

60th Anniversary for the Establishment of Japan-Saudi Arabia Diplomatic Relationships

List of Commemorative Events

As of September 14, 2015

Name of Event	Date	Place	Organizer	Description of Event
Factory Inauguration Ceremony & Reception by Azbil Saudi Limited. (In Azbil and Al-Khobar)	November 4th, 2014	Damman (Azbil Saudi Limited, Head Quarter & Factory and Meridien Hotel Al-Khobar)	Azbil Saudi Limited.	Inauguration Ceremony of the Factory which includes speeches by HE Minister Dr. Tawfig, President of Azbil, etc followed by commemorative events such as . At the reception, Mr. Takahashi, CDA a.i. at the Embassy of Japan, and President of ARAMCO Asia Japan, etc delivered speeches.
MOU Signing Ceremony for Mutual Cooperation on Investment Development (In Dammam)	November 4th, 2014	Asharqia Chamber, Dammam	Japan Cooperation Center for the Middle East	Signing ceremony for the MOU for mutual cooperation on industrial development between Asharqia Chamber and JCCME.
Visit by Units of Japan Maritime Self Defense Forces for International Mine Countermeasures Exercise 2014 (In Dammam)	November 15 th ~17 th	King Abdulaziz Port (Dammam)	Embassy of Japan in Riyadh and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force	Joint welcome ceremony with the Royal Saudi Naval Forces and related reception was held on the occasion of minesweeper from the Japanese Self-Defense Forces which visited the port of Dammam to participate in the International Mine Countermeasures Exercise.

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Participation to the 7th International Children's Day Festival	November 18 th ~22 nd	King Fahd Cultural Center (Riyadh)	Embassy of Japan in Riyadh, Ministry of Culture and Information	The Embassy participated in the 7 th International Children's Day Festival and showed a Japanese calligraphy, Origami, and Japanese traditional garments. On the opening day, the Japanese School in Riyadh performed Japanese Drum (Wadaiko).
Japanese Speech Contest 2014 (In Riyadh)	November 22 nd , 2014	Japanese Ambassador's residence	Embassy of Japan in Riyadh	Japanese Speech Contest targeting learners of the Japanese language for residents in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. And this year's edition is the seventh edition from autodidact of Japanese department students and a wide range of layer, to introduce high-level speech.
Lecture and Workshop by Cultural Envoy (In Riyadh and Jeddah)	November 23 rd , 2014 December 1 st , 2014	Riyadh Jeddah	Embassy of Japan in Riyadh	Lecture and Workshop about GC was held by Mr. Hayashida
Fellowship Program for Intellectual Exchange 2014-2014 (for two Saudi fellows)	November – January, 2015	Universities in Saudi Arabia	Japan Foundation, The Embassy of Japan in Riyadh	From November 2014 to January 2015, Japan Foundation invited two distinguished Saudi females and they made research based on their specialty. (Ex. System of SMEs in Japan, and the participation of women in decision making positions) at Universities in Japan

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Japanese Calligraphy Exhibition and Demonstration by Mr. Tosen Usuda and Mr. Shuya Yamada, Japanese calligraphers	December 1 st – 10 th , 2014	L' Art Pur Gallery	Art & Skills Institute	To hold Calligraphy Exhibition in a cooperation with Art & Skills Institute and demonstration by Mr. Shuya Yamada, Japanese calligraphers to introduce Japanese Culture, especially Japanese Calligraphy.
National Day Reception (Emperor's Birthday Reception) 2014 (In Riyadh)	December 2 nd , 2014	Japanese Ambassador's residence	Embassy of Japan in Riyadh	The Emperor's Birthday Reception was held as the opening event for the 60th anniversary. In addition, a Japanese calligrapher also performed Japanese calligraphy..
National Day Reception (Emperor's Birthday Reception) 2014 (In Jeddah)	December 10 th , 2014	Japanese Consul-General's residence	Consulate-General of Japan in Jeddah	The Emperor's Birthday Reception this year was placed as dawn of the 60th anniversary.
Participation to the 'Colors of Saudi Arabia Forum 2014'	December 14 th -20 th 2014	Riyadh International Convention and Exhibition Center	Saudi Commission for Tourism and Antiquities	To participate in ' Colors of Saudi Arabia Forum', the largest photography and short films Expo and introduce our Embassy's Activities here in KSA.
Seminar of introducing Japanese economy and education at Prince Sultan University	December 16 th 2014	Prince Sultan University	The Embassy of Japan in Riyadh and Prince Sultan University	To hold seminar about Japanese economy and education in a cooperation with Prince Sultan University

