

# Understanding the Current Saudi Arabia: the National Reform Plan "Vision 2030" and the Latest Economic and Industrial Trends

26-31 October 2024



The Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry in Singapore will be dispatching a delegation to Saudi Arabia in late October under the theme "Understanding the Current Saudi Arabia: The National Reform Plan 'Vision 2030' and the Latest Economic and Industrial Trends."

Saudi Arabia, the largest country in the Middle East, has undergone significant changes since the announcement of its National Reform Plan, "Vision 2030," in 2016. These changes include digitalization and the advancement of women in society. To achieve the goals outlined in the plan, the Saudi government has high expectations for Japan across a wide range of sectors, including energy, manufacturing, healthcare, and entertainment. The recently announced "Dragon Ball Theme Park," which has garnered significant attention, is one example of the successful efforts to attract investment.

Given this background, many Japanese companies are now focusing on Saudi Arabia as a "next investment destination." However, due to the geographical and cultural challenges, some members of the JCCI may still perceive the country as an "unknown world."

This delegation offers a rare and valuable opportunity for those who may not be familiar with the Middle East to deepen their understanding of Saudi Arabia and explore business opportunities in the region from Singapore, an international business hub. The program will include visits to local Japanese institutions and companies, as well as exchanges of ideas, all designed to enrich participants' knowledge. We warmly invite you to take part in this insightful program.

## Highlights of the Delegation

- ◆ Briefing by the JETRO Riyadh Office
- ◆ Exchange of opinions with the Embassy of Japan in Saudi Arabia and the Riyadh Japanese Association
- ◆ Visits to local Japanese companies
  - \* Daikin Air Conditioning Saudi Arabia LCC
  - \* Toray Membrane Middle East LCC
  - \* Yokogawa Saudi Arabia Company LCC
- ◆ Dir'iyah-Turaif      ◆ Kingdom Center (Sky Bridge)
- ◆ Rajhi Grand Mosque    ◆ King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture



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## Delegation Details

**Destination:** Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of Bahrain)

**Theme:** Understanding the Current Saudi Arabia: The National Reform Plan "Vision 2030" and the Latest Economic and Industrial Trends

**Dates:** 26th (Sat) - 31st October (Thu, Public Holiday), 2024 (Please refer to the below Itinerary)

**Eligibility:**

Members of JCCI Singapore



**Number of Participants:**

20 participants (Registration will close once capacity is reached on a first-come, first-served basis)

**Organizer:** Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Singapore

**Travel Planning and Execution:** H.I.S. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PTE LTD

**Participation Fee:** SGD 4,650 (per person)

**Included in the Participation Fee (SGD 4,650):**

- Hotel accommodation (single room, breakfast included)
- Meals during the inspection tour (excluding beverages)
- Local transportation (including economy class airfare from Riyadh to Bahrain)
- Tour guide fees, tour conductor fees, tips, meeting room rental, and other miscellaneous expenses

**Not Included in the Participation Fee:**

- Airfare from Singapore to Saudi Arabia (outbound) and from Bahrain to Singapore (return)
- Visa fees for Saudi Arabia and Bahrain
- Beverages
- Transportation from your home to Changi Airport
- Excess baggage fees
- Overseas travel insurance
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses (e.g., passport fees, laundry, phone charges, etc.)

**Additional Notes:**

- The participation fee is based on a minimum of 15 participants. If the number of participants falls below 15, additional charges may apply.
- After your application, an invoice for the participation fee (excluding beverage costs) will be sent. Please ensure payment is made before the delegation.
- Beverage costs will be settled after the tour, and an invoice will be sent for payment.

## Itinerary (tentative)

\*Please note that the schedule, including departure and arrival times, as well as the inspection sites, may be subject to change due to weather conditions or the availability of the relevant organizations.

