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## Pakistan Mango Festival held in Embassy



As part of its public diplomacy activities and to further introduce and popularize Pakistani mangoes in Japan, the Embassy of Pakistan organized “Pakistan Mango Festival” in Tokyo. A large number of guests including Japanese dignitaries, Government functionaries, diplomats, members of civil society and media persons attended the event and had a first-hand experience of taste and aroma of the famous Pakistani mangoes.



Welcoming the guests, Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad stated that Pakistan with 2 Million tons of yield was the 5<sup>th</sup> largest producer and the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest exporter of mangoes. He proudly stated that mango is called the ‘King of Fruits’ and Pakistani mango is among the sweetest fruits on the face of the earth. He informed the guests that Punjab and Sindh provinces of Pakistan are known for growing over 200 main varieties of mangoes. He added that Over 100,000 tons of best quality mangoes of different varieties are exported from Pakistan to markets in Europe, Middle East, Asia and the Far East. Pakistan earns around US\$ 100 million annually from export of mangoes. He hoped that export of mangoes to Japan will surge with more varieties of mangoes introduced in near future.



The guests attending the festival were served with fresh mangoes and mango cuts as well as wide-range of mango delicacies such as mango milk-shake, mango lassi, mango ice cream, mango salad, mango soufflé, mango mousse, mango pudding, mango cake, mango ebi chilli , chicken with mango curry, mango norimaki sushi and much more. The guests thoroughly enjoyed the variety of dishes and hailed the unique and sweet taste of Pakistani Mangoes.

## Five Day Pakistan-Japan Friendship Festival-2019 organized at Ueno Park, Tokyo



In connection with celebrations of Independence Day of Pakistan, Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad inaugurated the Pakistan Japan Friendship Festival-2019 at Ueno Park, Tokyo. He was joined in the inauguration by the Mayor of Taito Ward, Mr. Yukuo Hattori.



Addressing the audience, the Ambassador highlighted the strength of Japan-Pakistan friendship stretched over a period of 67 years and based on mutual respect and dignity. The Ambassador reiterated that events like Pakistan-Japan Friendship Festival bring together people from both the countries to experience each other's cultural and traditional traits besides enjoying delicious cuisine and live music etc.



The Ambassador was all praise for members of the Pakistani Community for organizing a wonderful festival that showcased colour and shades of both countries. He acknowledged the fact that Pakistani Community was vibrantly promoting the image of Pakistan and the festival which had pleasantly grown bigger in scale over a period of time, itself was testimony to it. He assured complete cooperation and support of the Embassy to the Community in all initiatives aimed at the projection of 'True Image' of Pakistan.

A huge number of people from all walks of life attended the opening of the festival and thoroughly enjoyed live music and cuisine of both the countries. People thronged the stalls showcasing Pakistani and Japanese handicrafts, dresses and other items of interest.



The Pakistan-Japan Friendship Festival concluded on the Independence Day at Ueno Park Tokyo after five days of festivity and colourful events. An impressive and elaborate concluding ceremony was organized wherein Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad hoisted the National Flag whilst a huge crowd recited the national anthem of Pakistan.



Speaking on the occasion, The Ambassador stated that celebration of Independence Day had no doubt added more flavor to the festival, however, the whole nation also showed solidarity with the Kashmiri brethren of Indian occupied Kashmir who had been subjected to worst kind of atrocities by the Indian occupied forces. He reiterated that Pakistan stood firm with the Kashmiri people in their righteous cause and would raise strong voice at every forum against the recent illegal acts of India.



The ceremony ended with prayers for prosperity of Pakistan and resolve to extend support to the people of Indian occupied Kashmir towards their right of self-determination.



