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6TH ROUND OF PAKISTAN-JAPAN SECURITY DIALOGUE (POLITICO-MILITARY DIALOGUE) HELD IN TOKYO

The 6th round of Pakistan-Japan Security Dialogue (Politico-Military Dialogue) was held in Tokyo on 20 April, 2018. The Pakistan side was led by Mr. Imtiaz Ahmad, Additional Secretary (Asia Pacific). The Japanese side was led by Mr. Shigeki Takizaki, Director General, Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan.

The Politico-Military Dialogue

cordial relations, free from any historical baggage. There was, therefore, great potential for further enhancing the bilateral relationship in wide range of areas. The two sides exchanged views on the evolving security situation in their respective regions as well as multilateral security scenario. The Additional Secretary (AP) briefed the Japanese side on the comprehensive efforts Pakistan

also briefed the Japanese side on Pakistan’s counter-terrorism efforts.

Earlier, on 19 April, as part of the Bilateral Security Dialogue the 9th round of Military-to-Military talks were also held. The Pakistani side was led by Rear Admiral Ovais Ahmad Bilgrami, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Defence Pakistan while the Japanese side was led by Mr. Osamu Izawa,



between Pakistan and Japan is an important forum for exchange of views on a broad range of security-related issues of mutual interest and is part of the various bilateral dialogue processes covering the whole range of political, economic and security issues.

During the dialogue, a comprehensive review of the bilateral security ties was undertaken by both sides. It was agreed that both sides enjoyed

has made towards helping Afghanistan in furthering Afghan-owned and Afghan-led efforts for peace and stability. He also highlighted the deplorable human rights violations by the Indian Forces in the Indian Occupied Kashmir and the need for the international community to urge India to stop the atrocities and to engage with Pakistan to resolve the long outstanding Kashmir dispute. The Additional Secretary

Director General for International Affairs, Ministry of Defence Japan. The talks included review of security situation around Pakistan and Japan as well as defence policies of both countries. The matters related to promotion of defence cooperation and exchanges were also discussed. Both sides reiterated their commitment to enhance defence relations for the promotion of international peace and security.

AMBASSADOR KHAN CALLS ON GOVERNOR OF FUKUOKA PREFECTURE

Ambassador Asad M. Khan called on the Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture H.E. Mr. Hiroshi Ogawa at Fukuoka. The Ambassador briefed the Governor about the sustained economic growth in Pakistan which has created investment opportunities for the Japanese



companies in various sectors. He added that due to improved security situation and conducive investment environment in Pakistan, various major Japanese companies are opening their businesses in Pakistan while some of the companies are due to re-open their business concerns again. Ambassador Khan expressed hope that the Japanese companies based in Fukuoka prefecture will also take advantage from the productive investment opportunities in Pakistan. The Ambassador reiterated Pakistan's strong desire for expanding and deepening bilateral trade, investment and development co-operation between two countries. The Ambassador sought the Governor's support in strengthening collaboration between Pakistan and Fukuoka Prefecture

in the fields of trade, investment, education and scientific co-operation. The Ambassador further briefed him on the forthcoming investment seminar to be held in Fukuoka shortly.

Governor Ogawa welcomed the initiative of organizing the first Investment Seminar in Fukuoka and expressed hope that it would result in closer co-operation between Japanese companies based in Fukuoka and give them a better understanding of the economic environment and investment opportunities in Pakistan. The Governor also briefed the Ambassador about the Asian Business Cen



tre and how it can play an effective role in providing support to SMEs in Fukuoka Prefecture and Pakistan.

The Governor also underscored the strong connection of the Ambassador with Fukuoka Prefecture for being a graduate from the Kyushu University and the pivotal role he could play for strengthening mutual ties between the two countries and with Fukuoka prefecture.

AMBASSADOR ASAD M. KHAN MET PRESIDENT FUKUOKA CCI

The Ambassador met with the President of Fukuoka Chamber of Commerce and Industries and exchanged views on bilateral trade between Pakistan and Japan



Ambassador Khan was hosted by the members of Pakistani Community in Fukuoka

SEMINAR ON “EMERGING TRADE & INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN PAKISTAN” AT FUKUOKA

A seminar entitled “Pakistan: Emerging Trade and Investment Opportunities” was held in Fukuoka. It was collaboration between the Pakistan Embassy, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi UFJ and Fukuoka Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The seminar was attended by leading businesses, representatives of

presentations about the investment and trade opportunities emerging in Pakistan.

