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Ambassador meets Mayor of Biratori City in Hokkaido

Pakistan Embassy in Tokyo is extending full cooperation to city governments in Japan to enhance export of manpower from Pakistan to Japan under various agreements. In this regard, today Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar and Mayor of Biratori city in Hokkaido exchanged friendship cooperation letters to promote acceptance of Pakistani workers. Ambassador assured the City government that the Embassy will continue to explore new possibilities under cultural and economic exchange initiatives. (July 11, 2023)



FWEAP President called on Ambassador

President Foundation for the Welfare of the Asian People (FWEAP), Mr. Kazuhiko Anzai called on Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar today. Future plans of FWEAP regarding visitors from Pakistan were discussed. (July 13, 2023)



Ambassador meets a delegation of Marubeni Itochu Steel & Arif Habib Group

Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar highlighted the importance of investing in renewable energy and developing industries with high potential of creating jobs to gain real outcomes of FDI. He was meeting a delegation of Marubeni Itochu Steel and Arif Habib Group lead by Mr. Arif Habib. (July, 07, 2023)



Pakistan Investment Seminar held at JETRO Head Office in Tokyo

The Government of Japan, in collaboration with the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), held a significant Pakistan Investment Seminar at the JETRO head office in Tokyo. This event was an integral part of ongoing efforts to foster international trade and investment ties between Japan and Pakistan. The seminar was inaugurated by, Mr. Kazuya Nakajo, Executive Vice President of JETRO, who emphasized the strategic importance of enhancing economic cooperation and exploring synergies between the two nations. Ambassador of Pakistan Mr. Raza Bashir Tarar made welcome remarks. The Honorable Minister of the Board of Investment Pakistan, Ch. Salik Hussain, delivered the keynote address. Minister Hussain articulated the positive trajectory of economic relations and outlined the prospects for future collaboration and investment between Japan and Pakistan. Detailed presentations and discussions followed, covering macroeconomic conditions in Pakistan and the operational insights of Japanese companies within the country. A representative of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) elaborated on investment opportunities and incentives available in Pakistan. Additional Secretaries of the Board of Investment Mr. Jamil Qureshi & Ms. Ambreen Iftikhar, made comprehensive presentations on the investment climate in Pakistan, including an overview of the Special Investment Facilitation Council's efforts to streamline procedures and promote foreign investment. The Seminar was attended by more than 140 Japanese companies signifying renewed interest in investing in Pakistan. (August 01, 2023)



Youn-e-Istehsal observed on August 5, 2023

Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo observed Youn-e-Istehsal to express solidarity with the oppressed people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). The day marked four years since the illegal actions of India to change the status of IIOJK. A photographic exhibition depicting continued atrocities being committed by Indian occupation forces was also organized at the Chancery. The Ambassador also held an interactive session with Japanese electronic, print and social media journalists to highlight the situation in IIOJK. (August 05, 2023)



Ambassador meets Managing Director & General Manager of Policy Proposal of Japan Foreign Trade Council

Ambassador Raza Bashir met Mr. Fumiaki Miyamoto, Managing Director and Mr. Masayuki Fujii, General Manager of Policy Proposal of Japan Foreign Trade Council (JFTC) today. Detailed discussion was held about the improved investment environment in Pakistan specially after the establishment of Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC). (August 07, 2023)



Ambassador meets Chief Representative for Pakistan, Marubeni Corporation

Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar met Mr. Itaru Nakamura, Chief Representative for Pakistan, Marubeni Corporation. Detailed discussion was held about possibility of increasing and diversifying Marubeni's investment portfolio in Pakistan especially in light of the establishment of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC). (August 10, 2023)



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All members of Embassy of Pakistan Tokyo join me in wishing all Pakistanis in Japan, Pakistan and all over the world a Happy Independence Day.

Guided by the vision of the Quaid we are determined to make Pakistan true to its founding principles. Let us rise above our differences and work wholeheartedly for the betterment of Pakistan and its people.

