## Ceremony for Conferment of Decoration upon H.E. Dr. Eng. Hani Al-Mulki, Former Prime Minister of Jordan

On 5 October 2021, a ceremony was held at the Japanese Ambassador's residence to award H.E. Dr. Eng. Hani Al-Mulki, Former Prime Minister of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, with the Decoration "The Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun" which he was conferred in spring 2021.

After serving as Minister of Industry and Trade, Minister of Supply, Minister of Water and Irrigation, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources, and Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Dr. Eng. Al-Mulki has served as Prime Minister and Minister of Defense of Jordan. Especially during his tenure as Prime Minister, he had greatly contributed to developing Japan-Jordan relations in different fields including political, defense, and economic aspects through his visit to Japan in 2017 and Prime Minister of Japan at the time Mr. Abe's visit to Jordan, during which Japan-Jordan relationship has become a strategic partnership. These achievements being highly appreciated, the Government of Japan decided the conferment of the highest-class Japanese decoration for foreign citizens upon H.E. Dr. Eng. Al-Mulki this year.

The ceremony was attended by many guests including incumbent and former ministers, senators, and high-rank government officials in celebration of H.E. Dr. Eng. Al-Mulki's conferment and for further development of the relationships between Japan and Jordan.



(Reference: Cabinet Office, "Conferment of Decorations on Foreign Nationals") <a href="https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/100182760.pdf">https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/100182760.pdf</a>