## Open House event at the Embassy to celebrate Eid-ul-Adha

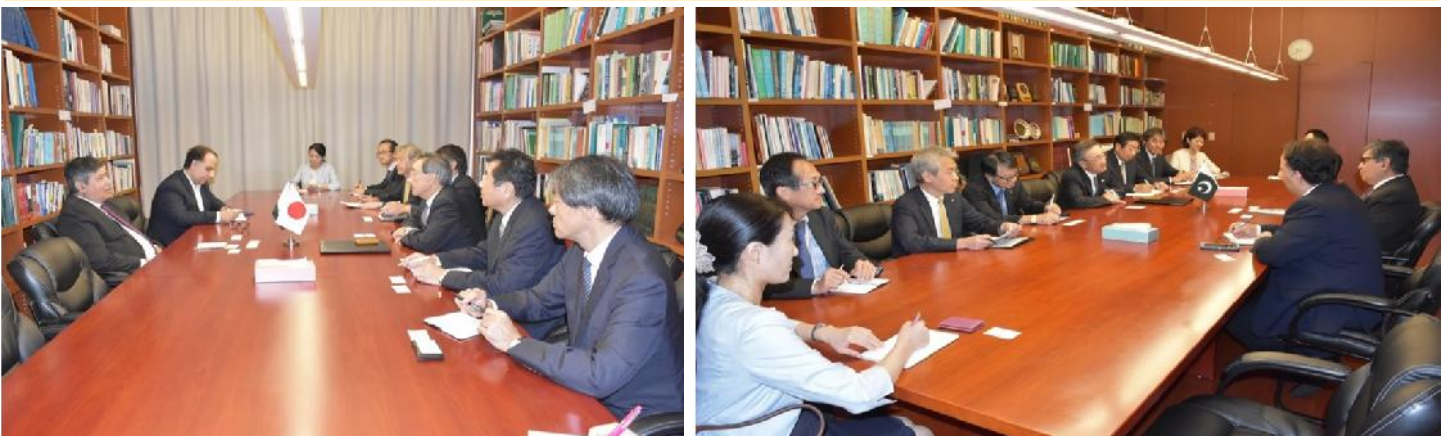
On the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Adha an open house event was organized at the Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo to exchange Eid greetings. Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad, officers and officials of the Embassy felicitated a large number of people from Pakistani Community who attended the event. Speaking on this occasion, the Ambassador stressed that Eid-ul-Adha reminded us of the great sacrifice and selfless spirit behind it. He added that through coherent and dedicated efforts, the objectives of harmony, tolerance, patience and moderation can be achieved in the society.



Giving special reference to the illegal acts of India in Indian Occupied Kashmir i.e. revocation of its special status, the Ambassador reaffirmed Pakistan's unflinching commitment to stand firm with the Kashmiri brethren who had been subjected to even more inhuman pain, agony, torture and subjugation most recently. Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad underscored that Pakistan would oppose the unlawful and illegal acts of India related to IOK at every forum and would keep extending all out moral, political and diplomatic support to the just cause of the people of IOK.

The event concluded with prayers for the prosperity and progress of Pakistan besides making pledge to work untiringly for the promotion of Pakistan's interests and 'True Image'.

## Meeting with Mr. Teruo Asada, Executive Advisor Marubeni Corp.



The Executive Advisor and former Chairman Marubeni Corporation and Chairman The Japan-Pakistan Business Co-operation Committee Teruo Asada met Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad at the Embassy. The two sides exchanged views on finding more ways and means on enhancing economic cooperation between the two countries. Mr. Teruo Asada was assisted by Executives of Japan International Chamber of Commerce, Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

## Independence Day Celebrated in Embassy



To celebrate the 72nd anniversary of independence, a simple but impressive ceremony was held at the Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo. Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad hoisted the national flag whilst the audience recited the National anthem of Pakistan. Besides officers, officials of the Embassy and their families, a large number of Pakistanis from all walks of life attended the ceremony. The Ambassador read the messages of the President and Prime Minister of Pakistan. The messages firmly reiterated the nation's resolve to stand united and strive hard to overcome our present-day challenges and make Pakistan a self-reliant, economically vibrant and a progressive country.



The Ambassador in his remarks stated that 14th August 1947, signified the emergence of an independent ideological State under the indomitable leadership of Quaid -e- Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah who believed in following the principles of democracy, peace and friendship with all the nations of the world.



