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Independence Day Celebrations



The 73rd Anniversary of Independence was celebrated at the Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo with zeal and enthusiasm. Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad hoisted the National Flag whilst the National Anthem was recited by the audience. The Ambassador readout the messages of the President and Prime Minister of Pakistan. Both the messages emphasized upon the need to follow the principals and guidelines enunciated by the founding fathers in order to achieve developmental goals and sustainable prosperity.

Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad in his remarks highlighted the innumerable sacrifices rendered by our Forefathers to achieve a sovereign independent state. He added that it was imperative upon all Pakistanis to strive diligently for making Pakistan strong and united. The Ambassador specifically referred to the horrific situation in IIOJK

where innocent Kashmiri people have been subjected to inhuman torture, arbitrary arrests, detentions, extrajudicial killings, digital lockdown and military siege especially after the August 5, 2019 illegal acts of the Indian Government.

Ambassador Ahmad underscored the valiant freedom struggle of the Kashmir people who have been showing unmatched resilience and indomitable spirit to realize their just cause. The Ambassador also reaffirmed that Pakistan will continue its unstinted support to the indigenous struggle of Kashmiri people for realization of their inalienable right to self determination in accordance with the UN Security Council resolutions.



Observance of Kashmir Youm-e-Istehsal Interactive session with media

In connection with observance of Kashmir Youm-e-Istehsal, an interactive session was held with representatives of prominent Japanese print and electronic media at the Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo. Senior media persons from NHK, Fuji TV, Nikkei Inc. and The Yomiuri Shimbun attended the event.



Speaking on the occasion Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad briefed the media persons on India's illegal and unilateral actions of August 5, 2019 in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK). The Ambassador added that India's illegal acts were followed by its unprecedented human right violations, crackdown, media blockade, extra judicial killings in fake encounters, digital lockdown and demographic apartheid.

Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad highlighted the resilience of the Kashmiri people who rejected the illegal acts of Indian Government and continued their struggle against the inhuman actions of the Indian Occupation forces aimed at suppressing

their just cause of self determination. He acknowledged the concerns raised by International community, human rights organizations, media and civil society on the continuing gross human rights violations and their condemnation of Indian unconcealed brutalities in IIOJK. However, it is imperative that the international community back its words with concrete actions for the sake of justice and human dignity.

The Ambassador underscored the role of media in presenting the facts on ground in IIOJK and urged to expose Indian arbitrary actions which has subjected Kashmiris to inhuman miseries.



KASHMIR YOUM-E-ISTEHSAL -VIRTUAL SEMINAR



As a part of the Embassy's activities to observe Kashmir-Youm-e-Istehsal, a virtual Seminar titled **"Challenges to peace and Security in South Asia-Situation in IIOJK following India's action of August 5, 2019"** was hosted by the Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo. The seminar was attended by former Ambassadors of Japan to Pakistan, academics and prominent media persons.

Speaking at the seminar Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad identified the threats to regional peace and security that have increased to dangerous levels following the Indian Action of 5 August 2019 in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. He added that Jammu and Kashmir has been an outstanding dispute between Pakistan and India since the two countries gained independence from the British rule in 1947.

Referring to the 5 August 2019 actions, the Ambassador said that India illegally and unilaterally abrogated the special status of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) by announcing it to make a part of Indian Union Territory. This action was completely and utterly in violation of UNSC Resolutions. He further added that 5 August 2020 marks completion of an unprecedented 12 months long military siege & crackdown, demographic apartheid, communications blackout, and draconian curbs on the fundamental human rights and freedoms of the Kashmiri people in IIOJK

Ambassador Ahmad underlined that the international community should call upon India to implement the relevant UN Resolutions and allow Kashmiris to exercise their inalienable right of self determination. He urged the world community to step in and stop grave human rights violations being committed by the Indian occupation forces and allow free and full access to UN to investigate the ground situation in IIOJK. Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad reaffirmed the commitment of government and people of Pakistan to the just cause of Kashmiris.

The panellists at the seminar highlighted the importance of resolving this outstanding dispute between India and Pakistan at the earliest for securing stable and lasting peace in the region.

