



# NEWSLETTER

EMBASSY OF  
THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN  
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## AMBASSADOR CALLS ON THE STATE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, H.E. MR. KAZUYUKI NAKANE

Ambassador Asad M. Khan called on the State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Kazuyuki Nakane at the Gaimusho (Ministry of Foreign Affairs). Ambassador briefed the State Minister about Pakistan's sustained economic turnaround and International Financial Institutions' encouraging assessment of the growth potential of Pakistan's economy. Ambassador also apprised the Minister of the remarkable gains made by Pakistan in eliminating terrorism from its soil and the improved security environment in Pakistan. He noted that last year witnessed the lowest number of terrorist incidents over the last decade.



State Minister agreed that substantial cooperation potential existed in various fields and expressed the hope that measures will be taken to harness it to the mutual benefit of both countries. He expressed the hope that friendly bilateral relations would further grow between Japan and Pakistan.

## **AMBASSADOR MEETS EDUCATION MINISTER**

Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan called on H.E. Yoshimasa Hayashi, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan to exchange views on bilateral relationship especially in the areas of education, human resource development and scientific and technological cooperation. Whilst congratulating the Minister on his appointment to the important position, Ambassador Khan briefed him on the vision to make education and scientific and technological cooperation with Japan a strategic pillar of bilateral relationship.

Minister Hayashi agreed to further enhance the cooperation between both countries in the sphere of education, science and technology and assured his complete support in this regard.



## **AMBASSADOR MEETS TERUO ASADA CHAIRMAN JAPAN-PAKISTAN BUSINESS COOPERATION COMMITTEE**

Ambassador Khan had a very constructive meeting with Chairman Japan-Pakistan Business Cooperation Committee Mr. Teruo Asada and his senior team over a working lunch. They reviewed progress being made on trade and economic initiatives between Japan and Pakistan and discussed opportunities in a variety of areas such as infrastructure, energy, transportation, construction, plant and machinery. The Ambassador especially underscored the importance of engaging young Pakistani trainees in relevant sectors in collaboration with JITCO and AOTS.



## DEFENCE DAY CELEBRATED IN PAKISAN EMBASSY 2017

The Defence Day was celebrated at the Embassy to commemorate the 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the 1965 war. The event was attended by senior military officers of Japan and Defence Wing of other countries followed by reception.

Ambassador Asad M. Khan in his address highlighted the sacrifices and the valour shown by the Armed Forces of Pakistan in defending the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Pakistan against aggression by a much larger neighbour in 1965.



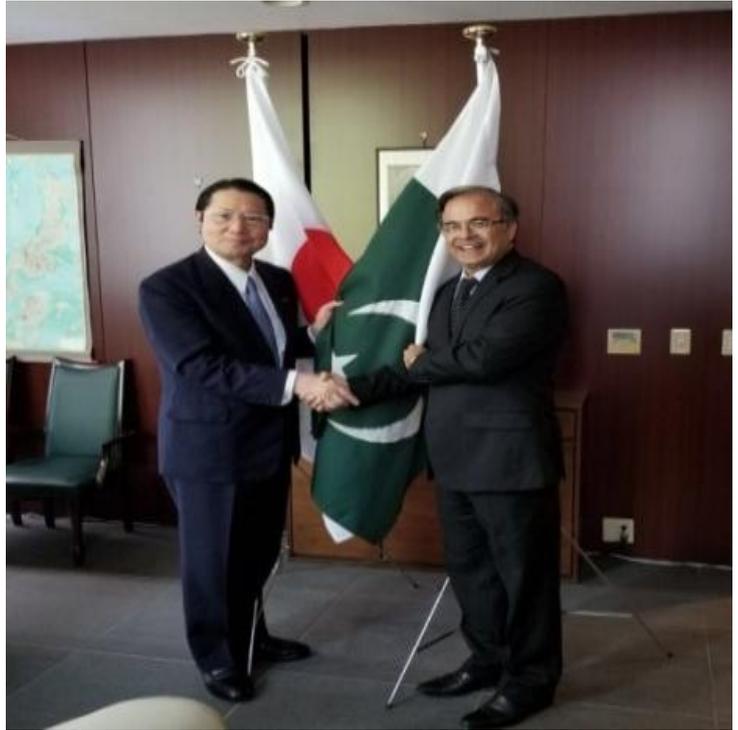
The Ambassador added that Pakistan was situated in a region where we faced a precarious peace and security environment. This required an ever more vigilant and fully prepared Armed Force ready to respond to any threat or challenge.



