

Fact Sheet  
on the Strengthening of the Comprehensive Partnership  
towards Stability and Prosperity

Japan welcomed tangible progress of the bilateral relations in the political and economic fields, as well as in cultural and people-to-people exchanges, and expressed its intention to further strengthen the comprehensive partnership between Japan and the UAE towards stability and prosperity through promoting various levels of cooperation as follows.

1. Cooperation in the Political Field  
(Political Dialogues)

- Hold a Comprehensive Security Dialogue to discuss regional situations, maritime security including the safety of the sea lanes of communications, counter-piracy, non-proliferation, anti-terrorism, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, among others.
- Enhance aid coordination between Japan and Arab donors including the UAE, in particular, for assistance to the countries in the Middle East, Africa and Asia.
- Expand dialogues and cooperation between Japan and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) based on the Memorandum on Cooperation and Strategic Dialogue and on the Action Plan, and hold Japan-GCC Strategic Dialogue at Ministerial level and a Senior Officials Meeting as early as possible.

(Defense Exchanges)

- Promote unit-to-unit exchanges between the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force's units and the UAE Navy's units (including goodwill training on the occasion of port calls).
- Promote cooperation in the international arena, including multilateral workshops, conferences and seminars.
- Explore the possibility of cooperation in anti-piracy activities.

2. Cooperation in the fields of Economy, Agriculture, and Medical Service  
(Economic Dialogues)

- Emphasize the importance of holding the Japan-UAE Joint Economic Committee, the Abu Dhabi Japan Economic Council, Japan-Arab Economic Forum and exchange of business missions including the Japanese business mission on the occasion of this visit, while welcoming the close collaboration between the governments and the private sectors of the two countries.

(Energy Cooperation)

- Reiterate the importance of the stability of the global energy market and welcome the UAE's commitment to supplying oil and LNG to Japan in a continuous and stable manner.
- Recognize the important role that Japanese companies have played in the upstream oil development in the UAE, and hope that Japanese companies will continue and increase their role in this field.
- Recognize the significance of the joint storage project started in 2009 in

Kagoshima, Japan, based on the shared understanding between the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan and the Supreme Petroleum Council of Abu Dhabi, which provides Japan with emergency oil supply and serves as a supply base of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) to Asia, and welcome the agreement of two-year extension of this project in 2012.

- Emphasize the importance of a long-term partnership between Japan and the UAE regarding oil development cooperation, and welcome that Abu Dhabi Oil Company has successfully extended concessional agreement with an additional concession area.
- Welcome that a mutually complementary relationship in oil development has advanced through such measures as technological collaboration between Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC) and ADNOC in cooperation with the Japanese private sector, training programs for 500 ADNOC employees provided by JOGMEC and Japan Cooperation Center, Petroleum (JCCP), the financial cooperation between Japan Bank for International Corporation (JBIC) and ADNOC, and the establishment of the Abu Dhabi Oil Refining Company (TAKREER)'s research center supported by the JCCP.
- Emphasize that the cooperation in upstream oil development is a cornerstone of their partnership and such a mutually complementary relationship will be further strengthened with the extension and addition of oil concession.
- Welcome the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the establishment of a joint venture company for LNG trading.
- Highly value Japan's continuous participation in the World Future Energy Summit, as well as a joint research project between the Japanese private sectors and Masdar Institute of Science and Technology (MIST) to enhance the bilateral cooperation on energy conservation and renewable energy, and welcome that internship programs provided by Japanese companies for MIST students have contributed to the strengthening such cooperation and that the scale will be expanded.
- Highly value Japan's contribution to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and commit to further cooperation for the development of the Agency.
- Welcome the signing of the Agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of the United Arab Emirates for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy on the occasion of this visit and note with satisfaction that this Agreement will further expand nuclear energy cooperation between Japan and the UAE.

