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Submission of Credentials to Emperor of Japan at Imperial Palace

At the Imperial Palace, His Majesty the Emperor of Japan received the credentials of Mr. Raza Bashir Tarar as Ambassador of Pakistan to Japan. (March 08, 2023)



Iftar Dinner with the Prime Minister of Japan

Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar with Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi at Iftar dinner hosted by H.E. the Prime Minister at his residence. (March 30, 2023)



Ambassador meets CEO Plus-W & her team

Ambassador-designate, Raza Bashir Tarar received CEO PlusW, Ms. Wakako Sakurai & her team today. Ms. Sakurai briefed about their project of training & hiring IT engineers from Pakistan. The Ambassador highlighted importance of a proper on boarding mechanism, ensuring flawless matching. (Jan. 05, 2023)



Hiyori Cooperative signed an agreement with Pakistan Overseas Employment Corp.

With the efforts of Pakistan Embassy in Japan, there is a steady increase in opportunities for Pakistani talents in Japan who know the Japanese language. Japanese company Hiyori Cooperative today signed an agreement with Pakistan Overseas Employment Corporation (OEC). On this occasion, Ambassador-designate of Pakistan Raza Bashir Tarar said that it is a golden opportunity for Pakistani talents to learn Japanese so that they can take advantage of these opportunities. He said that the Embassy of Pakistan will continue its efforts to find opportunities for Pakistani talents in Japan. (Jan. 13, 2023)



Ambassador meets Senior Managing Director Intl' Friendship Exchange Council

Mr. Hiroyuki Yushita, Senior Managing Director, The International Friendship Exchange Council (FEC) met the Ambassador-Designate of Pakistan Mr. Raza Bashir Tarar today at the Chancery. They exchanged views on promoting economic, cultural and people to people relations between the two countries. (Jan. 19, 2023):



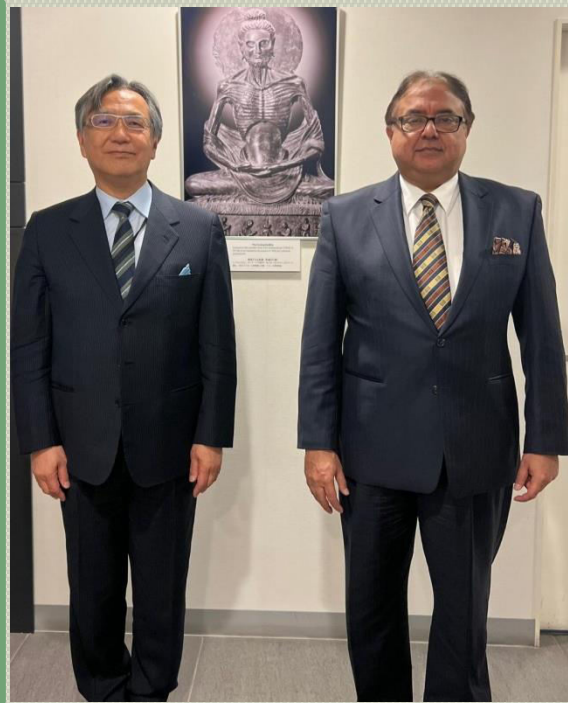
Ambassador meets Member of the House of Representatives & Head Priest of Kongobuji Head Temple.

A delegation led by Mr. Hiroyuki Moriyama, Member of the House of Representatives and Mr. Seihan Takei, Head Priest of Kongobuji Head Temple met the Ambassador-designate, Raza Bashir Tarar at the Embassy today. They donated JPY 100,000 for the flood affectees in Pakistan. The Ambassador-designate thanked the delegation for the donation. He urged them to visit Pakistan which is home to a number of important Buddhist sites. (Jan. 20, 2023)



Ambassador meets JITCO Delegation

In a series of activities to enhance the Emigration of Pakistani semi skilled and skilled manpower to Japan, Ambassador-designate Raza Bashir Tarar met a delegation of Japan International Training Cooperation Organization (JITCO) led by Senior Vice President Mr. Shigeo Matsutomi. Various opportunities under trainee and skilled worker programs were discussed. The Mission is arranging multiple manpower promotion seminars in 2023 and JITCO will extend support in creating awareness. (Jan. 23, 2023)



Arrival of Technical Intern Trainees from Pakistan to Japan

The initiatives taken by the Embassy of Pakistan Tokyo are bearing fruit. Arrival of Technical Intern Trainees from Pakistan to Japan has begun. Mission is approaching more and more Japanese supervising organizations for acceptance of Pakistani Interns/Trainees through seminars, meetings and awareness measures. Japanese language learning is a basic pre-requisite for the intending Interns/Trainees. (Jan. 27, 2023)



Ambassador held an interactive session with Japanese Print & Electronic media

Ambassador-designate Mr. Raza Bashir Tarar held an interactive session with Japanese print, electronic and social media journalists, today.