The Ambassador emphasized that, internally the country had moved ahead in a determined manner under the National Action Plan to combat terrorism and to remove the scourge of extremism from our soil for good. He stated that through sustained military and law enforcement operations, including Zarb-e-Azb, Ruddul Fasad and Khyber IV, Pakistan had made remarkable gains in wiping out terrorists of all hues and colours from Pakistan's soil resulting in improved security situation in the country with the current year witnessing the lowest number of terrorist incidents in over a decade.

## **AMBASSADOR MEETS CHAIRMAN JAPAN-PAKISTAN PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE**

Mr. Seishiro Eto, Chairman of Japan Pakistan parliamentary Friendship League called on Ambassador Asad M. Khan at the Embassy. The Ambassador lauded the efforts of Mr. Eto made towards further strengthening the bilateral relations between Japan and Pakistan. The Ambassador apprised Mr. Eto about positive economic indicators of Pakistan and its acknowledgement by the International Financial Institutions (IFIs). The Ambassador reiterated that the friendly relations between both the countries had been time tested and Japan had always been forthcoming towards sustained development and progress of Pakistan in all fields. Mr. Eto acknowledged the growth and depth of the close bilateral relations between the two countries and expressed hope to explore new ways and means in various fields for mutual benefits of both the countries.



## **AMBASSADOR ATTENDS CEREMONY TO CELEBRATE THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' AWARD FOR THE PRESIDENT OF JAPAN PAKISTAN ASSOCIATION**



Ambassador Dr. Asad Majeed Khan attended a ceremony to celebrate the conferment of the Foreign Ministers' Award on the great friend of Pakistan Mr. Shun Imaizumi, President Japan Pakistan Association. In his remarks the Ambassador highlighted that due to conducive political and economic environment in Pakistan, beneficial investment opportunities were available for foreign investment. The Ambassador also referred to the greatly improved law and order situation in Pakistan which had given immense confidence to foreign economic and financial institutions to invest in various sectors. The Ambassador expressed hope that Pak-Japan Association would make further efforts to strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries.

## AMBASSADOR MET WITH JBIC PRESIDENT

Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan called on Mr. Akira Kondoh, Governor of Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and its CEO Mr. Tadashi Maeda. Views were exchanged on matters of mutual interest with focus on JBIC's recent initiatives for Pakistan. The meeting also took stock of recent visit of Bank's delegation to Islamabad. The Ambassador noted that both trade and investment were the central pillars of the bilateral relationship and JBIC had a very important role to play in further strengthening the economic part of the relationship.



## A GROUP OF PAKISTANI STUDENTS ASSOCIATION JAPAN VISITED EMBASSY

An Event was held at the Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo with the Pakistani Students and academia community in Japan under the aegis of Pakistan Students Association Japan (PSAJ) to honour the graduated students and welcome the new entrants and further to discuss ways of deepening educational cooperation between Japan and Pakistan. The Ambassador appreciated the excellent work being done by Pakistani academics in Japan and urged them to rededicate themselves for the



scientific and technological uplift of Pakistan. He underscored that it was incumbent upon the graduated students to introduce academics and students in Pakistan to the available opportunities in Japan through their experience. The Ambassador emphasized that it was extremely important to establish and strengthen close linkages between the academic institutions, faculties and students of Japan and Pakistan.