	Date & Hotel	Agenda	Meals
<b>DAY 1</b>	26 Oct (Sat) Hilton Garden Inn Riyadh Financial District	15:10 Departure from Changi to Saudi Arabia via Dubai (Singapore - Dubai : SQ 494, Dubai -Riyadh : SV 561) 21:35 Arrival at King Khalid International Airport, Saudi Arabia	-In-Flight Dinner
<b>DAY 2</b>	27 Oct (Sun) Hilton Garden Inn Riyadh Financial District	<b>【Sightseeing &amp; Briefing】</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Diriyah: the birthplace of the Saudi royal family and a UNESCO World Heritage site</li> <li>▪ Al-Rajhi Grand Mosque &amp; Kingdom Center (Skybridge)</li> <li>▪ Briefing by Jetro and Dinner networking meeting</li> </ul>	-Breakfast -Lunch -Dinner
<b>DAY 3</b>	28 Oct (Mon) Downtown Rotana Manama, Bahrain	<b>【Inspection and Discussion】</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Daikin Air Conditioning Saudi Arabia LCC</li> <li>▪ Meeting and Lunch with the Embassy</li> </ul> 18:00 Transfer to Bahrain by air (GF168) 19:15 Arrive in Bahrain	-Breakfast -Lunch -Dinner
<b>DAY 4</b>	29 Oct (Tues) Downtown Rotana Manama, Bahrain	<b>【Inspection and Discussion】</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Transfer to Dammam by bus</li> <li>▪ Toray Membrane Middle East LCC</li> <li>▪ Yokogawa Saudi Arabia Company LCC</li> <li>▪ King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture - Ithra</li> </ul> Transfer to Bahrain by bus	-Breakfast -Lunch -Dinner
<b>DAY 5</b>	30 Oct (Wed) <b>Overnight flight</b>	<b>【Inspection】</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Oil Field</li> </ul> 17:45 Departure from Bahrain Intl Airport to SG via Dubai (Bahrain-Dubai : EK 840, Dubai-Singapore : EK 404 )	-Breakfast -Lunch -In-Flight Dinner
<b>DAY 6</b>	31 Oct (Thu, Public Holiday)	08:25 Arrival at Changi Airport, Singapore	-In-Flight Breakfast

## Flights and Air tickets

Please note that the air flight tickets from Singapore to Saudi Arabia (outbound) and from Bahrain to Singapore (return) are not included in the participation fee. You may arrange your own flights by yourself or book through the official travel agency which is handling the tour. If you choose to book through the travel agency, the following details will be applied:

Ticket Class: Options may vary based on availability and preferences.

Cancellation Conditions: Terms may differ based on the ticket class and airline policies.

Pricing: Costs will depend on the class, cancellation policies, and booking time.

After you sign up, the travel agency will contact you directly to assist with flight arrangements and provide detailed information about ticket options and pricing. Please ensure to finalize your flight arrangements early to secure the best options and rates.

### **Basic Flight Details**

#### **Outbound Flight: Singapore Airlines + Saudia (via Dubai)**

October 26th (Sat):

Flight SQ 494: Departs Changi at 15:10, arrives in Dubai at 18:25 (Flying time: approximately 7hrs 15mins)  
(Connection in Dubai: Approximately 2 hrs 05 mins)

Flight SV 561: Departs Dubai at 20:30, arrives in Riyadh at 21:35 (Flying time: approximately 2hrs 05mins)

#### **Return Flight: Emirates (via Dubai)**

October 30th (Wed):

Flight EK 840: Departs Bahrain at 17:45, arrives in Dubai at 20:00 (Flying time: approximately 1hr 15mins)  
(Connection in Dubai: Approximately 1hr 15 mins)

Flight EK 404: Departs Dubai at 21:15, arrives in Changi at 08:25 (Next day) (Flying time: approximately 7hrs 10mins)

Airfares (Including Tax) are as of August 23 and subject to change based on availability and booking timing.

#### **Outbound Flight:**

Business Class: SGD 3,489.60

Economy Class: SGD 934.60

#### **Return Flight:**

Business Class: SGD 4,426.00

Economy Class: SGD 698.00

Additional Information:

- You may choose different classes for the outbound and return flights, such as Economy for the outbound and Business for the return.
- If booked through the travel agency, a handling fee of SGD 109 (for round-trip) will be applied to the above prices.

