

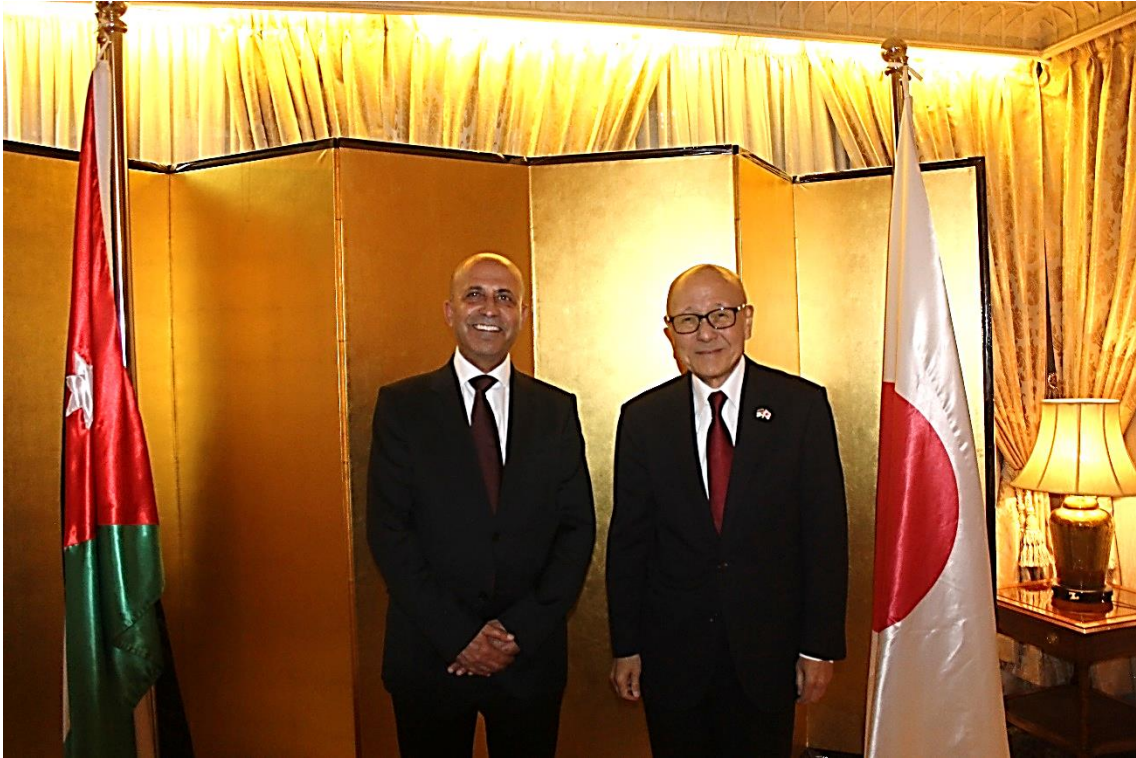
## **‘The 70th anniversary of the Japan Self-Defense Forces Day’ Reception**

On 3 July 2024, the Embassy of Japan in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan hosted a reception at the Ambassador's Residence to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Self-Defense Forces, attended by Ambassadors and defense attaches of Diplomatic Corps, Jordan Armed Forces and the delegation from Japan Self-Defense Forces from Tokyo.

Ambassador OKUYAMA Jiro made an opening speech referring to 2024 marks the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the Japan Self-Defense Forces and the 70th anniversary of Japan-Jordan diplomatic relations and expressed his gratitude for the Jordan Armed Forces for their great support in the evacuation exercise in Jordan for the first time in the Middle East in 2022 and the Transportation Japanese Nationals Overseas (TJNO) mission from Israel through Jordan last year.

Ambassador OKUYAMA also expressed his utmost respect for Jordan's diplomatic efforts to bring the lasting peace and stability to the Middle East region, in particular its leadership in providing humanitarian assistance to Gaza by land and air. His Excellency also mentioned that Japan will deepen its strategic partnership with Jordan and explore ways to contribute towards peace and prosperity in Jordan and the Middle East region as a whole.





His Excellency Secretary General Mohammed I. AlKaraki of the Royal Hashemite Court and Ambassador OKUYAMA Jiro



B.G. Yousef Zregat, Director General of the Royal Medical Service (center), Ms. WATANABE Tomoko, Deputy Chief of Mission (rightmost) and LTC. UMETANI Masaki, Japanese Defense Attache (third from the right)