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Ambassador Khan attended the lunch hosted by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe hosted a luncheon meeting with 24 foreign ambassadors who speak Japanese language and exchanged views



of mutual interests. Ambassador Asad M. Khan who is fluent in Japanese also attended the event. Speaking to the ambassadors, Prime Minister Abe acknowledged the fact that opinions of the Japanese speaking ambassadors were very precious as they all deeply understood the Japanese culture and society through the Japanese language. The Prime Minister hoped that they would send messages about Japan's attractiveness and culture to the world.

Addressing the exclusive gathering, Ambassador Khan recalled his stay in Japan as student, trainee and diplomat and cherished the warmth and affection he experienced during all that time. The Ambassador added that while Japanese people had always been very keen

and willing learners, the present-day world with ever growing strife, intolerance / extremism and individualism had much to learn from the Japanese people and society. In this regard, the Ambassador referred to four areas where one could learn from the strong points of the Japanese culture and society i.e. the religious tolerance in Japan, Japan's experiences with ravages of war and conflict and its unflinching faith in and desire for peace, Japanese people



outstanding ability to work as a team and the consensus building skills in the Japanese society and the patience and flexibility required to achieve it. Ambassador Khan further added that the younger generations and societies across the world could gain much by learning from Japan in these important areas.



AMBASSADOR CALLED ON H.E. KEIJI YAMADA GOVERNOR OF TOKYO

Ambassador Khan called on H.E Keiji Yamada, Governor of Kyoto & exchanged views on promoting cooperation in the fields of education, culture and business



AMBASSADOR KHAN CALLED ON H.E. JUN ARAI VICE GOVERNOR OSAKA PREFECTURE



Ambassador Khan met with H.E. Jun Arai Vice Governor Osaka Prefecture and explored ways of deepening cooperation with Osaka

THE AMBASSADOR CALLED ON VICE MINISTER OF METI

Ambassador Khan met the Vice Minister for International Affairs, METI and discussed ways of strengthening bilateral trade and investment cooperation. The Ambassador stated that there is a rejuvenated interest of the Japanese companies in Pakistan on the investment side as some companies are returning back to Pakistan while new companies have also started their business. However, he emphasized, that there was still potential for lot more and hoped that Japanese companies would take full advantage of the conducive investment environment in Pakistan. The Ambassador added that Pakistan would like the engagement between the two countries on the trade front on more regular basis. The Vice Minister of METI appreciated the fact that economic indicators in Pakistan were very encouraging, hence, the situation in Pakistan was very conducive for Japanese companies to invest in various sectors. He expressed hope that through close collaboration efforts would be made on both the sides to further strengthen economic and financial co-operation in various fields.



AMBASSADOR KHAN MET WITH CEO OF SME SUPPORT JAPAN

Ambassador Asad M. Khan called on Hiroshi Takada, Chairman/CEO of SME support Japan and discussed ways of promoting collaboration between small and medium enterprises of Japan. The Ambassador pointed out that most of the Japanese big companies have its establishments in Pakistan and therefore, the Japanese businesses have more in depth knowledge about Pakistan as compared to other G-7 countries. The Ambassador stressed that Pakistan would like to work closely with SME support Japan to establish business linkages between Pakistan's SMEs and Japanese SMEs.

Mr. Takada also expressed hope that Pakistan and SME support Japan would work together to identify ways and means for a meaningful collaboration. He added that it is imperative to find out the area of interest of the Japanese SMEs in Pakistan and for this end close contact and working was essentially required.



DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENTS



The Ambassador at the UHC Forum 2017's High Level Segment attended by PM Abe & UNSG Guterres among other world leaders and also joined the Finance Minister Punjab Dr. Ayesha Pasha representing Pakistan as special guest.





The National Press Club invited Ambassador Khan to speak about Pakistan its state of economy, security and regional outreach
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDeTiKk1ddl>



Ambassador Khan welcomed NMC participants at the Embassy together with NSPP Dean Mr. Naem Aslam and briefed them on the state of play in the bilateral relations.



Ambassador Khan at the gala organized to pay tribute to Fidel Castro on the first anniversary of his passing and also met his son Antonio Castro



Ambassador Khan with Senator Natsuo Yamaguchi Chief of Komeito Party at the Kazakhstan's national day reception





Ambassador attended the International Robot Exhibition 2017 showcasing Japan’s cutting edge robot technologies.