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International Symposium "Partnership for Innovation – Experience of Saudi Arabia and Japan"	December 17 th 2014	King Saud University	Honda Foundation, King Saud University	To hold International Symposium titled "Partnership for Innovation – Experience of Saudi Arabia and Japan" in a cooperation between Honda Foundation and King Saud University
Seminar of introducing higher education in Japan at King Saud University	December 17 th 2014	King Saud University	The Embassy of Japan in Riyadh and King Saud University	To hold seminar about higher education in Japan in a cooperation with King Saud University
Conformity assessment services for medical bacteria marketing authorization (In Riyadh)	2015 all year	Riyadh	Cosmos Corporation	Promote medical cooperation between Japan and Saudi Arabia by doing the recommendation and assistance regarding the issuance of the marketing approval certificates to the medical equipment sector of Saudi Food & Drug Authority.
Saudi Water & Power Forum 2015 (SWPF 2015)	January 12 th to 14 th , 2015	Riyadh	Japan Cooperation Center for the Middle East	Exhibit a booth in Saudi Water & Power Forum with 7 co-exhibitors from public and private sector to promote their technologies and products in the water sector

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Traveling exhibition (Kumamoto Artpolis) and lecture by architect (In Riyadh & Dammam)	January 21 st to February 21 st , 2015	The National Museum of Saudi Arabia Dammam University	Embassy of Japan in Riyadh	Photo exhibition (Kumamoto Artpolis) traveling exhibition related to construction which is one of the Japan Foundation projects. In addition, a lecture on the architecture was provided by Japanese architect.
Open seminar of Japanese Language at Prince Sultan University	February-March, 2015	Prince Sultan University	Prince Sultan University and The Embassy of Japan in Riyadh	To hold Japanese Language open course and lectures about Japanese society and education in a cooperation with Prince Sultan University
Participation to the 'Culture Day' event at Al-Faisal University	13 th to 14 th , February 2015	Al-Faisal University	Al-Faisal University and The Embassy of Japan in Riyadh	To participate in 'Culture Day', event and hold demonstrations of Japanese Calligraphy and Paper work, and introduce Japanese cuisine and tea and exhibit Japan related items.
Asian Film Festival (Japanese file show) (In Jeddah)	February-March, 2015	Japanese Consul-General's residence	Asian Consulates-General in Jeddah	Japanese film show in the framework of ACGC (Asian Consuls-General Club) will take on a role of celebrating the 60 th anniversary.
Participation to the International Day Festival at the Riyadh School	3 rd March 2015	Riyadh School (Riyadh)	Embassy of Japan in Riyadh, Riyadh School	The Embassy demonstrated Japanese calligraphy and Origami as well as the exhibition of Japanese traditional and modern culture.

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Participation to the International Day Festival at the King Faisal School	5 th March 2015	King Faisal School (Riyadh)	Embassy of Japan in Riyadh, King Faisal School	The Embassy demonstrated Japanese calligraphy and Origami as well as the exhibition of Japanese traditional and modern culture.
Riyadh International Book Fair (In Riyadh)	March 2015	Riyadh International Convention & Exhibition Center. (RICEC)	Embassy of Japan in Riyadh and Ministry of Culture & Information	Introduction of Japanese books in various fields at the Japan booth exhibited in Riyadh international Book Fair
Japan's Cup (In Riyadh)	4 th April 2015	Riyadh Equestrian Club (King Abdulaziz)	Japan Racing Association (JRA), Embassy of Japan in Riyadh and Saudi Racing Authority	Introduction of Japanese culture at Japan's cup
Abaya Design Competition	20-23, April, 2015	Art & Skills Institute	UTIC Co., Ltd, Art & Skills Institute	Competition of Abaya using UTIC (HQ in Fukui)'s materials which were donated to Art & Skills Institute. Works by the students (Abaya) were evaluated and prize was awarded to the winner of the competition.
International Exhibition and Conference on Higher Education (In Riyadh)	April 15 th ~ 18 th , 2015	Riyadh International Convention & Exhibition Center. (RICEC)	Embassy of Japan in Riyadh and Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE)	Japan booth exhibits in International Exhibition and Conference on Higher Education (IECHE), to introduce the charm of studying in Japan.

