

## National Day Reception for celebrating His Majesty the Emperor Naruhito's 60th Birthday

On February 9, Dr. Akima Umezawa, Consul-General of Japan in Dubai, hosted the Reception for celebrating H.M. the Emperor's birthday at the Address Sky View Ballroom. H.E. Mr. Hussein bin Ibrahim Al-Hammadi, Minister of Education, attended as a representative of the UAE Government. Dr. Akima Umezawa delivered welcome remarks after national anthems of Japan and UAE were played. Over 360 guests invited from the UAE government, private sector, diplomatic corps, Japanese community and others enjoyed Japanese cuisine and display of Ikebana (Japanese flower arrangement). The reception also showcased products and services of 13 Japanese companies and organizations including Fukushima Prefecture. H.E. Mr. Hussein Al Hammadi visited all booths under the guidance of Dr. Umezawa.

