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Ambassador called on Governor Osaka

Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar called on Governor Osaka Mr. Hirofumi Yoshimura who expressed the



desire to deepen friendly relations. He invited Pakistani companies & professionals to become a part of Kansai's growing economy. The Ambassador reiterated the commitment to develop this valuable partnership further. (May 11, 2023)



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Director, Suzuki Motor Corporation Japan called on Ambassador

Mr. Kinji Saito, Executive Director, Pak Suzuki Motors and Suzuki Motor Corporation Japan called on Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar today. Issues related to operations of Pak Suzuki in Pakistan and future prospects were discussed. (Apr 06, 2023)



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Progress on manpower agreements between Pakistan and Japan continues. The Pakistani mission in Tokyo is continuously looking for job opportunities in Japanese companies for Pakistani talents who know the Japanese language.

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Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar assured the President of Cooperative Rerise of all possible cooperation on behalf of the mission. (Apr 10, 2023)



President Pak-Japan Business Forum hosted a reception in honor of the Ambassador

A reception was hosted in honor of Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar by Mr Kalim Farooqui President of the Pakistan Japan Business Forum (PJBF). It was attended by former Ambassadors of Japan to Pakistan, officials of the Japanese Foreign Ministry, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) as well as representatives from Japan Chamber of Commerce, Nikkei Asia and leading Japanese business corporations.

(Apr 12, 2023)



MD Japan-Pakistan Association called on Ambassador

New Managing Director of Japan Pakistan Association Mr. Shoji Kikuchi called on Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar along with Mr. Shun Imaizumi. Ambassador suggested to devise a roadmap for future cooperation while reviewing existing activities of the association to increase impact. (Apr 19, 2023)



Ambassador congratulated Pakistani Taekwondo team on their remarkable victories in 19th Japan WATA Open Intl' Taekwondo Championship

Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar welcomed a Pakistani Taekwondo team in the Embassy and congratulated young champions on their remarkable victories in 19th Japan WATA open International Taekwondo Championship. The Pakistani team won five gold and two silver medals as well as one bronze. The Ambassador appreciated the efforts of the Taekwondo foundation and other entities for promoting sports culture among differently disabled young persons. (Apr 26, 2023)



Arrival Technical Intern Trainees from Pakistan to Japan

Efforts by the Embassy of Pakistan Tokyo continue to bear fruit. Two Technical Intern Trainees from Pakistan have arrived in Osaka Japan. Representatives of recipient supervising organization thanked Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar during a meeting for all the efforts made by the Mission. They informed that they had arranged online Japanese language classes for the selected trainees. Ambassador encouraged them to utilize such online classes for other prospective trainees as well. (Apr 28, 2023)



Sargodha Chamber of Commerce delegation called on Ambassador

A delegation from Sargodha Chamber of Commerce called on Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar today. Pakistani growers & exporters were offered all possible assistance in exploring Japanese market for agri & food products while highlighting critical value of ensuring standardization. (Apr 28, 2023)



Vice President FPCCI called on Ambassador

Vice President FPCCI Amin Ullah Baig called on Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar today to discuss investment & tourism opportunities between Pakistan & Japan. The Ambassador encouraged identifying potential JV projects focusing industrial relocation & tourism infrastructure. (May 02, 2023)



Ambassador briefed NDU delegation on Pak-Japan relations

A National Defence University (NDU) delegation led by President NDU, Lieutenant General Rahat Naseem Ahmed Khan, HI (M) visited the Embassy today. Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar inter alia, briefed the participants on Pakistan-Japan relations. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session. (May 08, 2023)



Ambassador received Rector NUTECH Lt. Gen. (R) Moazzam Ejaz, HI(M)

Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar received Rector National University of Technology (NUTECH) Lt. Gen. (R) Moazzam Ejaz, HI(M) today. NUTECH was the first organization in Pakistan to send trainees to Japan with the support of the Embassy. The Ambassador appreciated the efforts of NUTECH. The importance of Japanese language learning, cultural training, and quality assurance was discussed. Ambassador Tarar made various proposals in this regard and assured the Rector of continuous support. NUTECH team will also participate in the Pakistan Human Resource Seminar being organized by the Embassy in Osaka tomorrow. (May 09, 2023)



Pakistan Human Resource Seminar was conducted in Osaka by Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo.