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Pakistan's Ambassador to Japan
~ Raza Bashir Tarar

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Pakistan's 76th Independence Day Celebrated at Embassy in Tokyo

The Embassy of Pakistan in Tokyo commemorated the 76th Independence Day of Pakistan today with a fervent celebration that echoed the spirit of freedom and unity. The event took place at the embassy premises, where Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar unfurled the Pakistani flag at 9:00 AM amidst a gathering of enthusiastic Pakistani nationals residing in Japan. Ambassador Tarar read out the messages from the President and Prime Minister of Pakistan, which highlighted the nation's accomplishments and aspirations for the future. Adding a musical touch to the occasion, a soul-stirring Qawali performance captivated the audience and resonated with the essence of Pakistan's cultural heritage. The Qawali not only entertained but also brought to life the rich artistic traditions that define the nation's identity. Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar expressed his heartiest gratitude to all attendees for their unwavering support and shared enthusiasm in commemorating this significant day. (August 14, 2023)



Ambassador congratulates Ch. Asif Mahmood on his appointment as Ambassador-at-Large on Investment

His Excellency Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar congratulated Pakistani community member Chaudhary Asif Mahmood on his appointment as Ambassador-at-Large on Investment. Offering complete support, he identified energy, mining, IT & agri as potential sectors for Japanese investments. (September 04, 2023)



A delegation of Rotary Club of Chiba met Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar . Plans to eradicate polio from Pakistan were discussed. (Sept. 14)



Defence Day reception held at Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo.

Defence Day reception was held to commemorate the Defence Day at the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Tokyo. It was attended by Japan's State Minister of Defence Mr Ino Toshiro, senior leadership of Japan's Ministry of Defence, members of Defence Attaché Corps in Tokyo and prominent Japanese scholars.

Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar highlighted the sacrifices of the valiant Armed Forces of Pakistan in defending Pakistan against aggression. 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. Ambassador Tarar reiterated Pakistan's commitment for peaceful resolution of disputes and conflicts. Ambassador appreciated the cooperation of the Japanese Self Defence Forces with Pakistan Armed Forces particularly, in the realm of training and capacity building. He expressed hope that both the countries would continue to maintain a cooperative relationship for mutual benefit as well as strengthening regional and world peace and stability.

State Minister of Defence Mr Ino Toshiro also addressed the audience and emphasized the importance of defence cooperation between the two countries. National anthems of both the countries were played at the event. (September 06, 2023)



Pakistan Independence Day Special

Investment, engagement on the rise

BAZA NAHUR TARAR
AMBASSADOR OF PAKISTAN



On the auspicious occasion of the Independence Day of Pakistan, let me express on behalf of the government of Pakistan, myself and my compatriots in Japan, our respects and sincere greetings to Their Imperial Majesties Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, members of the imperial family, H.E. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, the government and the friendly people of Japan.

On Aug. 14, 1947, Pakistan became an independent and sovereign nation-state. We pay tribute to the founder of the Nation Qaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, part of the East African Muhammad Iqbal and all the other great leaders of the movement that paved the way for the creation of Pakistan. Since its independence, Pakistan has always approached the countries of the world with a desire for lasting peace, friendship and mutual respect for sovereignty.

Diplomatic relations between Pakistan and Japan were established on April 28, 1952. Our friendly relations are time-tested. It is a relationship based on mutual respect and understanding and is characterized by a shared sense of history and common perceptions on important issues. In the current scenario, Pakistan and Japan show pragmatism in approaching international and regional situations and their relations.

Both friendly countries enjoy traditionally fraternal ties based on mutual trust, cooperation, people-to-people contacts, as well as cultural and civilizational linkages. Historic ties between the peoples of the two countries date back to prehistoric times. The Gandhara and Indus Valley civilizations and cotton trade were some of the oldest means of contact between the countries.

Pakistan attaches great importance to its relationship with Japan. We have always looked to Japan with a sense of respect and admiration as a very important country in Asia, whose economic success and model we wish to emulate. Similarly, the Japanese people are kind, progressive and family-centric. They have a lot of similarities with the people of Pakistan.

Our relations have grown from strength to strength during the last 71 years in multiple fields. We are also seeing increasing and expanding cooperation at various levels of engagement. The recent successful visit of Pakistan's Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari reinforced our already strong ties.

The bedrock of our relationship has been economic, with Japan being a key developmental partner, a major investor and a significant export destination for Pakistan. Our economic cooperation and engagement has been picking up in the last few years. The recent Pakistan Investment Seminar co-organized in Tokyo by the governments of Pakistan and Japan was highly attended, signifying renewed Japanese interest in investing in Pakistan.