The Ambassador underscored that this year's Independence Day carried immense importance and significance as the whole nation stood resolved to staunchly oppose the recent illegal acts of Indian Government to alter the internationally recognized disputed status of Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOK). He added that the valiant people of IOK could not be deterred from their just cause by the ongoing brutalities and inhuman tactics unleashed by the Indian government and its security forces. He added that Pakistan will continue to extend political, diplomatic and moral support to the indigenous struggle of the Kashmiri people for realization of their inalienable right to self-determination.

## Event to observe Kashmir Black Day at Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo

An event was organized at the Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo to observe August 15 as Black Day and show solidarity with the Kashmiri people besides condemning the recent illegal acts of the Indian Government to revoke the special constitutional status of Indian Occupied Kashmir. People from all walks of life attended the event with zeal and enthusiasm.



Addressing the gathering, Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad stated that Pakistan and Kashmiri people have strongly rejected the nefarious move of the Indian Government to scrap the constitutional and legal status of Indian Occupied Kashmir. He added that the Government and people of Pakistan have reaffirmed their moral, diplomatic and political support for the inalienable right of self-determination of the Kashmiri people. The Ambassador deplored that Indian Government and its security forces have subjected the people of IOK to the worst kind of human rights violation. Kashmir has been disconnected from the rest of the world with imposition of indefinite curfew, suspension of all cyber communication lines, extra judicial killings and random imprisonment of innocent people. Use of pellet guns and cluster bombs against innocent civilians showed the intensity of Indian brutalities and violation of all norms and customs of International law.

The Ambassador reiterated Government's resolve to reach out to various world leaders and the UN in order to sensitize them regarding the issue. He underscored that Pakistan is committed to maintain regional peace and stability, however, any Indian aggression would be responded befittingly.

The Ambassador urged all to raise this issue individually as well as collectively in order to sensitize the public about the Indian atrocities being committed in Kashmir.



## Roadshow to promote Pakistan International Paragliding Cup and Kashmir Premier League

A road show was organized at the Embassy of Pakistan Tokyo to showcase the forthcoming Pakistan International Paragliding Cup and Kashmir Premiere League Cricket to be held shortly in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK). A large number of Japanese guests from all walks of life and members of Pakistani Community attended the event.



Addressing the gathering, Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad appreciated the efforts of the organizers for organizing an event in AJK that would not only promote tourism in the area but also present the true scenario in the area where people exercise their free will, lead a peaceful life and have opportunities to engage in entertaining activities.



The Ambassador referred to the people of Indian Occupied Kashmir (IOK) who have been subjected to worst kind of atrocities and human rights violation after the recent illegal actions taken by India to revoke its special constitutional status. He reiterated that Pakistan has taken up the issue at all forums and would continue to forcefully support the just cause of the Kashmiri people through all moral, political and diplomatic means. The Ambassador added that the dichotomy in situation on both sides of Line of Control (LOC) is glaring as people in IOK have been stripped of all sorts of freedom and subjected to unparalleled suppression whereas the forth coming sporting events in AJK would give a glorious opportunities to the free people of the area to witness, participate and luxuriate in an international event.



The Ambassador also referred to the potential of tourism in Pakistan which is home to the oldest civilizations, architectural, grandeur, cold and hot deserts, five over 8000 meters high peaks, fertile planes, awe-inspiring valleys, amazing people and heterogeneous cultures with different shades and colours. The Ambassador underscored the present government's tourists friendly visa policies, better infrastructure and improved security situation and termed it as the main reasons for Pakistan to re-emerge as top tourists destination.



## Qawali Night held at Embassy



In continuation of Independence Day celebrations and promotion of public Diplomacy through culture, music and art, a Qawali Night was organized at the Embassy of Pakistan Tokyo. The event was attended by members of Diplomatic Corps, Japanese dignitaries and media persons etc. The Badar Ali / Bahadar Ali Qawal group enthralled the audience with traditional Pakistan sufi music.

The traditional truck art painting was also showcased with artist from Pakistan performing live to the great excitement of the guests.

