alswaidi

UAE Aikikai Aikido

Based in Dubai, UAE Aikikai Aikido became licensed and registered in 2015. Currently 30 members of all ages and 5 qualified instructors including Mr. Matt Aitken, Dojo Cho (Director), are actively practicing Aikido. They enthusiastically promote Aikido by holding regular classes as well as showcasing demonstrations of the martial art at various places in the UAE.



©UAE Aikikai Aikido

UAE Chapter of the Ohara School of Ikebana

Ikebana is the art of Japanese flower arrangement and Ikebana classes have been held in Dubai since 2014. These classes transformed into the UAE Chapter of the Ohara School of Ikebana in 2022. The group representative, Ms. OKI Harue regularly holds Ikebana classes both in Dubai and Abu Dhabi. Currently there are 50 group members and they are participating in classes and appreciating the art of Ikebana. They also offer flower displays at various events.



(c) UAE Chapter of the Ohara School of Ikebana

"Among young Emiratis, I feel there are many who have clear vision and are motivated to immerse themselves in a different culture and learn. Based upon their own learning, I hope that the first Emirati Certified Ikebana instructor and the students who flourish in the future will spread the art of Ikebana as well as the Japanese Culture to the people of the UAE."

- Official Second Master of Ohara School of Ikebana, Ms. OKI Harue

"I became fascinated by Japanese culture at a cultural event organised by the Embassy of Japan. I started Ikebana Class out of curiosity, but it quickly turned into my passion. Ikebana enabled me to understand the Japanese philosophy of beauty that is deeply rooted in nature and simplicity."

- The First Emirati Ohara School of Ikebana Associate Master, Ms. Amani Alshehhi



The Judo Japan Ambassador's Cup ©Embassy of Japan in the UAE

UAE Wrestling & Judo Federation

The UAE Wrestling & Judo Federation was founded in 2001. They promote judo in the UAE as well as training and nurturing the national judo team. In the past judo was not very well known in the UAE, but at the moment over 800 judo enthusiasts are practising at judo centres in the UAE. Local competitions are held such as the Judo Japan Ambassador's Cup, as well as an international competition, the Abu Dhabi Judo Grand Slam. A judo athlete participated in the Beijing Olympics in 2008 for the first time and since then the UAE judokas have competed at every Olympics.

"I have lived longer in the UAE than I have done in my own country Japan. For me, it is my second home and also a home where my heart belongs. It is a country which I never cease to admire. For judo, I hope it will spread and develop even more in the UAE and contribute to the flourishing of healthy mind and body for the youth."

- Former UAE Wrestling & Judo Federation Advisor Mr. YONEDA Toyoaki

The Next 50 Years: Green and Environment

In line with the legacy of President H.H. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan who dedicated himself to transform the desert into green space, the UAE is putting emphasis on green initiatives, and there is Japanese people who played a part in this initiative.

Mangrove

Mr. TAMAEI Shigeyasu contributed by restoring the mangrove forests which were lost during the period of economic development. From 1980, Mr. Tamaei was instrumental in the opening of the UAE Marine Resources Development Centre in Umm Al Quwain, and worked hard on mangrove planting too. His skill was noticed and Abu Dhabi invited him to oversee mangrove planting in various locations in Abu Dhabi. The mangrove forest is sometime referred to as the lung of the sea and it purifies the water. Big and small fish live along the mangrove and sea birds have started to fly by and stay around too.

In November 2021, the UAE pledged to plant 100 million mangroves by 2030 at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow.



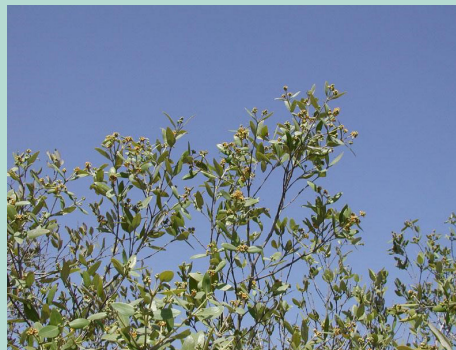
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Japanese oil companies have also been putting effort into mangrove planting. The tree planting initiative on an oil producing field Mubarraz Island has proven to be a great success. In addition to the mangrove forest, one can spot swimming dugong and ospreys flying there. Mubarraz Island has shown potential to become a model for ecotourism around the UAE in the future.



Mangrove planting on Mubarraz island ©Abu Dhabi Oil Co., Ltd



Beautiful Sky and The Sea: Shallow water by the AR site terminal to protect nature © Abu Dhabi Oil Co., Ltd

Agricultural Cooperation

Efforts have also been made to introduce Japanese agricultural technologies to the UAE since 1970s. Recently Japanese companies and the JIRCAS (Japan International Research Centre for Agricultural Science) have launched a working group for the social implementation of the Asia Monsoon Plant Factory System and are working on a plan to carry out test cultivation of vegetables and fruits, such as strawberries and tomatoes in the UAE. The Embassy of UAE in Tokyo, Japan is promoting this initiative as an observer for this working group.



Agricultural Cooperation ©JIRCAS

The Lulu Abu Dhabi pearl project

By the leadership of H.H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Environment Agency Abu Dhabi has been leading an initiative to revive the pearling heritage of Abu Dhabi through more sustainable pearling practices. The Lulu Abu Dhabi pearl project, located in the western region of Abu Dhabi currently operates with a Japanese experts. Efforts are underway to revive the local pearling tradition and to celebrate its evolution into a sustainable pearl culture.