Japan is also one of Pakistan's key partners in the fields of education, management,



The Hindu Valley near Skardu in the Gilg-Baltistan region is covered with lush evergreen forests of pine, juniper and other tree species. (GAMMA VIAZ)

and scientific and technological cooperation. We need to further deepen our comprehensive engagement with Japan in these important areas to make them a key pillar of bilateral relations.

Defense relations between our countries remain robust and strong. Based on strong foundations, bilateral defense relations have grown from strength to strength. Their present scope is characterized by a strong mutual trust and reliability.

I would like to highlight the major contribution of the Pakistani diaspora in Japan. Our community in Japan is among the pioneers in the export of used automobiles, the carpet trade and halal food. They remain important contributors to the Japanese

economy. We are also working with our Japanese friends to promote the export of skilled manpower from Pakistan to Japan.

I believe that both friendly countries need to further deepen their engagement in the fields of economics, culture, tourism and people-to-people exchanges. Moreover, we need to explore new arenas of cooperation to further broaden our relations. We will keep working with all stakeholders in Japan and Pakistan to achieve these objectives.

We should endeavor to carry forward the excellent momentum in our relations to the years ahead and forge partnerships in multiple fields. We are also confident that our joint efforts our fraternal ties and cooperative relations will acquire further depth in the years to come, to the mutual benefit of our two peoples and regional peace and prosperity.

Long live Pakistan-Japan friendship!
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A hiker poses in front of Mount Rakaposhi, a 7,666-meter geological sacred in the Hindu Valley near Skardu that has become a tourist draw in recent years. (GAMMA VIAZ)

Public-private ties key to growth

AKIRA TERAKAWA
CHAIRMAN OF THE JAPAN-PAKISTAN BUSINESS COOPERATION COMMITTEE



On behalf of the Japan-Pakistan Business Cooperation Committee, please allow me to extend my sincere congratulations to the government and people of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

on the auspicious occasion of Pakistan's Independence Day.

Since the JBCC's establishment in 1984, we have been promoting bilateral business ties, trade, investment and economic activities. Last year was the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Pakistan. The JBCC held the 14th Japan-Pakistan Private Sector Business Dialogue in Islamabad together with the Pakistan Japan Business Forum in September 2022. We also attended the Government Business Dialogue organized by the governments of Japan and Pakistan

as representatives of the Japanese business community. We paid a courtesy call on His Excellency Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to report the results of the discussion. We hope to further strengthen economic ties between Japan and Pakistan by bringing together the strengths of the public and private sectors.

Pakistan has a population of over 240 million people. Those under the age of 25 account for approximately 60% of the total, and there are many English-speaking human resources, so we believe that Pakistan's potential is extremely high.

I believe that Pakistan will be able to achieve further economic development thanks to its demographic dividend and such promising industrial sectors as automobiles, textiles and information technology, among others. I also expect more Japanese companies to enter the Pakistani market in the future.

Please let me conclude my message once again by offering my congratulations on the occasion of Pakistan's Independence Day, as well as my sincere wishes for Pakistan's increasing development and prosperity going forward.

Friendship helps us prevail over hardship

SHISHIRO ITO
CHAIRMAN OF THE JAPAN-PAKISTAN PARLIAMENTARIANS FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE



On the occasion of the 76th anniversary of the Independence Day of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to the government and people of Pakistan on behalf of the Japan-Pakistan Parliamentarians Friendship League.

Pakistan was hit by devastating floods last year that caused the loss of many lives, with one-third of the country submerged and millions of people displaced. Once

again, I would like to express my deepest and sincere sympathies. Japan is similar to Pakistan in the sense that it is a country where natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods occur frequently. I hope that Japan would be able to contribute to Pakistan's recovery and future disaster prevention through the knowledge and technology we have gained through our experiences.

On the other hand, Japan will never forget the support that Pakistan extended to us when the Great East Japan Earthquake struck in 2011 and for the safe evacuation of a Japanese national as well as Afghan staffers from the Japanese Embassy and the Japan International Cooperation Agency's office when the situation in Afghanistan deteriorated in 2021. We hope that we can continue to maintain and strengthen this

traditional cooperative relationship of helping each other in times of need.