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Ambassador's Cup of Karate (In Riyadh)	April 2015	Prince Faisal Bin Fahd Olympic Complex	Embassy of Japan in Riyadh, the General Presidency of Youth Welfare, the Karate Federation	National Karate Competition held in cooperation with the General Presidency of Youth Welfare, and the Ambassador's Cup is an opportunity for the sport exchange between Japan and Saudi Arabia.
Ambassador's Cup of Judo (in Riyadh)	May, 2015	Olympic Committee's Gymnasium	Embassy of Japan in Riyadh and the General Presidency of Youth Welfare, the Judo Federation	National Judo Championship held in cooperation with the General Presidency of Youth Welfare, and the Ambassador's Cup is an opportunity for the sport exchange between Japan and Saudi Arabia.
Introduction of Japanese culture at Al Yamama University's International Cultural Day	May, 2015	Al Yamama University	Embassy of Japan in Riyadh	The Embassy demonstrated Japanese calligraphy and Origami as well as the exhibition of Japanese traditional and modern culture.
Saudi-Japan Forum for 60 years Anniversary (In Tokyo)	May 18-22	Tokyo	Saudi Government and Saudi Embassy in Tokyo	Official commemorative events including reception organized by Saudi side (http://www.saudiembassy.or.jp/En/index.html)
Japan Self-Defense Force Day Reception (In Riyadh)	June 2015	Japanese Ambassador's residence	Embassy of Japan in Riyadh	Introduction of Japanese culture at the Japan Self-Defense Day Reception

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Iftar Reception for Saudis who studied in Japan (In Riyadh)	June 2015	Japanese Ambassador's residence	Embassy of Japan in Riyadh	One of the projects that deepen understanding more about Japan for Saudis who studied in Japan in order to support the relations with related persons in Japanese companies.
Iftar Reception (In Jeddah)	June, 2015	Japanese Consul-General's residence	Consulate-General of Japan in Jeddah	Iftar for celebrating the 60 th anniversary.
Introduction of Japanese Culture at the summer camp in Prince Sultan University	June, 2015	Prince Sultan University	Embassy of Japan in Riyadh, Prince Sultan University	Introduction of Japanese culture (calligraphy and Origami) as well as the exhibition of Japanese traditional and modern culture, at summer camp in Prince Sultan University
Open seminar of Japanese language at Prince Sultan University	August, 2015	Prince Sultan University	Embassy of Japan in Riyadh, Prince Sultan University	Open seminar of Japanese Language at Prince Sultan University
Saudi National Day Reception (In Tokyo)	September, 2015	Tokyo (Venue TBD)	Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Tokyo	Exceptionally for the year 2015, this celebration is going to be one of the commemorating events for the 60 years Anniversary.
Saudi Arabia Royal Cup (In Tokyo)	October, 2015	Tokyo Racecourse	JRA and Riyadh Equestrian Club	A newly established race by JRA separating the previous annual race from Fuji Stakes, as a commemorative annual event for the 60 years Anniversary.

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Book donation to King Saud University (In Riyadh)	October, 2015	King Saud University	Embassy of Japan in Riyadh	Donate books related to learn the Japanese language (donate books) from the Japan Foundation to King Saud University Department of Japanese Language, which is the center of Japanese studies in the Gulf states.
Japanese Martial Arts Performance by Delegation of "Nippon Budo Kan"	November, 2015 (plan)	Riyadh	General Presidency of Youth and Welfare, Karate Federation	Series of performance, seminars and workshops of Japanese modern and traditional martial arts such as Karate and Judo.
Japanese Language Speech Contest 2015 (In Riyadh)	November 2015	Riyadh	Embassy of Japan in Riyadh	The eighth edition of Japanese Speech Contest targeting learners of the Japanese language for residents in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from autodidact of Japanese department students and a wide range of layer, to introduce high-level speech.
Japan-Saudi cultural exchange evening (In Jeddah)	November, 2015	Japanese Consul-General's residence	SAJGA (Saudi Association of Japan Graduates and Associates)	A cultural event will be held for celebrating the 60 th anniversary.
Japanese culture introduction at National Day Reception 2015 (In Riyadh)	December 2015	Japanese Ambassador's residence	Embassy of Japan in Riyadh	Embassy of Japan will introduce about Japanese culture through The Emperor's Birthday Reception which takes place every year.

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National Day Reception (Emperor's Birthday Reception) 2015 (In Jeddah)	December 2015	Japanese Consul-General's residence	Consulate-General of Japan in Jeddah	The Emperor's Birthday Reception including some events to celebrate the 60 th anniversary will be held in 2015.

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