## Application Guidelines

Please complete and submit the required information using the application form provided below.

### Application Confirmation:

Your application will be considered formal upon submission of the form. If you cancel your application, cancellation fees will apply based on the number of days remaining until the event. (Refer to the "Cancellation Fees" section below.)

### Application Deadline:

Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The application may close before the deadline if the participant limit is reached.

### ◆Application Form (Google Form) ◆

<https://forms.gle/CbNHWkEySpzrAVu88>

Application Deadline: September 20, 2024 (Friday) at 12:00 PM (Singapore Time)

### **Cancellation Fees**

From application submission until September 13, 2024 (Friday) 5:00 PM: 10% of the participation fee per person

From September 13, 2024 (Friday) 5:00 PM October 23, 2024 (Wednesday) 5:00 PM: 20% of the participation fee per person

From October 23, 2024 (Wednesday) 5:00 PM until October 25, 2024 (Friday) 5:00 PM: 50% of the participation fee per person

After October 25, 2024 (Friday) 5:00 PM or no show: 100% of the participation fee per person

\*All times are Singapore Time.

### Airfare Cancellation Fees:

For cancellations of flights booked through the travel agency, fees will vary based on the ticket conditions selected. The travel agency will provide individual guidance regarding these fees.

## Additional Notes

### ◆ Saudi Arabia Entry Visa ◆

Application Process:

After applying, you will need to submit a pre-application. You can arrange your own e-visa via the following website: <https://visa.visitsaudi.com/>. The cost is SAR 395 (approximately SGD 140), which includes the application fee and medical insurance.

Processing Time:

Visa application results may take up to 72 hours. Please complete your application by October 12, 2024 (Saturday), at the latest, to ensure it is processed in time for your departure.

Visa Application Assistance:

The travel agency can also assist with the visa application for a service fee of SGD 163.65. If you prefer this service, please indicate your preference when applying.

Photo Requirements:

To streamline the application process, it is advisable to have a passport photo taken in advance. The photo should meet the following requirements:

#### **Format (Size)**

One identical photograph must be submitted, it should be 200 x 200 in Width and Height and Image Size must be from 5 to 100 Kb. It should show a close up of your face and the top of your shoulders so that your face takes up between 70% - 80% of the face or 1.4" x 1.6" from the chin to the crown of the head. The photo must clearly show the person's facial features in a straightforward position from the tip of the chin to the crown of the head as well as the left and right sides of the face. In the case of voluminous hair, it must be ensured that the head (including the hairstyle) is fully depicted without reducing the size of the face, if possible. The face must be centered in the photo and no more than six months old, to ensure an up to date likeness.

#### **Background**

The background should be white. The background should not have any pattern. The photo should show only the person to be photographed (no other persons (group pictures) or objects in the photo). No shadows must be shown on the background.

#### **Expression**

The head of the person photographed should be neither at an angle nor turned (portrait style). Your head must be square to the camera; your face can be slightly rotated and or tilted. Your face and eyes must be straight towards the camera so both ears and cheek is clearly visible.

#### **Head Wear**

Generally speaking, head wear is not permitted. Exceptions are possible, especially for religious reasons. In such cases, the face must be visible from the lower tip of the chin to the forehead. No shadows should be visible on the face.

### ◆ Bahrain Entry Visa ◆

Application Process:

You will need to apply and pay for an arrival visa (multiple-entry visa) at the immigration desk upon entry into Bahrain. No prior application is required. The visa fee is 12 Bahraini Dinar (approximately SGD 42). Payment can be made using a credit card.

<http://www.bahrain-embassy.or.jp/jp/embassy/consular-department/>

## ◆ Important Notes ◆

Passport:

Please arrange your own passport. It must be valid for at least six months beyond your entry dates into Saudi Arabia and Singapore.

Visa Insurance:

The Saudi Arabia visa includes medical insurance within the country, but the Bahrain visa does not. You are required to obtain separate travel insurance to cover any overseas medical needs.

### **【Contact】**

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