The Ambassador-designate briefed the journalists about regional issues including the situation in IIOJK. He also spoke about Pakistan-Japan relations as well as Pakistan's cultural heritage and tourism potential.



The Ambassador underscored that resolution of Jammu and Kashmir dispute was sine qua non for durable, peace and stability in South Asia. (Feb. 02, 2023)



Study tour of Pakistani Educationists to Japan.

A 19-member delegation comprising Pakistani educationists on a study tour to Japan visited the Chancery today. Ambassador-designate Mr. Raza Bashir Tarar held an interactive session with the delegation and discussed enhancement of educational cooperation between Pakistan and Japan. (Feb. 03, 2023)



Ambassador meets Chairman, Japan-Pakistan Parliamentary Friendship League & Member of the House of Representative of Japan

Ambassador-designate Mr. Raza Bashir Tarar met Mr. Seishiro Eto, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan and Chairman, Japan-Pakistan Parliamentary Friendship League (JPPFL), today. Bilateral relations and Parliamentary ties were discussed. (Feb. 03, 2023)



Pakistani students visit Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo

Ambassador-designate Raza Bashir Tarar received a group of Pakistani students at the Embassy of Pakistan Tokyo Today. The visitors were, inter alia, briefed about Pakistan-Japan relations and various opportunities in Japan for Pakistani youth. (Feb. 07, 2023)



Kashmir Solidarity Day was observed at Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo

An event was organized on 3rd February 2023 by Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo to mark Kashmir Solidarity Day. Pakistani community members and Kashmiris as well as Japanese people attended the event. Syed Faiz Naqshbandi, Convener All Parties Hurriyat Conference joined the event virtually. The Ambassador-designate, highlighted the continuous atrocities being committed by Indian occupation forces in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). He expressed Pakistan's full support for the Kashmir cause. Earlier in the day, the members of the Pakistani community and Kashmiris, with banners and placards in hands, held protests in front of the United Nations Office and Indian Embassy in Tokyo. A photographic exhibition was also organized at the Chancery. The Embassy had already held an interactive session with Japanese electronic, print and social media journalists on 1st February 2023 to highlight the situation in IIOJK. The Pakistani community and Kashmiris based in Japan also staged a peaceful demonstration/vigil at the famous Shibuya crossing in Tokyo in the morning of 5th February 2023 to express solidarity with their Kashmiri brethren. (Feb. 03, 2023)



Webinar on opportunities for Pakistani IT companies & engineers.

Embassy of Pakistan Tokyo hosted an awareness webinar on opportunities for Pakistani IT companies & engineers in Japan. Ambassador-designate, Mr. Raza Bashir Tarar highlighted importance of open source information sharing, while encouraging Pakistanis in Japan to act as a bridge. (Feb. 08, 2023)



Investment by Morinaga Milk in their venture Nutrico Morinaga Pakistan

Ambassador Designate Mr. Raza Bashir Tarar welcomed the recent investment by Morinaga Milk in their venture Nutrico Morinaga Pakistan. While assuring of continued facilitation, he highlighted the importance of better integrated indigenous value chains involving local dairy farms. (Feb. 10, 2023)



Ambassador meets Sumitomo Corporation's Country Head for Pakistan

Sumitomo Corporation's new Country Head for Pakistan, Mr. Koji Nishizaki called on Ambassador-designate, Mr. Raza Bashir Tarar today. The Ambassador emphasized the need for independent evaluation for potential ventures. He offered all possible support for, inter alia, import substitution investment proposals.
(Feb. 20, 2023)



