



Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad meets Mayor Maebashi City; discusses Trade and Investment Linkages

In a meeting with Mr. Ryu Yamamoto, the Mayor of Maebashi city, Gunma prefecture, Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad ensured cooperation to establish Islamabad – Maebashi Sister Cities relations. The Ambassador highlighted number of areas that can be targeted for developing bilateral trade and investment linkages between Maebashi and Pakistani companies. He made special reference to economic and investment potential and possibilities of developing partnerships with Pakistani IT industry, encouraging procurement of professional services and human resource from Pakistan. Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad also endorsed the idea of organizing a joint Japan – Pakistan cultural and sports event in Maebashi city that would result in opening more avenues for further collaboration.



The mayor of Maebashi city in his remarks showed full support to the endeavors of finalizing the Sister Cities agreement which surely would result in developing strong economic partnership. He expressed pleasure over decision of two Maebashi businessmen to invest in Pakistan. He added that there is a tremendous potential for both the stakeholders to develop strong connection in many areas and sectors.

The Ambassador also appreciated the efforts of Mr. Naohisa Fukuda CEO of Japan Communications Inc. and Mirza Asif Baig Chairman Saffron Group & Japan Pakistan Economic Cultural Association (JPECA) in making the event a success.



Ambassador Ahmad and the Mayor of Maebashi city also appreciated the role of Japan Pakistan Economic & Cultural Association, Co-Chaired by Mr. Kawamura Takeo, Ex Chief Cabinet Secretary of Japan and Mr. Baig, which aims at promoting the economic and cultural relationships between Japan and Pakistan.

Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad held interactive session with media persons on "Kashmir Black Day"

To commemorate Kashmir Black Day, Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmed held an interactive session with the prominent Japanese print and electronic media persons at the Embassy. Senior representatives from The Asahi Shimbun, The Yomiuri Shimbun, The Mainichi Shimbun, Nippon television network Corporation and NHK attended the event. In his remarks, the Ambassador highlighted the internationally recognized legal and political dimensions of the Kashmir dispute with special reference to illegal occupation by Indian Security forces in 1947. He added that for the last 73 years India has unleashed a reign of terror and brutalities against innocent Kashmiri people, who have however, shown unmatched resilience and continued struggle for their just cause.



The Ambassador also apprised the media persons about India's illegal acts of August 5, 2019 and subsequent unprecedented human right violations, crackdown, media blockade, extra judicial killings in fake encounters, digital lockdown and demographic apartheid in Indian illegally occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK). He added that International community and human rights organizations have time and again raised concerns over the continuing gross human rights violations and has identified Indian unconcealed brutalities in IIOJK. The Ambassador emphasized that it is imperative that the UNSC and international community back its words with concrete actions for the sake of justice and human dignity. Ambassador Ahmad acknowledged the role of media in highlighting the factual grave situation in IIOJK and exposing inhuman tactics applied by Indian security forces against the Kashmiri people.



Event at the Embassy to Observe Kashmir Black Day

An event was organized by Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo to observe 27th October as Kashmir Black Day. A large number of Pakistani community members and Kashmiri Diaspora attended the event. Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmed read the messages of the President and Prime Minister of Pakistan which primarily emphasized on support and solidarity with Kashmiri people for realization of their legitimate right to self-determination. The Ambassador in his key-note address remarked that this day represented the ominous designs of Indian Government when its security forces illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir in 1947 and since last 73 years have subjected the innocent Kashmiris to brutal repression.

He added that on August 5, 2019 the Indian Government, in violation of International law and humanitarian norms, altered the constitutional status and demographic structure of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). However, these illegal and unilateral Indian actions have not only been rejected by Kashmiris and Pakistan but International community too condemned it for being in violation of International Law and relevant UNSC resolutions.

