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## NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS



### FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY AT PAKISTAN EMBASSY, TOKYO

An impressive ceremony was held at the Embassy of Pakistan Tokyo to commemorate the 78<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Day of Pakistan. Ambassador Asad M. Khan hoisted the National Flag whilst the audience recited the National Anthem of Pakistan.

nation for the stability and supremacy of the homeland. It further emphasized upon making a firm commitment to adhere to our national objectives and goals besides promoting love and harmony to secure the future of the nation.

Ambassador Khan was appreciative of the efforts of the Pakistani Community who is significantly contributing towards the progress of both Japan and Pakistan. He added that the Embassy with the collaboration of the Pakistani Community would work



The Ambassador read the messages of the President and Prime Minister of Pakistan. The messages urged the countrymen to follow the teachings and principles laid down by the founding fathers so as to make Pakistan a lively and determined

The Ambassador in his speech stressed that the spirit of unity, harmony and sacrifice showed during the Pakistan movement need to be continued with the same zeal so that Pakistan progresses on the path of prosperity and development.

together to further strengthen the bilateral relations between Japan and Pakistan in all areas and fields. The Ambassador also thanked the community for its active participation in the National Day Reception.

## PAKISTAN-JAPAN REAFFIRM THEIR COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHEN BILATERAL TIES

A grand reception was hosted by the Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo to commemorate the auspicious occasion of National Day. The reception was well attended by prominent personalities including Parliamentary Vice-Minister for

tanks, academia, members of the media, business leaders, notables from the Civil Society and members of Pakistani Community attended the event in large number. Ambassador Asad M. Khan in his speech highlighted the vision of the

for a comprehensive partnership between Pakistan and Japan. The Ambassador underscored the renewed interest in both capitals to further intensify high level exchanges and to deepen business and investment linkages. In this regard



Foreign Affairs Mr. Manabu Horii, President of Japan-Pakistan Parliamentarians Friendship League (JPPFL) Mr. Seishiro Eto, parliamentarians including Mr. Natsuo Yamaguchi, Member House of Councillors / Chief Representative of Komeito, Mr. Hirofumi Nakasone, former Foreign Minister and Member of House of Councillors, Ms. Midori Matsushima Member House of Representatives and Head of Secretariat JPPFL and Mr. Haku Shinkun, Member House of Councillors. Moreover, Ambassadors, Members of the Diplomatic Corps, senior Japanese Government Officials, Defence Attaches, think

founding fathers as laid out on March 23, 1940 and the subsequent democratic struggle spearheaded by the father of the nation Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah which resulted in the creation of Pakistan in 1947. The Ambassador underlined the importance of close historical Pakistan-Japan relations and deep sentiment of warmth and affection that the people of the two countries share with one another. He reaffirmed that common adherence to the ideals of peace, democracy, freedom and rule of law and shared commitment to deepening bilateral trade, investment and development cooperation provides a strong basis

he made special reference to the visit of Foreign Minister Taro Kono to Pakistan which provided a great opportunity to both sides to share their vision for promoting peace, stability and prosperity. Ambassador Khan also referred to the improved security situation in Pakistan and the resultant economic turnaround duly recognized and acknowledged by International Financial Institutions and credit rating agencies. He added that JETRO's 2017 survey rated Pakistan as the top destination for Japanese companies for expected profits and plans for expansions of operations.

The Ambassador reiterated the adherence of Pakistan to further build on the shared commitment to peace, security and prosperity to lay the foundation of an enduring partnership based on trust and mutually beneficial cooperation.

and efforts would be made to further strengthen the bilateral relations in all fields. Mr. Eto also appreciated Pakistan's firm commitment to fight out terrorism and vowed to extend full cooperation in these endeavours of Pakistan.