The spread of the novel coronavirus has reinforced cooperation with us when it was most active, and I feel that people-to-people exchanges are returning to previous levels. Last month, Pakistan's Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari visited Japan for the first time in four years. I hope that the bilateral exchanges in various fields and at various levels will become more active, and that the overall Japan-Pakistan relationship will be revitalized.

The Japan-Pakistan Parliamentarians Friendship League is committed to further promoting the friendship between Japan and Pakistan that has been sustained for more than 70 years.

My prosperity continue to reign in Pakistan.



Left: Scenic Katpanah Lake in the midst of a high-altitude desert in the Gilg-Baltistan region. Right: A hiker poses in front of Mount Rakaposhi, a formidable peak in the Karakoram range. (GAMMA VIAZ)




The Hindu Valley, adjacent to Deosai National Park in the western Himalayas in the Gilg-Baltistan, is a popular tourist spot known for its scenic views and many lakes. (GAMMA VIAZ)



The Hindu Valley Civilization was one of the world's earliest developed civilizations about 5,500 years ago. Situated on the banks of the Indus River, the remains of the Harappan and Kot Diji urban groups belong to this great civilization. (RTY/SHAGUN)

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Independence Day of Pakistan

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Pakistan-Japan ties deepening in key areas

By Raza Beshir Tarar
Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

On the auspicious occasion of the Independence Day of Pakistan, let me express on behalf of the government of Pakistan, myself and my compatriots in Japan, our respectful and sincere greetings to Their Imperial Majesties the Emperor and Empress, members of the Imperial family, H.E. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, and the government and the friendly people of Japan.



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spect for sovereignty.

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Long live Pakistan-Japan friendship!

MP league eyes more active relations

By Seishiro Eto
Chairman of the Japan-Pakistan Parliamentarians' Friendship League and Member of the House of Representatives

On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Independence Day of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and on behalf of the Japan-Pakistan Parliamentarians' Friendship League, I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to the government and people of Pakistan.



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JPBCC seeks even closer economic ties

By Akira Terakawa
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Gandharan art: Early depictions of Buddha in Pakistan

Originally, the depiction of the supreme Buddha in human form was considered taboo. However, during the first century, perception shifted in the Gandhara region, Gandhara, an ancient kingdom located in present-day northwestern Pakistan, played a pivotal role as a crucial hub along the Silk Road, connecting the East and the West and attracting diverse ethnic groups. Buddhism was practiced in Gandhara, but initially, people refrained from creating images of Buddha. Gradually, the influence of Western culture, which involved sculpting gods, led to the emergence of the first Buddha statues in Gandhara. As a result, the statues and carvings of Buddha found in Pakistan are among the earliest representations of him.

Today, Pakistan is home to three museums that house remarkable collections of Gandharan art:

1. **Peshawar Museum:** This is one of the most extensive collections of Gandharan art from the Buddhist era, and one of the largest collections of Buddhist artifacts globally. Visitors can marvel at Buddhist stone sculptures, terracotta figurines, and other significant objects. The main hall showcases various aspects of Buddha's life, including stories about him, miracles, symbols of worship, relic caskets, and individual standing Buddha sculptures. Additionally, the

museum features ethnological objects from the period.

2. **Taxila Museum:** This museum holds one of Pakistan's most significant and comprehensive collections of stone Buddhist sculptures dating from the 1st to the 7th centuries, part of Gandharan art. The core of the collection originates from excavation sites in the Taxila Valley, particularly those led by Sir John Marshall. Other pieces come from excavations elsewhere in Gandhara, donations like the Ram Das Collection, or items seized by police and customs authorities. The museum houses more than 1,400 objects in total.

3. **Lahore Museum:** The Lahore Museum houses an impressive array of Greco-Buddhist sculptures, as well as Mughal and Pahari paintings. With 14,000 artifacts on display, and over 58,000 artifacts in its collection, it holds significant relics from the Indus Valley civilization, Gandhara, and the Greco-Bactrian periods. One of its prized possessions is the "Fasting Buddha," which dates back to the Gandharan period.

These museums offer a fascinating glimpse into the rich artistic heritage of Gandhara and its portrayal of Buddha, providing valuable insights into ancient history and culture.

By Muhammad Faruq Rafiq
Press Consultant, Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo



The largest Gandharan Buddha statue at the Peshawar Museum

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