## Ambassador's Engagements



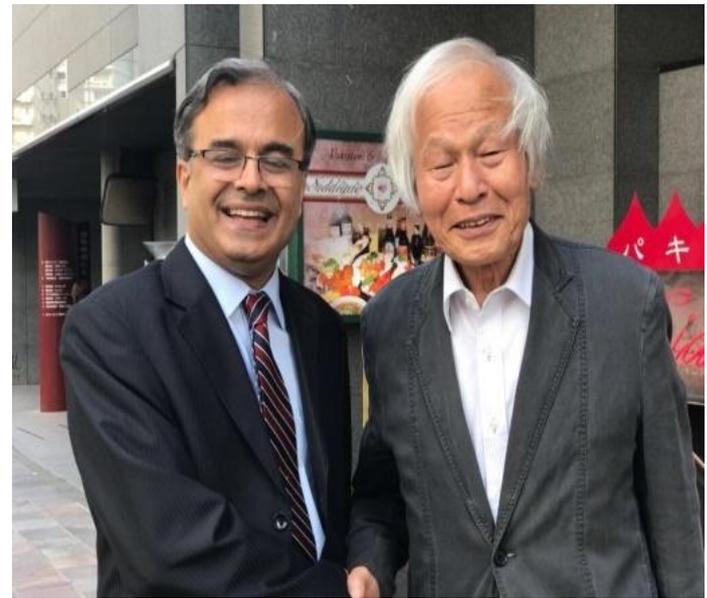
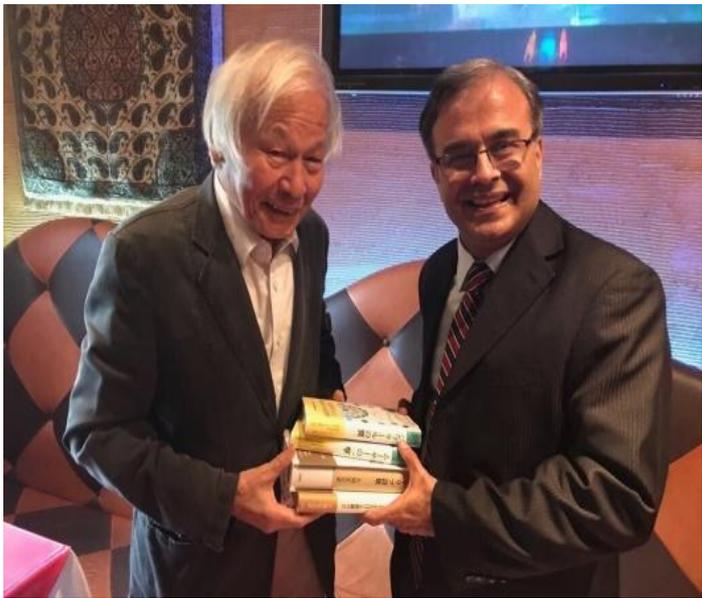
Ambassador Asad M. Khan met a group of GRIPS students at the Embassy and briefed them on important development in and around Pakistan



The Ambassador called on Tanaka Akihiko, President GRIPS and got a briefing on its activities and the contributions made by Pakistani participants



Ambassador Khan met Kuwayama Shinya President AOTS. Conveyed gratitude for capacity building support extended by AOTS to Pakistani trainees over the years



Ambassador Khan met Hiroji Kataoka Sensei, outstanding scholar & great friend of Urdu in Japan



A Reception was hosted by Vice Chairman Pakistan Japan Business Forum in honor of Ambassador Khan



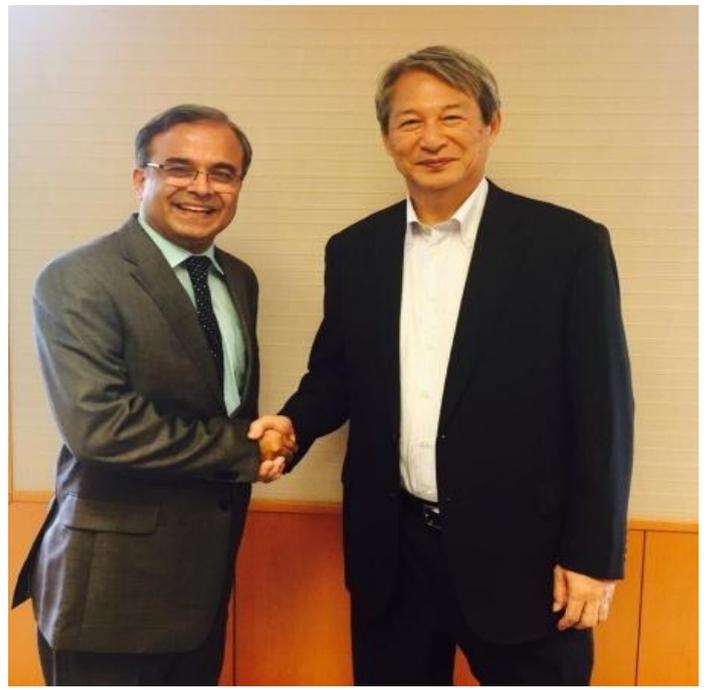
Ambassador Asad M. Khan called on Kiyotaka Akasaka, President, Foreign Press Center Japan. Mr. Akasaka briefed the Ambassador on the working of the Center.



Ambassador Khan met with Toshiro Muto, CEO Tokyo Organizing Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games 2020. Mr. Muto briefed the Ambassador comprehensively on preparation for the Games. Whilst underscoring that the Tokyo 2020 Games were more than merely a sporting tournament Ambassador Khan explored possibilities of cooperation in the relevant areas.



Ambassador Khan met Kensuke Tsuzuki SVP JITCO and discussed ways of availing Japan's technical intern training programme by Pakistani youth



The Ambassador met Takashi Shiraishi, President Institute of Developing Economies and discussed ways to deepen research collaboration in development economics between the two countries

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