(Business, Investment and Infrastructure Development)

- Emphasize the importance of deepening economic ties and promoting mutual investment between Japan and the UAE.
- Expand business investment utilizing the newly established Abu Dhabi Japan Business Promotion Initiative by Japan Cooperation Center for the Middle East (JCCME), an investment forum which will be held in Tokyo in November 2013 as well as the Abu Dhabi Japan Economic Council and its three working groups.
- Welcome further cooperation between the governments and the private sectors of the two countries regarding infrastructure development noting

- Japans' advanced technology and infrastructure development, especially the development of water-related facilities and transportation.
- Welcome Japan's participation in the first International Water Summit and the signing of Memorandum of Understanding for the feasibility study on water desalination.
  - Reaffirm the importance of securing water resources in the UAE, and welcome that Independent Water and Power Projects co-financed by Japanese companies and Abu Dhabi Water and Electricity Authority (ADWEA) have made steady progress, and expect that the cooperation on water-related projects will be further strengthened through ongoing joint studies between Japanese companies and the ADWEA as well as between the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO) and Ras al Khaimah.
  - Welcome the application of new cost-sharing technical cooperation for human resources development by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and expect to start training programs and dispatching Japanese experts through this scheme.
  - Welcome the signing of the Convention between Japan and the UAE for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income on the occasion of this visit and the commencement of a preliminary consultation on a new investment agreement.
  - Emphasize the importance of Japan's continuous assistance for small and medium-sized business to conserve traditional folk art and improve the role of women in the UAE and welcome its contribution to the Sougha Project of Khalifa Fund for Enterprise and Development.
  - Express intention to cooperate to resume the negotiation of the Free Trade Agreement between Japan and the Cooperation Council for the Arab State of the Gulf (GCC) member states as soon as possible.
  - Welcome that the Emirates Air Line has decided to launch a regular flight service between the Tokyo International Airport and the Dubai International Airport and the Etihad Airways has launched a daily flight service between the Narita International Airport and the Abu Dhabi International Airport.

(Medical Cooperation)

- Emphasize the importance of medical cooperation between the two countries and welcome Japan's contribution, through Medical Excellence Japan (MEJ), by holding a seminar on healthcare, participating in the Medical Congress, establishing of a hub medical institution and a working group for the feasibility study of Japanese medical facilities to provide UAE nationals with preventive cares and therapies which are currently unavailable in the UAE, acceptance of medical students of the UAE to Japan to learn new techniques, and dispatch of medical experts to the UAE for the further development of medical technology.
- Welcome the signing of four Memoranda of Cooperation of the MEJ to further strengthen bilateral cooperation in the medical field through establishment of Japanese-style clinics, medical training programs, personnel exchanges and patient transfer.
- Welcome the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding regarding

the introduction of the Carbon Ion Therapy Systems in Abu Dhabi.

(Agricultural Cooperation)

- Promote mutual understanding of food cultures and information exchange between Japanese and UAE food industries in order for Japan to contribute to healthy and rich dietary customs of the people of the UAE.
- Enhance Japan's technical cooperation and information sharing on advanced technologies for more productive and sustainable agriculture and fisheries, including renewable energy and plant factories.

3. Cultural and People-to-People Exchanges

- Emphasize the importance of the improvement of school education in the UAE and welcome Japan's new educational cooperation policy of accepting 500 students funded by the UAE government in the next five years.
- Welcome the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation between Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE) and Abu Dhabi Education Council (ADEC) and further enhance educational exchanges, facilitated by the Educational Development Office Abu Dhabi-Japan through mutual visit by universities of the two countries, and participation of Japanese universities to education fairs in the UAE, and the provision of information on educational opportunities in Japan.
- Reaffirm the importance of exchanges and cooperation between higher education institutions of the two countries and welcome the signing of three Memoranda of Cooperation on educational exchanges and technical partnership on the occasion of this visit.
- Highly value the Japanese-style education in the Japanese School in Abu Dhabi, recalling that ensuring high-quality primary education is the key element of the overall education policy of the UAE, and welcome that the number of Emirati students who study at the Japanese School in Abu Dhabi is doubled.
- Welcome the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Cooperation in the cultural field and translation between the Japan Foundation and Kalima Project.