Kashmir-Youm-e-Istehsal

A pictorial exhibition was held at Pak Embassy depicting gross human rights violations committed by the Indian occupation forces in IIOJK



Foreign Minister Mr. Shah Mehmood Qureshi recognized services of extraordinary Pakistanis across the globe, including Mr. Asad Nawaz from Japan in an online ceremony on the eve of Independence Day



Japanese Tech Consortium to Invest in Digital Financial Technologies (FinTech) in Pakistan



A consortium of two Japanese companies, Saffran Group and Japan Communications Inc.(JCI), has decided to invest in Pakistan in FinTech (Financial Technologies). The announcement was made at the Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo by Mr. Imtiaz Ahmad, Ambassador of Pakistan to Japan. He was accompanied by Mr. Naohisa Fukuda, President and COO of JCI, Mirza Asif Baig, Founder and CEO, Saffran Group, Mr. Hiroyuki Sawada, Chairman and CEO of Brian and Capital Holdings, Inc. and Mr. Osamu Kanai, Representative Director, CLIMB Co., Ltd. Speaking at the occasion, Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad warmly welcomed the decision by the Japanese consortium to invest in the upcoming area of FinTech in Pakistan. He underlined that it was the result of the pragmatic policies adopted by the current Pakistani government to encourage foreign investment. He hoped that such investments will increase Pakistan's space at the digital map of the world. Ambassador Imtiaz particularly appreciated the decision of the consortium to train and utilize Pakistani IT professionals for the project. Such projects will not only add to the foreign investment profile of the country but will directly help Pakistan to develop its technological and human resource base as per the requirements of the current times. Highlighting the improvement in the Ease of Doing Business Index of Pakistan over the past two years, the Ambassador urged Japanese companies to take benefit of the emerging business opportunities in Pakistan, allowing for more foreign investment, particularly in the field of digital financial technologies.



Giving joint briefing on the project, Mirza Asif Baig (Saffran) and Mr. Fukuda (JCI) informed that the consortium had decided to introduce FPoS (FinTech Platform over SIM) in Pakistan, through which services such as Banking Security, Digital Money, Internet of Things (IoT) Certification, Neo Bank, Mobile Virtual Network Operator (MVNO) and Digital ID could be provided. The consortium plans to move at the earliest to apply for requisite regulatory approvals. Heads of other Japanese companies, present on the occasion, informed that their companies would be providing technical support in implementation of the project. They also expressed their confidence in the investment environment of Pakistan.

Fin Tech Platform over SIM (FPoS) enables safe and secure financial transactions with smart phones. With the Pakistani financial institutions enhancing the provision of digital services, particularly over smart phones, FPoS aims to provide reliable digital and cyber security solutions for the expanding Pakistani market.

In a meeting with the leading Japanese IT human resource companies AXAS, NeoCareer & Avinton, Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad offered support for connecting them with the relevant universities & institutes in Pakistan to hire IT engineers.



Ambassador Mr. Imtiaz Ahmad and Trade & Investment Counsellor Mr. Tahir Cheema held a meeting with Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry regarding International Virtual Rawal Expo 7-16 August 2020. The Ambassador appreciated the initiative, offering support to promote the event in Japan.



A four member JICA delegation led by Director General Mr. Shohei Hara, called on Ambassador Imtiaz today. Briefed on JICA's ongoing projects to increase Pak's literacy rate+Skills through focus on Non-Formal Education (FinTech) in Pakistan



Ambassador Mr. Imtiaz Ahmad, DHM Mr. Zaidi & Trade Counsellor Mr. Cheema welcomed new Director Trade Policy Bureau for South Asia at METI Mr. Noriyoshi Fukuoka, agreeing to work closely to enhance economic cooperation between the two countries.



Ambassador Mr. Imtiaz Ahmad hosted & honored the largest importer of Pakistani salt in Japan Mr. Nakagawa who has introduced a variety of salt products sourcing from Pakistan for over eighteen years.



A delegation of Japanese companies using natural ingredients in health & beauty products were hosted by the Ambassador Mr. Imtiaz Ahmad to share availability of such resources and possibility of their procurement from Pakistan.



The Ambassador Mr. Imtiaz Ahmad hosted a dinner reception for the CEOs and top management of Avinton, AXAS and Rocking Horse - Japanese IT firms interested in collaboration with IT firms in Pakistan.



A delegation of Fair Medical Japan lead by Mr. Asad Nawaz Khan was hosted by Ambassador Mr. Imtiaz Ahmad at the Embassy of Pakistan to explore opportunity of increasing share of Pakistani manufactured surgical instruments in Japanese healthcare market.

