

## Meeting with the Jordan-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Committee of the Lower House

On 6<sup>th</sup> March, H.E. Mr. Hidenao YANAGI, Ambassador of Japan to Jordan, visited the Lower House to have a meeting with the Jordan-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Committee of the Lower House. From the committee, H.E. Mr. Hussein al-Qaisi(Chairperson), H.E. Dr. Barakat al-Namer(Vice-Chairperson), H.E. Ms. Randa al-Shaar, H.E. Mr. Fawzi al-Daoud, H.E. Mr. Mohammed al-Zoubi, H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Abu al-Ezz, and H.E. Mr. Fadeel al-Nahar attended the meeting. They discussed cordial Japan-Jordan relations including frequent mutual visits, such as the visit of Their Majesties King Abudallah II and Queen Rania in last November. Ambassador YANAGI told that Japan highly appreciates Jordan's efforts to generously receive Syrian refugees as well as Jordan's indispensable role to maintain the stability in the region, and that Japan will continue to support Jordan.

H.E. Mr. al-Qaisi and the other members expressed their appreciation for Japan's assistance to Jordan and diplomatic policy in the Middle East region, underlining the solid and friendly bilateral relationship between the two countries. They also expressed their strong wishes to further strengthen the bilateral relationship especially through enhancing exchange between the parliaments of the both countries. Furthermore, with regard to the abdication of the current emperor Akihito at the end of April and the enthronement of the current crown prince Naruhito as the new emperor on 1<sup>st</sup> of May, they expressed their wishes for the continuous prosperity of Japan even in the new era, which will lead to the stronger bilateral ties between Japan and Jordan.