However, these illegal and unilateral Indian actions have not only been rejected by Kashmiris and Pakistan but International community too condemned it for being in violation of International Law and relevant UNSC resolutions. The Ambassador deplored that Indian Government and its security forces since August 5, 2019 has intensified its inhuman tactics and subjected the people of IIOJK to worst kind of human rights violations besides imposition of indefinite curfew, suspension of all cyber communication lines, custodial torture and deaths, use of pellet guns, extra judicial killings and random imprisonment of innocent people. However, despite turning Kashmir into a large prison, India has not been able to dampen the indomitable spirit of the freedom loving Kashmiri people.

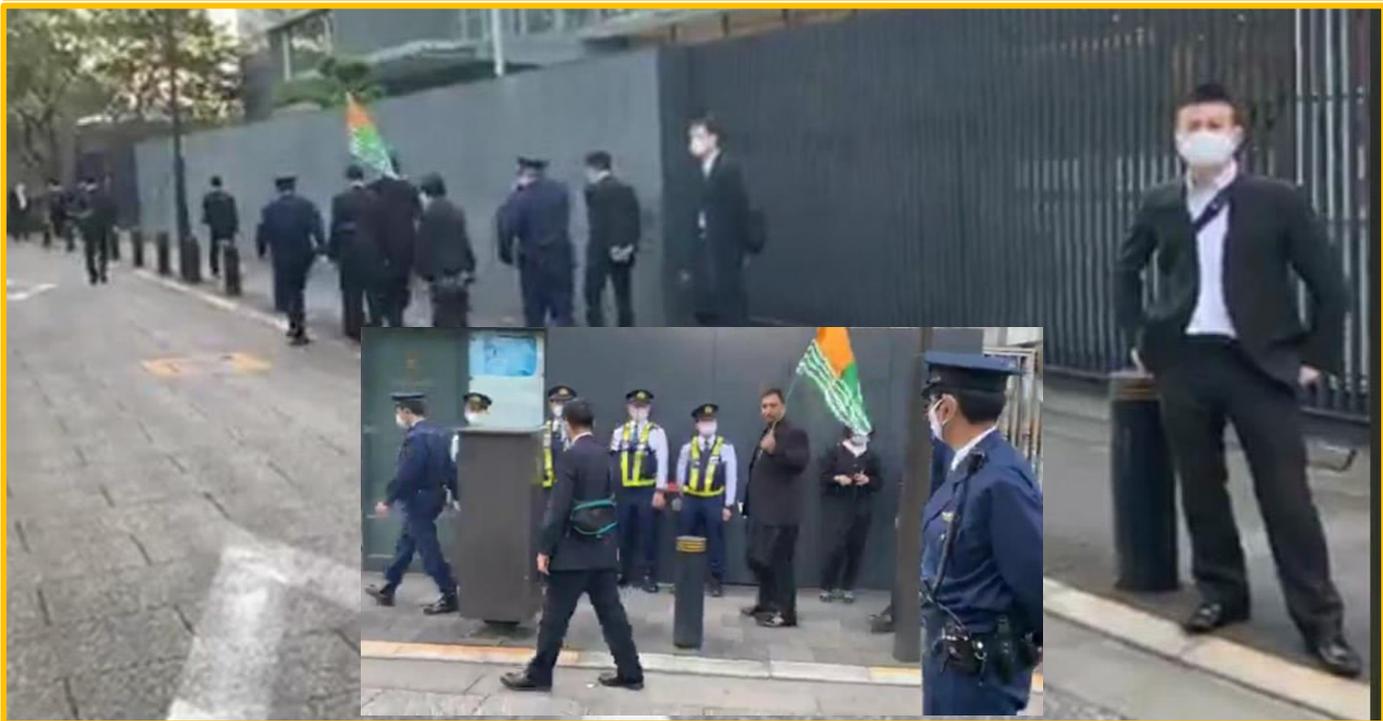


Photographic Exhibition to Observe Kashmir Black Day



A photographic exhibition was organized by the Embassy to highlight the continuing torture and brutal repression carried out by the Indian Occupied forces in IIOJK.

