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Notes

1. Islamism (political Islam) is a political movement that advocates the reorganization of the political and social system in accordance with the laws established by Islam (Korotaev L.E., Grinin A.V. Political aspects of modern Islamism. Polis. Political studies. 2019. No. 6. P. 81–94. P. 82). Radical and moderate Islamism differ, first of all, in the methods by which such a reorganization is supposed to be achieved: radical groups use violent methods, moderate ones – non-violent.
2. Zakat is a mandatory annual tax in favor of the poor in Islam.

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TAISIYA USTINOVA. JAPAN AND THE UAE: CHARACTERISTICS OF BILATERAL RELATIONS AT THE PRESENT STAGE

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Abstract. The article examines the peculiarities of relations between Japan and the United Arab Emirates at the present time. Attention is paid to the political, economic and cultural ties between Japan and the UAE, especially cooperation in terms of energy and joint peaceful exploration of outer space. It is noted that in the UAE there is a growing interest in the history and traditions of Japan, the study of the Japanese language.

The history of Japan's active relations with Arab countries began after the creation of the Arab League in March 1945. The founders of LAS were: Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon, North Yemen and Saudi Arabia. Since then, Japan has gradually increased its participation in the region, realizing that these states with rich energy resources can provide Japan with significant economic assistance in the supply of oil and liquefied natural gas (LNG). Japan systematically developed relations with almost every country in the region, concluding separate agreements and treaties, establishing official diplomatic relations. But, if in the 20th century Japan considered these states mainly as economic partners, then later, when hotbeds of tension began to arise in the Middle East, Japan began to develop its own foreign policy towards the Arab states. This was due to the safety of transporting exported oil from the region to Japan.

December 2022 marked the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). During this time, both states have made significant progress in the development of bilateral relations, and at present it is safe to call the UAE one of Japan's key partners in the Middle East region.

Relations between the two states developed consistently and progressively. In December 1971, Japan recognized the UAE as an independent state. In December 1973, the UAE opened its embassy in Japan. And in February 1974, Japan opened its embassy in Abu Dhabi. In 1995, Japan opened its consulate in the UAE.

The first official visit of the UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan to Japan as a state guest took place in May 1990 [1]. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe officially visited the UAE