The Seminar focused on the recent economic turnaround of Pakistan and opportunities for Japanese business houses to trade with and invest in the country.

macroeconomic trends in Pakistan, potential of the local market, growth potential, vibrant demography and Government of Pakistan's attractive incentives' regime for Foreign Direct Investment in Pakistan amidst rapidly improving security situation. They highlighted the massive investment in infrastructure projects that can allow Pakistan to act as the regional trade



prefectural governments of Kyushu region and business support organizations.

The Ambassador of Pakistan, H.E. Dr. Asad M. Khan, who has deep local bonds since the time when he was a doctorate student at Kyushu University, opened the seminar with his keynote address. Mr. Osamu Hisaki, Head of JETRO Office in Karachi and Mr. Hitoshi Kanahori, Head of Mitsubishi UFJ Bank in Karachi, made

The Ambassador stated in his remarks that out of all the G7 countries, Japan has the longest standing trade and investment relations with Pakistan. He especially mentioned the encouraging response from the investor and business community to the seminar and announced that this seminar was part of a series of similar seminars that will be held in all major economic hubs of the country.

The speakers discussed the positive

and transportation hub. Speakers also mentioned the upbeat business environment in Pakistan at the moment and dilated upon the remarkable success of Japanese corporations in Pakistan over the years.

The seminar ended with a networking reception for the participants.

AMBASSADOR KHAN VISITED KYUSHU UNIVERSITY



The Ambassador visited Kyushu University and spoke to LLM and Undergraduate students

HIH PRINCESS HITACHI VISITS PAKISTAN'S STALL AT ALF CHARITY BAZAR

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The Embassy of Pakistan actively participated in the ALFS Charity Bazar and organized a stall where Pakistani artcrafts and cuisine were displayed. Her Imperial Highness Princess Hitachi also visited the Pakistani stall and showed keen interest in the displayed items. HIH Princess Hitachi also bought a Pakistani traditional shawl.

A 25 Member Business mission of Pakistan-Japan Business Forum (PJBF), under the leadership of Mr. Kaleem Farooqui Vice Chairman PJBF is currently in Japan to seek opportunities to further boost trade and investment between Pakistan and Japan.

food, auto and Shipping and Logistics sectors. The Embassy made extensive arrangements for the meetings for the delegates with Japanese entrepreneurs and retail chain stores to discuss the possibility of business opportunities in Japan. The meetings were aimed to enhance bilateral trade and investment

highlighted the opportunities for Pakistani business people in Japan. He underlined that the vast majority in the networking session was introducing brand new potential partners to each other, thereby creating the possibility of new openings. Mr. Kaleem Farooqui, Vice Chairman, Pakistan-Japan



Embassy of Pakistan Tokyo and Commercial Section Osaka organized networking sessions for Sixth Pakistan-Japan Business Forum (PJBF) SME Business Mission with Japanese counter parts at the Embassy and Consulate Osaka respectively.

between Pakistan and Japan through direct private sector engagement. During the meetings, the entrepreneurs from both sides met and learnt about the potential business opportunities. Notable interest was found amongst local business community.

Business Forum (PJBF) informed the participants that the current SME delegation's visit will not only increase awareness about Pakistan and its market, but will also result in arousing enough interest amongst Japanese entrepreneurs to culminate in business ventures with the members of the visiting delegation.

The delegation comprised the leading manufacturers-cum-exporters of textiles, pharmaceutical, surgical, sea

Commercial Counsellor, Embassy of Pakistan Abu Bakar Siddique in his welcome remarks

AMBASSADOR KHAN MET PARTICIPANTS OF NATIONAL SECURITY & WAR COURSE



The Ambassador met the President NDU Lt Gen. Majid Ehsan and the participants of the National Security and War Course. The Ambassador held a comprehensive session with the delegation discussing the current status of Pakistan-Japan relations and future endeavours



AMBASSADOR KHAN INTERVIEWED FOR “DISCOVER THE WORLD IN CAFESTA”



Mr. Takei Syunsuke member of House of Representative from LDP conducted an interview of Ambassador Khan for “Discover the World in Cafesta”. Foreign Minister Taro Kono and Former Minister of Justice Matsushima Midori Sensei also dropped in during the interview to meet the Ambassador

AMB. KHAN ATTENDED EVENT TO CELEBRATE THE AWARD OF SITARA-I-PAKISTAN TO MR. ANDO



Kimihide Ando, a prominent Japanese Businessman in Pakistan. The Ambassador lauded the services of Mr. Ando and expressed hope that he would continue to work for strengthening the bilateral trade and commercial relationship between the two countries

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