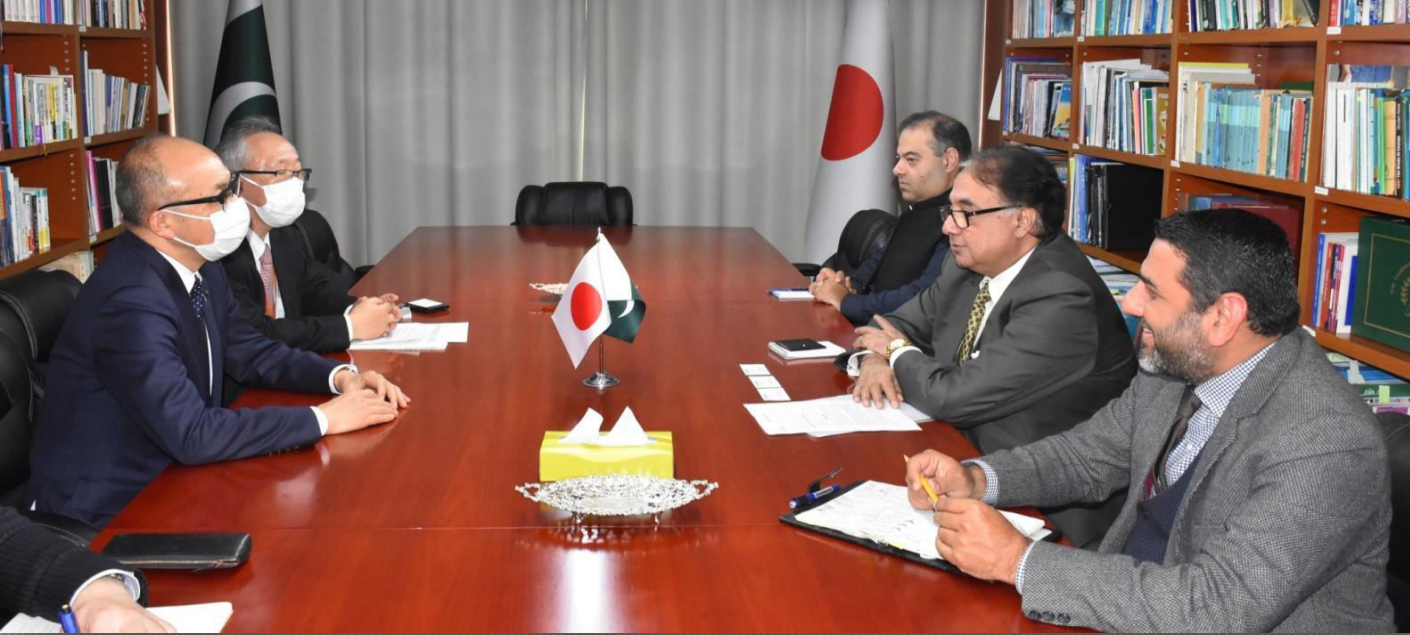
Pakistan Human Resource Seminar-cum-Webinar

Pakistan Embassy in Tokyo Japan arranged Pakistan Human Resource Seminar-cum-Webinar. In the event, representatives of more than 45 Japanese companies and 35+ Pakistani Overseas Employment Promoters participated physically. From Pakistan, 100+ Overseas Employment promoters participated in the event virtually. The purpose of the event was to spread awareness among Japanese human resource accepting and supervising organizations regarding Pakistan and Pakistani workforce. Secretary OP&HRD, while addressing virtually, told Japanese companies that Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development is making every possible effort to facilitate the emigration of workers from Pakistan to Japan under the agreements. Community Welfare Attaché briefed the audience about the previous work done and highlighted the role of various stakeholders in the process. Japanese companies were told about the existing legal framework in Pakistan. Chairman Pakistan Overseas Employment Promoters Association appreciated the efforts of the Government of Pakistan. Senior vice President of Japan International Training and Cooperation Organization presented the current facts about Pakistani workers in Japan. Ambassador-designate of Pakistan to Japan, Raza Bashir Tarar, in his concluding address appreciated the efforts of Ministry of OP&HRD, BEOE, OEC, NUTECH and other relevant organizations. He thanked JITCO, OTIT and other Japanese stake holders for their continuous support. The Ambassador told that this is a work in progress and Japan market works on the principle of meritocracy. He stressed on the need of Japanese language learning by the intending emigrants. He mentioned that Minister of State on Foreign Affairs is directly supervising the whole process to ensure quick and smooth decision making. (Feb. 22, 2023)