To promote Pakistani manpower in Japan and for effective coordination among Japanese employers and Pakistani recruiters, Pakistan Human Resource Seminar was conducted in Osaka by Pakistan Embassy Tokyo. Senior Vice President, JITCO, 50+ Japanese companies, Rector NUTECH, representatives of Pakistan Overseas Employment Promoters Association (POEPA), and 30+ representatives of Pakistan Overseas Employment Promoters (OEPs) participated in the Seminar. Senior management of Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and 100+ OEPs participated online. The event was also broadcast live on official FB page of the Mission. Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar, while concluding the seminar, said that the demand of foreign workers in Japan is increasing and he urged Pakistani OEPs to make necessary arrangements for Japanese language learning in Pakistan. (May 10, 2023)



Kubota Corporation intends to expand its engagement in Pakistan

At their headquarters in Osaka, a presentation was made by Kubota Corporation to Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar on their projects in Pakistan. Kubota intends to expand its engagement in Pakistan to mechanize agriculture & supply of alternate power generation equipment. The Ambassador emphasized the need to develop economical & affordable solutions for farmers and industries in Pakistan. (May 11, 2023)



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Ambassador meets Parliamentary Vice Minister of Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

Parliamentary Vice Minister of Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade & Industry (METI) Mr. Satomi Ryuji reciprocated the willingness to further strengthen bilateral economic relations during a meeting with Ambassador Mr. Raza Bashir Tarar today. The Ambassador assured Minister Ryuji of handholding support for Japanese companies intending to invest in Pakistan. He further identified water purification, affordable agricultural machinery & renewable power generation as the target areas of possible engagement with Japanese counterparts.

(May 16, 2023)



Ambassador meets JICA President

Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar met the President of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Mr Akihiko Tanaka today. The President offered to increase cooperation in people-to-people exchanges and enhancing engagement in the fields of Disaster Management & Risk Reduction. In addition to the existing development portfolio, the Ambassador sought JICA's assistance in enhancing Japanese language training capacity in Pakistan to improve manpower export from Pakistan to Japan. (May 17, 2023)



Ambassador briefed Japan Ground Self Defence Forces' delegation on Pakistan-Japan relations.

A delegation from the Japan Ground Self Defence Forces (Training Evaluation Research and Development Command) visited the Embassy today. The delegation was briefed on Pakistan-Japan relations. Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar held an interactive session with the delegation after the briefing.

(June 07, 2023)



Japan Management Association presented a plaque to Ambassador

Japan Management Association presented a plaque to Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar acknowledging participation of Pakistan in Foodex Japan 2023. Every year, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) extends subsidy to Pakistani agri & food companies for exhibiting their products in Japan. (June 12, 2023)



Ambassador inaugurates a tasting event for Pakistani mangoes in Kisarazu

Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar joined Mr. Ken Theriault MD Costco Japan to inaugurate a tasting event for Pakistani mangoes in Kisarazu, Chiba. In the past three years, export of mangoes from Pakistan to Japan has grown over 200% and is expected to set another record this season. (June 24, 2023)



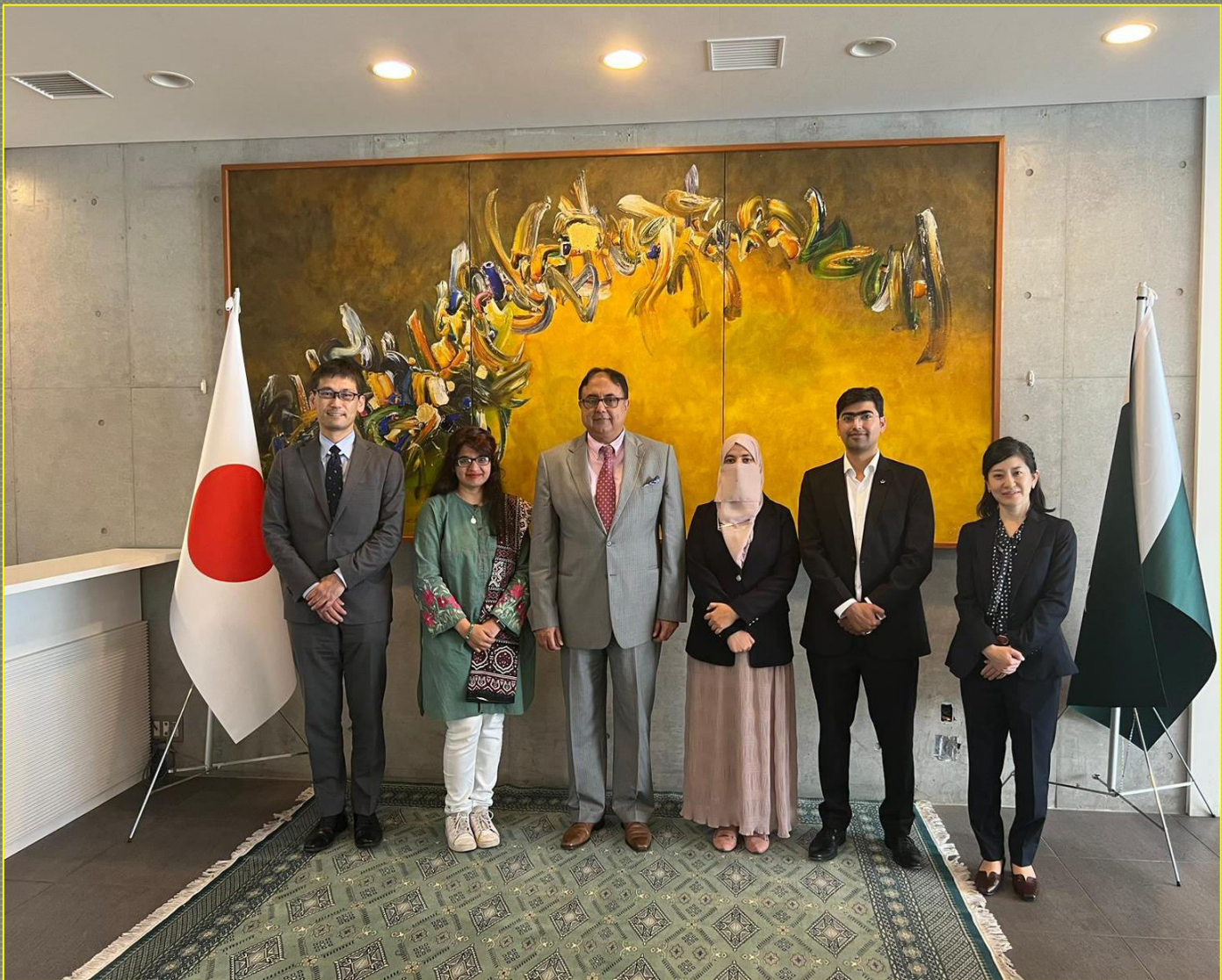
Ambassador meets Ambassador of China to Japan

Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar met Ambassador of China to Japan Wu Jianguo at the Chancery today. The Ambassadors discussed Pakistan-China relations and matters of mutual interest. (June 30, 2023)



Ambassador meets outgoing Pakistani Scholars

Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar received some outgoing Pakistani scholars who have graduated under the Japanese scholarship project: JDS. The Ambassador urged them to make use of the expertise acquired in the performance of their jobs in Pakistan. He also requested them to give their feedback on the scholarship program to the Embassy and the relevant Ministries in Pakistan. (June 28, 2023)



Foreign Secretary's interview with Nikkei Asia

World must unite to resolve Afghanistan crisis: Pakistan diplomat; Isolating the Taliban-controlled state risks further instability, says Asad Khan.



Photo by Kana Watanabe, Nikkei Staff Writer

TOKYO -- The world shares a "common responsibility" to tackle the problems facing Afghanistan through dialogue, instead of trying to isolate the Taliban-controlled nation, Pakistani Foreign Secretary Asad Majeed Khan told Nikkei in an interview. "It becomes the common responsibility of the international community to come together, to see this as a challenge," Khan said during a recent visit to Tokyo. The foreign secretary is the top career diplomat at Pakistan's Foreign Ministry. As countries pulled back aid after the Taliban takeover in August 2021, Afghanistan has struggled with food shortages, with the U.N. World Food Programme warning that millions face the risk of famine. Violence has continued in the country as well, killing more than 1,000 civilians and wounding over 2,600 since the takeover, according to a U.N. report. Pakistan, which neighbors Afghanistan to the east, has maintained diplomatic relations with Kabul. Foreign ministers from Afghanistan, Pakistan and China met in May to discuss solutions to the humanitarian crisis, Khan said. "If there is an economic or a political or a security meltdown, it affects every country, particularly in the immediate neighborhood," Khan said. "We have no other option but to engage, because whatever happens in Afghanistan doesn't stay in Afghanistan only. We are closely engaged, to see that the situation doesn't get any worse." Western nations and other like-minded countries have essentially cut off diplomatic ties with Kabul, refusing to recognize the Taliban-controlled state. The Afghan interim government is pushing through rules based on an extreme interpretation of Islam, curtailing the rights of women to work and receive an education. Khan said Pakistan shares Western concerns over the rights of women in Afghanistan, but added that isolating the country would invite greater instability. "Stability is a common priority for all the countries," he said. "We need to come together, to engage with them." But Khan dismissed the idea of engaging with the Pakistani Taliban, a group of militants also known as the TTP who are closely connected with the Taliban in Afghanistan. "I think that we have spoken quite clearly on numbers of occasions that negotiation is not an option," Khan said. "We will not negotiate with TTP." The TTP has been linked to terrorist activities inside Pakistan aimed at overthrowing the government. A cease-fire agreement struck between the government and the TTP fell apart last year. There are reports that the Taliban in Afghanistan has called for the two sides to resume dialogue, but Pakistan brushed aside the appeal. Pakistan's foreign secretary also touched on the country's tenuous economic situation during the interview. "We are in negotiations" with the International Monetary Fund regarding assistance, he said.

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