Protest by Pakistani-Kashmiri Diaspora in front of the Indian Embassy, Tokyo



The members of the Pakistani community and Kashmiri Diaspora held a strong protest in front of the Indian Embassy to observe the Kashmir Black Day and strongly agitate against the unprecedented gross human rights violations in IIOJK by Indian security forces.

Economic, Trade, Cultural and Tourism Outreach

Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad met Mr. Hachiro Nitta, Governor Toyama Prefecture and Mr. Masayoshi Imamoto, Deputy Mayor, Toyama city. Discussed potential and possibilities of developing partnerships and linkages.



To evaluate possibility of supporting agriculture & food sector in Pakistan through technology transfer, the Ambassador & Trade Counselor visited a model Japanese facility ZeroKara, using patented method to frost fresh & cooked food ensuring a longer shelf life more efficiently.



Japanese IT companies and startups were briefed on economic & investment potential and the possibility of developing partnerships with Pakistani IT industry, encouraging procurement of professional services and human resource from Pakistan.



Ambassador Intiaz Ahmad opened Pakistan Investment Seminar followed by briefings by Federal & Provincial Boards of Investment sharing Pakistani investment landscape with Japanese companies. The event was jointly organized by UNIDO, JICA, BOI & Embassy of Pakistan in Tokyo.



Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad emphasized on developing economic partnership between Tohoku region & Pakistan during a meeting with the Mayor of Aomori Mr. Akihiko Onodera.



During a meeting with the Chief Director of JETRO Aomori Mr. Keiichi, the Ambassador was briefed on the regional business potential along with sectors already trading with Pakistan in Aomori.

Aomori Chamber of Commerce & Industry's Chairman Mr. Wakai & President Mr. Kasai hosted Ambassador & Economic Team of the Embassy briefing on the potential of trade & investment linkage with Pakistani companies.



Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad was welcomed by Mr. KOBAYASHI, Executive Director Future Planning Department to discuss opportunities for Pakistani professionals in Yamagata region.



Mr. Atsushi Fuji, Mitsubishi Corporation's Chief Executive for Pakistan called on the Ambassador to discuss plans for expanding investment in energy, chemicals and seafood sectors.

Ambassador & Investment Counsellor were welcomed by Mr. Matsuki, Executive VP for a briefing on expanding investment by NEC in social infrastructure & new technologies in Pakistan



Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad & Investment Counsellor Tahir Cheema held a meeting with Sumitomo Corporation to discuss import substituting & export oriented investments in Pakistan by the Japanese company.



Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad attended the annual Sugunami festa held in Sugunami city, which is also the host town city for Pakistani athletes for Olympics 2021. The Mayor of Sugunami city welcomed the Ambassador. Speaking as chief guest, the Ambassador stressed on enhanced cultural cooperation between Japan and Pakistan. The event had Pakistani food as well as cultural stalls. Cultural performance on the native provincial songs was also presented to the audience.



Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad opened Japanese Photographer Mr. T. T. Tanaka's photo exhibition 'Encounters in Pakistan: Smiles & Colors' at Gallery-58, Ginza, Tokyo.



Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad hosted Mr. Hiraide Kazuya and Mr. Nakajima Kenru, Japanese mountaineers and recipient of prestigious international mountaineering award "Piolet d'Or" for successfully climbing the Rakaposhi mountain. Both mountaineers expressed their delight for achieving the milestone and expressed their desire to summit K-2 in their next trip to Pakistan. Ambassador congratulated them for their achievement and wished them best of luck for their next endeavour.



Ambassador Mr. Imtiaz Ahmad and Trade & Investment Counselor Mr. Tahir Cheema encouraged import substituting & export oriented investment during a meeting with Honda Motorcycle & Industry Relations Divisions while discussing their current operations in Pakistan & various options to expand the footprint.