Ambassador meets delegation of Suzuki Motor Corporation

Ambassador-designate Mr. Raza Bashir Tarar emphasized the importance of providing fuel efficient & cost effective automobiles for Pakistani commuters. He was meeting a delegation of Suzuki Motor Corporation, lead by Chairman Pak Suzuki Mr. Kinji Saito. (March 02, 2023)



Ambassador meets Pak-Japan Cultural Association Sindh's Vice President

Pakistan-Japan Cultural Association Sindh's first Vice President, Muhammad Azmat Shigeyuki Ataka met with Ambassador-designate, Raza Bashir Tarar. Matters of mutual importance and cultural ties between Pakistan and Japan were discussed. The Ambassador highlighted the potential for cultural exchanges between the two countries. (March 03, 2023)



Pakistan Pavilion displayed variety of food products at FoodEx Japan 2023

Ambassador-designate, Raza Bashir Tarar participated in ribbon cutting ceremony of Foodex Japan 2023 where Pakistan Pavilion is displaying a variety of food products. He encouraged Pakistani exporters to explore opportunities in the Japanese market. (March 07, 2023)



head of Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG) Bank in Karachi called on Ambassador

The newly appointed head of Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG) Bank in Karachi, Takuo Ikeda called on Ambassador, Raza Bashir Tarar, conveying commitment of his bank towards supporting Japanese investment in Pakistan. While appreciating regulatory reforms and IT based modernization in the financial sector of Pakistan, Ambassador Tarar encouraged MUFG Bank to extend support in integrating SME & Fintech sectors of Pakistan with global markets. (March 14, 2023)



Ambassador calls on Speaker of the House of Representatives of Japan

Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar called on H.E. Mr. Hiroyuki Hosoda, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Japan. Both sides discussed enhancing bilateral ties in multiple fields with special emphasis on Parliamentary exchanges. The Ambassador reiterated the invitation from the Speaker, National Assembly to visit Pakistan. The role of the Pakistani community in Japan as a bridge between the two countries was also appreciated. (March 15, 2023)



Webinar on Roshan Digital Account

As part of efforts to facilitate Pakistanis resident in Japan, the Embassy of Pakistan Tokyo and Muslim Commercial Bank conducted a Webinar on the Roshan Digital Account initiative today. Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar, inter alia emphasized the need for RDA related material in the Urdu language. The webinar concluded with a Q&A session. (March 22, 2023)



Flag Hoisting Ceremony at Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo.



National Day of Pakistan was celebrated at the Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo

The National Day of Pakistan was celebrated at the Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo with traditional zeal, fervor and enthusiasm. The ceremony was attended by a sizeable number of Pakistanis as well as Japanese nationals. The ceremony commenced with recitation from the Holy Quran followed by the National Anthem of Pakistan. Ambassador Raza Bashir Tarar hoisted the national flag while the National Anthem was played. The Ambassador read out the Pakistan Day Messages of the President and the Prime Minister of Pakistan. He also paid tribute to the Pakistani community in Japan for its achievements and contributions. Special Supplements were published in two leading English newspapers of Japan. National Day of Pakistan related gatherings were also arranged in different parts of Japan by community groups. (March 23, 2023)



National Day of Pakistan

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Pakistan-Japan relations gaining momentum

By Raza Bashir Tarar
Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

On the auspicious occasion of the National 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, the Government and the friendly people of Japan.



Raza Bashir Tarar

March 23 is an important landmark in the history of Pakistan. It was on this day in 1940 when the historic Lahore Resolution was passed which united the Muslims of the subcontinent for a greater objective. The Muslims of the subcontinent through their collective will expressed unwavering resolve to carve out a separate homeland for themselves wherein they could lead their lives in accordance with their own religion, traditions, values and culture. Today, we also pay homage to the Father of the Nation Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Poet of the East Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal and all the other great leaders of the freedom movement who paved the way for the creation of Pakistan.

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Hussaini Suspension Bridge, Hunza Valley, Gilgit-Baltistan in Pakistan

with Japan. We have always looked to Japan with a sense of respect and veneration as a very important country in Asia, whose economic success and model we wish to emulate.