AMBASSADOR KHAN AT OSAKA

Ambassador Khan with students and faculty of Osaka University’s Urdu Department



Ambassador Khan addressing to the Pakistani community members at the Consulate in Osaka





The Ambassador addressed to the students at Osaka University and also met Vice President Genta Kawahara

AMBASSADOR KHAN'S INTERVIEW TO JAPAN TIMES



The Japan Times interviewed Ambassador Asad Majeed Khan. The Ambassador shared his personal and professional experiences in Japan.

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/life/2017/12/17/people/furthering-pakistan-japan-bonds-education/#.WIUsiVWnGUk>





Ambassador Khan met with Mr. Yuichi Sunakawa Executive Director The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa. The Ambassador was also interviewed wherein he recalled his stay in Japan during the language training at the Japanese Language Institute Urawa and also expressed about Japanese people, culture and way of life.

http://www.jpff.go.jp/j/urawa/trnng_t/2017/active29_1101.html

AMBASSADOR'S INTERVIEW WITH FEC

The Ambassador in his interview with International Friendship Exchange Council stated that Pakistan and Japan were historically connected and bilateral relations were established even before the creation of Pakistan. He expressed hope that these relations would grow further to the mutual benefits of both the countries in all fields. The Ambassador informed that the security situation in Pakistan has improved tremendously and beside other fields, tourism in Pakistan is flourishing again. Japanese people are well aware of the attractive tourist destinations in Pakistan especially about the five highest mountains of the world located in Pakistan. The Ambassador desired that education exchanges between the two countries would increase in future. He also suggested a Pak-Japan Committee in FEC for identifying ways and means to further strengthen the bilateral relations.

<http://www.fec-ais.com/cms/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/S.pdf>

■ パキスタン・イスラム共和国大使

日本からの留学生増やしたい



▷10月13日=アサド・マジード・カーン駐日パキスタン・イスラム共和国大使 湯下博之FEC専務理事は、アサド・マジード・カーン駐日パキスタン大使を訪問した。1990年から91年にかけて日本で日本語を学び、93年から98年にかけて駐日パキスタン大使館で二等書記官として勤務し、98年から2002年にかけて九州大学に留学して国際経済法と国際商法の博士号を取得した大使は、その後国連代表部公使参事官や在米大使館次席（13年5月から14年1月までは臨時代理大使）として米国在勤が続いた。この度17年ぶりに日本在勤となり、再び日本語に磨きをかけている。

【大使のコメント】

日本とパキスタンは、かつて極めて緊密な関係にあった。歴史的には、パキスタンは仏教文化が生まれた地で、奈良時代にガンダーラを通じて仏教文化が日本に入った。第二次大戦前も1925年に東京銀行の支店がカラチに開設され、商社はそれ以前から進出していた。第二次大戦後も、50年に東京にパキスタン貿易事務所が開かれ、日本・パキスタン国交樹立の54年にはJETROのカラチ事務所が開かれた。当時の日本の主要産業であった繊維産業の原料は、パキスタンの綿花であった。パキスタンは当時から親日的で、サンフランシスコ平和条約会議ではザフラ・カーン外相が日本に対して正義と和解に基づく態度を探るべしとの演説を行い、対日賠償を断った。

その後パキスタンは、治安の問題等があり、大変であったが、この数年、治安も経済情勢も良くなり、種々の機会が生まれている。

パキスタンは世界第5位の人口大国であり、19歳から30歳までの若い人が6割を占めている。英語を話し、ITが得意である。親日で、日本を尊敬し、日本に対しては善意と愛着しか持っていない。

このような事実を踏まえて、両国間の貿易や投資に関して双方向に役立つ縁組を作りたい。既にパキスタンで走っている自動車の98%は日本車であるが、今後はエネルギー分野、特にLNG発電や送配電網分野での進出を期待したい。

観光についても、パキスタンには世界の8000mを超える巨峰8つのうち5つが存在しており、かつては日本からの登山者が多かった。治安が良くなり、日本外務省の安全情報でも3から2へ改善されているので、是非訪れて欲しい。現在、パキスタンからは200人位の学生が日本に留学しているが、もっと増やしたい。日本の教育事情についてパキスタンでは情報が少ないので、情報提供を期待したい。

FECに日本・パキスタン委員会が出ることを期待する。



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