

## Japanese National Day Reception Celebrating the 66th Birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan

On 19 January, Mr. IMANISHI Jun, Consul General of Japan in Dubai, hosted the Emperor's Birthday Reception at Raffles Dubai. The guest of honour was Mr. Abdulaziz Al Neyadi, Director of East Asia and Pacific at the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Attendees included H.E. Eng. Marwan bin Ghalita, Director General of Dubai Municipality; government and cultural representatives from Dubai and the Northern Emirates; business leaders; Consul General and consular staff from various countries; representatives of Japanese companies; and members of the Japanese community in Dubai and the Northern Emirates. Approximately 340 guests attended in total.

The reception featured 12 exhibition booths showcasing the products and services of Japanese companies and government-related organisations. Guests enjoyed wagyu beef, sushi, and sake, and experienced Japanese culture through a taiko drum performance, an ikebana, and a kimono display.

A ceremony was also held on this occasion to present the 2026 Foreign Minister's Commendations to Shoten Taiko and to Mr. Naoto Sameshima, the official residence chef.





