
JAPAN TO PROVIDE \$53M IN AID TO SYRIA AS BILATERAL TIES RESTORED

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Japan will provide aid of \$53 million to Syria as the bilateral ties between the two countries were restored after 15 years of suspension, the Foreign Ministry said.

Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Yohei Onishi visited Damascus on Monday and met Syrian Finance Minister Mohammed Yasser Barnieh, the ministry said in a statement on Tuesday.

He expressed Japans intention to support an "inclusive, peaceful, and stable transition by the Syrian government, which has undergone historic changes," adding that the day marked the opening of a "new chapter in Japan-Syria relations."

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