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Expo Connecting the Past and the Future

1970 Osaka Expo, 2020 Dubai Expo, 2025 Osaka Expo



Osaka Expo'70 Abu Dhabi Pavilion ©Photo courtesy Osaka Prefectural Government

"Back in 1970 at the Osaka Expo, there was one thing we enjoyed especially and that was the human connection. That spirit stood for the benefit of all of us together, for the Future of Humanity. It was a great start for the UAE and Japan, and we have shared so many experiences since then. I shall look forward to going back to Osaka again for Expo2025."

– HE Rashid Abdullah Al Nuaimi (who was asked by the late Sheikh Zayed to go to Osaka in 1970 for Expo 70 to oversee the Abu Dhabi Pavilion)



Osaka Expo 70 National Day Speech. Collection: Diplomatic Archives of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

Dubai Expo 2020, the first Expo in the Middle East, opened its doors half a century after the 1970 Osaka Expo in Japan. In 2021 it became the largest international event held, while humanity was seeking to overcome the pandemic crisis. Remarkably, the year of the Dubai Expo has also coincided with the 50th anniversary of the formation of the UAE and its relations with Japan, and so has become an opportunity to symbolize Japan UAE relations and celebrate this historical chapter.

In 1970, 50 years before Dubai Expo. Japan's first Expo was held in Osaka and attracted 64 million visitors. It boasted the highest number of visitors in the history of Expo, a record which lasted well into the 21st century. While at the height of the so-called "Japanese Economic Miracle" in 1967, Japan signed an oil field concession agreement with Abu Dhabi. Japanese oil companies frequently visited H.H. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, ruler of Abu Dhabi at that time and they proposed he consider participating in Osaka Expo'70. Abu Dhabi responded by exhibiting the Abu Dhabi Pavilion which was a replica of the Al Ain Al Jahili fort. Thus the UAE gave an introduction to Arab culture to the Expo visitors in Japan.



Crown Prince Sheikh Khalifa grandly seen off upon departure from Tokyo Int'l Airport. Collection: Diplomatic Archives of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan



Their Imperial Highnesses The Crown Prince and Princess of Japan visiting Abu Dhabi Pavilion at Expo'70. HE Rashid Abdullah Al Nuaimi escorting them, second from the right. © HE Rashid Abdullah Al Nuaimi

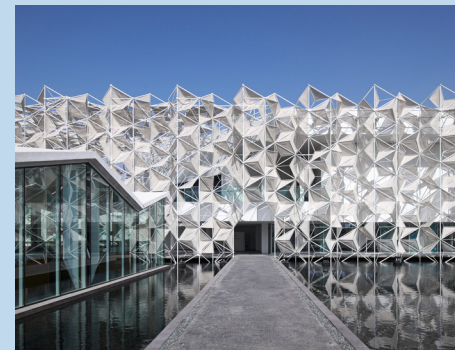


Abu Dhabi Pavilion. Collection: Diplomatic Archives of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan



Fifty years after participating in Osaka, the UAE became the first nation to host Expo in the Middle East. Coming full circle in 2022, they are passing the baton on to Japan, originally the first host nation in Asia.

In April 2025, Osaka Kansai Expo 2025 will be held with the theme "Designing Future Society for Our Lives." While we reminisce on the history traced along that path, Japan looks forward to welcoming Emirati people back to Osaka and so, filled with memories, we shall look together towards the co-creation of our future society.



Japan Pavilion at Expo 2020 ©JETRO



Japan Pavilion at Expo 2020 © courtesy of Expo2020Dubai

List of Ambassadors of Japan to the United Arab Emirates

December 1972	H.E. ISHIKAWA Ryoukou
August 1974	H.E. ODAKA Masanao
August 1978	H.E. MURATA Ryohei
October 1980	H.E. NAKAHIRA Noboru
August 1983	H.E. NOMIYAMA Shuichi
October 1986	H.E. KATAKURA Kunio
August 1989	H.E. YONEYAMA Tateki
August 1992	H.E. WATANABE Shin
September 1996	H.E. KOIKE Hiroharu
April 1999	H.E. MOCHIZUKI Toshio
April 2001	H.E. FUJIOKA Makoto
September 2003	H.E. TSUJIMOTO Hajime
August 2006	H.E. HATANO Takuma
March 2009	H.E. WATANABE Tatsuo
November 2012	H.E. KAMO Yoshihiko
May 2015	H.E. FUJIKI Kanji
January 2019	H.E. NAKAJIMA Akihiko
November 2021	H.E. ISOMATA Akio

List of Ambassadors of the United Arab Emirates to Japan

1973	H.E. Rashid Abdul Aziz AL – Makhawi
1974	H.E. Ebrahim Hasan Saif
1974	H.E. Ahmed Salim Al – Mokarrab
1985	H.E. Mohamed Darweesh Benkaram
1988	H.E. Hamad Salem Al – Makami
2000	H.E. Ahmed Ali Hamad Al- Mualla
2005	H.E. Saeed Ali Yousef Al – Nowais
2016	H.E. Khaled Omran Sqait Sarhan Al – Ameri
2021	H.E. Shihab Ahmed Al –Faheem