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Kishida:

Japan ready to cooperate with Iran in various fields

Iran appealing to foreign companies



Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida, heading an economic delegation, arrives in Tehran today. Top officials from both

states will hold talks on bilateral ties and trade cooperation during the visit. Ahead of the visit, Kishida in an exclusive interview with Iran Daily said that Iran is a major power in the Middle East and that the energy-rich country is very attractive for foreign companies. The full text of the interview follows.

IRAN DAILY: Could you please explain about your last visit to Iran?

FUMIO KISHIDA: I am pleased to soon be making a visit to the Islamic Republic of Iran, my first visit since November 2013, about two years ago. At the time I met Dr. Javad Zarif, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iran. Since then, I have had the opportunity to meet Mr. Minister several times. He visited Japan last year, and also, I met with him at the United Nations General Assembly. I am looking forward to meeting with him again during my upcoming visit. During my visit to Iran, a friendly football match between the National teams of Japan and Iran will be held at Azadi Stadium on October 13th.

The current won and loss record between these two teams is five wins for Japan, six losses, and four ties. Thus, it seems that in football, Japan and Iran are good rivals. I hope that Japan and Iran shall develop together through friendly competition, in a variety of fields.

What is your opinion about the process that resolved Iran's nuclear issue, and its effects on Tehran's image in the international arena?

The international community, including Japan, has welcomed that the final agreement concerning the Iranian nuclear issue was achieved through diplomatic efforts.

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