



Omani Cultural Days in Tokyo

Symposium on “Oman – Japan Relations in the 21st Century” Tuesday 21st December 2010 at the United Nations University

On the occasion of holding the Omani Cultural Days in Tokyo (Dec 20-26, 2010), the Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to Japan, HE Mr Khalid bin Hashil Al-Muslahi has the pleasure to invite you and the members of your esteemed establishment to attend the symposium: “Oman – Japan Relations in the 21st Century” organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Heritage and Culture of the Sultanate of Oman at the United Nations University on Tuesday December 21st, 2010 - U Thant International Conference Hall from 13:00-16:00.

Being both exquisite countries of Asia with long history and deep rooted culture and distinctive traditions, Oman and Japan have many similarities and their peoples share a lot of common values and aspirations, and the symposium will aim to focus, in addition to highlighting the diverse relationships and historical contacts between the two countries, on the cultural, human and economic development in Oman and the leadership of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said.

The attached pages include the programme for the event, and a brief on the prominent experts invited from both Oman and Japan to address the symposium. The Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman will be delighted if you would attend this important event and would appreciate it if you could disseminate this invitation to your colleagues and friends. Early registration is highly appreciated by the enclosed registration sheet.

Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman

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Symposium on “Oman – Japan Relations in the 21st Century”

Venue:

United Nations University, U Thant International Conference Hall

Date and Time:

Tuesday December 21st, 2010 - 13:00-16:00

Moderator:

Professor Mikio IKUMA, visiting professor of modern and contemporary history and international politics, University of Tokyo, School of Science and Arts. Prof. Ikuma is also a Yomiuri Shimbun Newspaper Senior Editor (International Affairs) and a recipient of the Borne-Ueda Award (1997).

Speakers from Japan:

Professor Masayuki YAMAUCHI, Director of Sultan Qaboos bin Said Chair in Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Tokyo. His talk will focus on the role of the newly established academic Chair at the Tokyo University would play in enhancing cultural and academic relations between Japan and the Middle East and Oman in particular.

Professor Haruo ENDO, Middle East Researcher and an expert on Oman. Author of numerous books, papers and articles on Oman and is a recipient of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said Order for Culture, Sciences and Arts in 2007. Mr Endo's presentation is on the leadership of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said

Mr Yuzo WAKI, Deputy Chairman of the Editorial Committee of the Nihon Keizai Shimbun. Mr Waki has an extensive knowledge of the Middle East through his studies at the American University in Cairo and from being stationed in different countries of the region on various occasions of his career with Nikkei, and has authored several books and literatures on Middle East issues and topics. His presentation is on the economic and industrial cooperation between Oman and Japan in the backdrop of the Middle East's structural transformation.

Speakers from Oman:

Dr. Mohamed Bin Said AL-MUQADAM, Associate Professor and the Head of the History Department, Faculty of Literatures, Sultan Qaboos University. Dr Al-Muqadam will introduce the historical relations between Oman and Japan.

Dr. Jokha Bint Mohamed AL-HARTHI, Associate Professor, Arabic Language Department, Faculty of Literatures, Sultan Qaboos University. Dr Al-Harthi will speak on the Omani culture and literature development and on the empowerment of women in Oman.

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Symposium at the United Nations University

Tuesday December 21st, 2010

U Thant International Conference Hall

Programme

**** Reception desk will open at 12:30***

- 13:00 - 13:05 **Opening Remarks** by the Moderator - Professor Mikio IKUMA
- 13:05- 13:15 **“Oman and Japan: Dimensions for Stronger Strategic Partnership”** by H.E. Khalid Al-Muslahi, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman
- 13:15 - 13:35 **“The Historical Relations between Oman and Japan”** - Dr. Mohamed AL-MUQADAM
- 13:35 - 13:55 **“Sultan Qaboos bin Said Chair in Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Tokyo”** - Professor Masayuki YAMAUCHI
- 13:55 - 14:15 **“The Leadership of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said”** - Professor Haruo ENDO
- 14:15 - 14:30 **Coffee Break**
- 14:30 - 14:50 **“The Economic and Industrial Cooperation between Oman and Japan in the Backdrop of the Middle East’s Structural Transformation”** - Mr Yuzo Waki
- 14:50 - 15:10 **“Culture and Literature in Oman”** - Dr. Jokha Bin AL-HARTHI
- 15:10 - 16:00 **“Q & A and Panel Discussion” followed by Closing Remarks** by Professor Mikio IKUMA

** Simultaneous translations in (Arabic - English – Japanese) will be provided*

Registration

You are kindly requested to send the attached registration form via e-mail (info@omanembassy.jp) or fax (03-5468-1086) by **December 17, 2010**.

Due to limited capacity of the venue, early registration is recommended.

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Registration Form

Please fill out the following details and send by **December 17th** by e-mail:
(info@omanembassy.jp) or by fax (03-5468-1086)

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**Any personal information provided through this registration form will be kept
confidential and shall only be used for this symposium.**