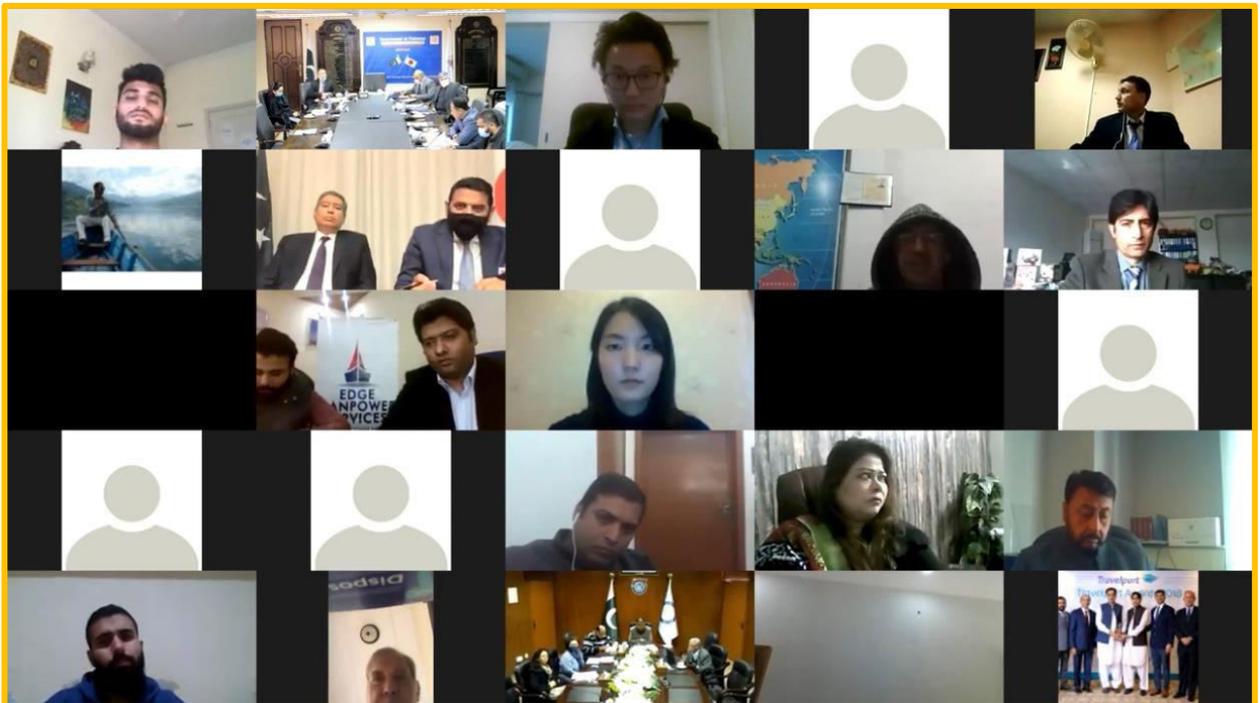
Representative executives of Japanese pharmaceutical and research companies were briefed on drugs related regulatory standards introduced in Pakistan during a meeting with the Ambassador and Trade & Investment Counsellor at the Embassy of Pakistan in Tokyo.



CEO T-Trike Mr. Nobuhide Takimoto called on Ambassador Mr. Imtiaz Ahmad to introduce innovative & environment friendly designs of their bikes for passenger & commercial use. The company intends to transfer this technology to Pakistan.



In a webinar organized by Overseas Employment Corporation on IT HR for Japan presided by SAPM Sayed Zulfiqar Bukhari, Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad, Trade & Investment Counsellor Tahir Cheema & Minami-San of Avinton Corporation presented details on the opportunity for IT graduates/professionals from Pakistan to match the increasing demand of IT engineers in Japan.



In a marathon meeting with multiple Japanese private sector stakeholders, attending both in person & online, Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad offered outsourcing support as well as professional human resource from Pakistan for Japanese IT companies.



Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad hosted an evening for creative & production team of 'Encounters in Pakistan' - a campaign put together by Japanese artists to show Pakistani photos & movies, attracting a huge audience in Tokyo throughout November 2020.



Furthering the agenda of promoting Japanese investment in Pakistan, Presidents & Directors of Sankyu Inc. & i4h Corp. were received at the Embassy to discuss possibility of transferring technology & skills in energy & logistics sectors.



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