Pakistan in fighting against terrorism and pledged Japan's full support to Pakistan in this regard. Mr. Horii also appreciated the improved security situation in Pakistan and turnaround in economic development which has shown steady growth. He stated that



President of the JPPFL, Mr. Seishiro Eto in his remarks termed Pakistan as a country with great potential in every field and progressing in the right direction. He added that Pakistan and Japan have been sharing exchanges in various fields including economy, culture, academia and politics since the establishment of the diplomatic ties

Honourable Manabu Horii, Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs in his remarks stated that Japan and Pakistan have cordial bilateral relations since 1952 and these relations have developed further this year with the visit of Foreign Minister Mr. Taro Kono. He added that Mr. Kono appreciated the efforts of

the Japanese Government would encourage and firmly support the activities of Japanese companies in Pakistan and make further efforts to deepen the economic ties between the two countries.

### Director General Joint Staff Headquarters Pakistan visited Japan to attend 22<sup>nd</sup> Tokyo Defence Forum

Director General Joint Staff Headquarters Pakistan, Lt Gen Malik Zafar Iqbal HI(M) visited Japan to attend 22<sup>nd</sup> Tokyo Defense Forum organized by Ministry of Defense Japan. During his stay the General Officer held various meeting with Civil and Military leadership of Japan. He highlighted Pakistan's perspective, efforts & sacrifices in global war on terror. He also held talks to promote relations between the two countries.

### DGJS Meeting with Vice Chief of Joint Staff Lt. Gen Matsumoto



## MEETING OF JAPAN PAKISTAN PARLIAMENTARIANS' FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE



Ambassador Asad M. Khan attended the meeting of Japan Pakistan Parliamentarians' Friendship League (JPPFL), co-chaired by Mr. Seishiro Eto Chairman JPPFL, Ms. Midori Matushima, former Justice Minister and Mr. Koichiro Genba, former Foreign Minister, held at the Diet. The meeting was also attended by members of the JPPFL, Japanese Ambassador to Pakistan, Director General Southeast and Southwest Bureau of the Gaimusho. During the meeting, frank and focused discussions were held on the advancement of bilateral relationship.

Ambassador Khan briefed the parliamentarians comprehensively on the recent positive developments in terms of the security and economy, upward trajectory of the bilateral relations with successful convening of a number of institutional dialogue processes, renewed interest of Japanese investors in Pakistan and growing cooperation in trade, investment and human resources development.

## MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF JATA



The Ambassador met with the President of Japan Association of Travel Agents Mr. Tadashi Shimura and discussed prospects of tourism promotion between the two countries. The Ambassador stated that Pakistan has been a favourite tourist destination around the world including Japan besides Karachi remained a key transit point for tourists visiting Africa and Europe for a longer period of time. The Ambassador stated that there had been security concerns for the last few years in Pakistan but now things have

changed drastically and security has improved remarkably. The Ambassador emphasized that most of the cities in Pakistan including the big cities like Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad etc. are safer than many big cities of the world. Hence, it is simply the question of perception which needs to be changed with regard to security concerns in Pakistan. The Ambassador explained that due to various infrastructural development projects in Pakistan, the access to many tourists' spots have been

upgraded and become more convenient to visit. These specially included the Northern Areas of Pakistan where many towering peaks of the world are also located. The Japanese mountaineers also have been visiting these peaks regularly. Pakistan is also the cradle of Gandhara civilization and these historical places carry immense attraction for tourists. Hence, there is immense potential for promotion of tourism between the two countries which needs to be explored.

## AMBASSADOR ASAD M. KHAN FEATURED IN NHK'S "TOKYO EYE 2020"



The Ambassador featured in Japan's premier public television channel NHK programme, "Tokyo Eye 2020" and shared his experience of life, people and culture of Japan. The half hour long programme was hosted by Chris pepper of NHK World.

*(Watch video by clicking the link below:)*

<https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/vod/tokyoeeye2020/2053108/>

## Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan welcomed three member WASA and FDA delegation

**Ambassador Khan welcomed at the Embassy a three member Faisalabad WASA and FDA delegation led by Vice Chairman Mian Irfan Mannan**



## First Secretary visits Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency



First Secretary Gul Qaiser Sarwani participated in Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) Sagami-hara Campus Tour on the invitation of JAXA Tokyo. He also met Dr. Saku Tsuneta Vice President / Director General of Institute of Space and Astronautical Science and discussed areas of mutual interest. The visit offered easy to understand explanation on the most advanced, high technology such as current status of Japan aerospace research and development and future technology.



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