I am pleased to note that the relations between Pakistan and Japan have gained enhanced momentum during the past few years. A number of visits have taken place, which are a clear manifestation of a mutual desire to enhance already excellent relations. Both sides have also signed a number of MoUs/Agreements which govern bilateral cooperation in a number of sectors. A number of institutional mechanisms are in place to consolidate and expand

our relationship in various fields. Both friendly countries also cooperate at international forums on a wide range of issues.

The bedrock of our relationship has been economic, with Japan being a key development partner, a major investor and a significant export destination for Pakistan. Pakistan and Japan's economic cooperation and engagement have been picking up in the last few years. Japan considers Pakistan one of the major destinations for Japanese companies. In this regard, big Japanese corporations such as Marubeni, Mitsui, Sojitz, Morinaga and auto manufacturers like Toyota, Honda and Suzuki have significant investments in Pakistan.

Pakistan's exports to Japan have been on an increasing trajectory over the last three years, and they have shown positive growth in the first two quarters of Financial Year 2022-23.

Here, I would like to highlight the major contribution of the 19,000-strong Pakistani diaspora in Japan. Our community in Japan is among the pioneers in the export of used automobiles, carpet trade and Halal food. They remain important contributors to the Japanese economy.

I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Government of Japan for its high-level participation and pledge of \$77 million at the International Conference on Climate Resilient Pakistan held in Geneva on Jan. 9, 2023. This pledge was in addition to the \$38.9 million earmarked for Pakistan as part of Japan's supplementary budget to deliver life-saving aid to flood victims. A grant of \$7 million was also announced in September last year. Japan's pledge is evidence of our excellent bilateral ties and will go a long way in alleviating the situation in the flood affected areas.

Looking forward, I am optimistic for the year 2023 and beyond. We will endeavor to carry forward the excellent momentum in our relations in the years ahead and forge new partnerships in multiple fields.

We are also confident that through 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.

Pakistan - Japan Relations Zindabad.

Japan, Pakistan cherish friendly ties

By Seishiro Eto
President of the Japan-Pakistan Parliamentarians Friendship League
Member of the House of Representatives

On behalf of the Japan-Pakistan Parliamentarians Friendship League, I would like to



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extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Government and the people of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the auspicious occasion of Pakistan Day.

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Dialogue, while many commemorative events were held both in Japan and Pakistan. I feel that the bonds between our two countries have been further strengthened through these exchanges.

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I would like to make utmost efforts to elevate bilateral relations to new heights as the President of the Japan-Pakistan Parliamentarians Friendship League.

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes for the continued prosperity of Pakistan and further development of friendly relations between Japan and Pakistan.

JPBCC committed to enhancing economic ties

By Akira Terakawa
Chairman of the Japan-Pakistan Business Cooperation Committee

Having been appointed as the new Chairman of the Japan-Pakistan Business Cooperation Committee (JPBCC) from March 1 of this year succeeding the former Chairman, Mr. Teruo Asada, please allow me, on behalf of the JPBCC, to extend my sincere congratulations to the government and people of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the auspicious occasion of Pakistan Day.

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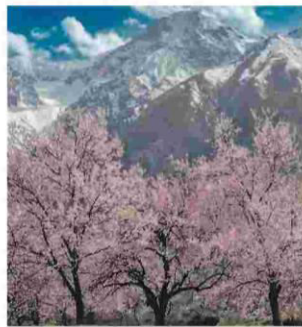
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In addition, even though Pakistan suffered from massive flood damage in 2022, I understand that the people of Pakistan are now united under the strong leadership of the Sharif Cabinet and are working diligently on reconstruction efforts. As such, I believe that Pakistan will be able to overcome the flood damage and achieve further economic development thanks to its demographic dividend and such promising industrial sectors as automobiles, textiles, and information technology. Consequently, I am convinced that more and more Japanese companies will choose to enter the Pakistan market in the near future.

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



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A priort trees bloom as spring comes to Chuan da Valley. QAMMER WAZIR

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The Hussaini Hanging Bridge spans the Hunza River in Gilgit-Baltistan. MAINNOOR SAGHER

Joint efforts in disaster prevention

SEISHIRO ETO
PRESIDENT OF THE JAPAN-PAKISTAN PARLIAMENTARIANS FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE



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Phandar Lake, in the Ghtar Valley in Gilgit-Baltistan, is an important source of fresh water. MAINNOOR SAGHER



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The founder of Pakistan Qaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah



Prime Minister of Pakistan Shehbaz Sharif

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