

Reception congratulating the Enthronement of the new Emperor of Japan

On 2nd May, the Japanese Ambassador Hidenao Yanagi held a reception at the Ambassador's residence to celebrate the enthronement of His Majesty the Emperor Naruhito which took place on 1st May.

At the reception, Ambassador Yanagi and H.E. Dr. Raed Abu al-Soud, Minister of Water and Irrigation, presented words of congratulations for the enthronement of the 59 year-old new Emperor with the attendance of H.R.H. Prince Ra'ad bin Zeid, H.E. Dr. Mousa Maaytah, Minister of Political and Parliamentary Affairs and other distinguished guests total of approximately 140 attendees.

His Majesty the Emperor Akihito, who has abdicated on April 30th at the age of 85 by his own wish, would be His Majesty the Emperor Emeritus from now on. The Emperor's abdication was the first time in 202 years in the Japanese history. With the enthronement of His Majesty the Emperor Naruhito, His Majesty's younger brother His Imperial Highness Fumihito, at the age of 53, would be the Crown Prince.

Japan is a unique country which still uses the name of Era for the reign of each Emperor, in parallel with the Western Calendar. We call the era of Emperor Akihito which lasted about 30 years long as "Heisei", while the new era is named "Rei-wa" starting from May 1st. "Rei-wa" means "beautiful harmony" in Japanese. Japan is now in the middle of 10 consecutive day holidays from 27th April to 6th May to celebrate the enthronement.

Thanks to the strong ties between our Imperial family and the Royal Family of Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, we have the 65th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries this year. We strongly hope that the relationship between Jordan and Japan will be closer and closer.

