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Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad presents credentials to the Emperor of Japan

Mr. Imtiaz Ahmad Pakistan's Ambassador to Japan presented his credentials to His Majesty the Emperor of Japan at an impressive and dignified ceremony held at the Imperial Palace on September 5, 2019.



Also present at the ceremony was Minister Incharge of Information Technology H.E. Takuya Hirai and Senior officials of the Pakistan Embassy including Deputy Chief of Mission Ali Anser Zaidi, Defence Attaché Air Commodore Sheraz Ahmad Khan, Press Counsellor Ashfaq Ahmad Khalil, Head of Chancery Azeem Khan and First Secretary Mirza Sameer Baig.

Gathering to express solidarity with Kashmir at the Embassy

To express solidarity with Kashmiri people, a gathering was held at the Embassy from 12:00 Noon to 12:30 pm. The congregation carried the flags of Pakistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir whereas the national anthems of Pakistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir were also recited.



Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad speaking to the gathering organized to express solidarity with Kashmiri people at Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo (30-08-2019)

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad referred to the continued egregious human rights violations being committed in Indian occupied Kashmir (IOK) by Indian Government and its security forces in the after math of India's unilateral and illegal actions in IOK earlier this month. The Ambassador underlined the efforts of Government of Pakistan in the unfolding situation which included Prime Minister of Pakistan's active engagements with leaders of various countries, emergency meeting of United Nations Security Council to discuss situation in IOK after 50 years on Pakistan's request, statements issued by OIC showing deep concerns on the current situation and Pakistan's decision to take the matter to the International Court of Justice. He added that through inhuman and barbaric actions, the Indian Government could not suppress the righteous demand of the Kashmiri people. The Ambassador reaffirmed Pakistan's continued moral, political and diplomatic support to the inalienable right of Kashmiri people and efforts to internationalize the issue with full zeal.



The event added with prayers for emancipation of Kashmiri people from brutal aggression of Indian Government and success in realizing their goal to achieve self-determination.



Defence and Kashmir Solidarity Day observed at the Embassy

The Defence Day was observed at the Embassy to commemorate the 54th anniversary of the 1965 war. The event was attended by senior military officers of Japan, government officials and Defence Attaché of other countries.

Addressing on the occasion, Ambassador Imtiaz Ahmad highlighted the sacrifices and valor rendered by the Armed Forces in defending the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Pakistan against aggression by a much bigger neighbor in 1965.



The Ambassador added that all must understand that solution to today's conflicts lies in peace not war as it is key to growth and success of any country or region. He emphasized that Pakistan firmly believes in the philosophy of peaceful neighborhood striving to maintain good relations with all other nations on the basis of respect & equality. The Ambassador pointed out to the remarkable contribution made by Pakistan in war against terror since 2002 by conducting numerous operations against terrorists in the after math of 9/11. More than 6000 officers and soldiers of law enforcement agencies laid down their lives to defeat these elements and make Pakistan, region and the world a safer place.

The Ambassador also appreciated the cooperation of the Japanese Self Defence Forces with Pakistan Armed Forces particularly in the realm of training and capacity building support and hoped that both the countries would continue to enjoy the mutually beneficial relationship for the sake of world peace.

The Ambassador underscored the significance of this year's Defence Day commemoration as the same is also being observed as Kashmir Solidarity Day. He emphasized that despite being an unresolved agenda of the united National Security council, the Indian government arbitrarily revoked article 370 and 35-A which gave the Indian Occupied Kashmir a special constitutional status. He also referred to the deployment of over 800,000 troops in the Indian Occupied and Kashmir and subsequent horrendous human rights violation besides imposition of blanket curfew and complete shutdown of all communication platforms. The Ambassador reaffirmed Pakistan's unabated moral, political and diplomatic support to the inalienable and just cause of the Kashmiri people enabling them to achieve their right of self-determination. Ambassador Ahmad reasserted Pakistan's strong commitment to raise the Kashmir issue at all forums with full zeal and impressed upon the International Community to contribute towards resolution of the matter in accordance with the United Nations Security Council Resolutions.

Federal Minister for Energy, Omar Ayub Khan attends 2nd Hydrogen Energy Ministerial Conference and International Conference on Carbon Recycling in Tokyo

Federal Minister for Energy Omar Ayub Khan attended the 2nd Hydrogen Energy Ministerial Conference held in Tokyo. During his keynote speech, the Federal Minister assured Pakistan's support to the efforts and innovative idea of making Hydrogen Energy as an affordable and reliable source of energy supplies.



Energy, Omar Ayub Khan attending the International Conference on Carbon Recycling in Tokyo (25-09-2019) Federal Minister for Energy, Omar Ayub Khan addressing the International Conference on Carbon Re



Federal Minister for Energy, Omar Ayub Khan in a group photo with Ministers and Delegates of other countries at the International Conference on Carbon Recycling in Tokyo (25-09-2019) Omar Ayub Khan delivering his speech at the Hydrogen

Mr. Omar Ayub Khan emphasized that the price of Hydrogen Energy supplies need to be reduced as compared to convention fuels in order to make it as a fuel of choice. He urged upon the stakeholders to take on board all the developing countries in order to enhance their capacity and assist academia in the research and development of this future source of energy. The Minister acknowledged that the Tokyo statement issued last year at the First Energy Ministerial Conference would go a long way in realization of all goals aimed at promoting the use of Hydrogen Energy in a decade.

Later on the Federal Minister also attended the International Conference on Carbon recycling which aimed at discussing ways and means to convert CO₂ for beneficial usages. Speaking at the conference, Mr. Omar Ayub Khan assured Pakistan's strong commitment, being a signatory to the Koyoto Protocol and Paris agreement, to play its active role and support all positive efforts that aim to achieve the goal of reducing the greenhouse gasses. He informed that although Pakistan make a very little contribution to the total global greenhouse gasses i.e less than 1% yet on its part is undertaking several steps including phasing out higher Sulfur Fuel Oil based power generation, adding alternate and renewable energy into its energy mix, billion tree plantation, revamping its old oil refineries and establishing new ones to produce Euro compliant fuels. The Minister added that currently Pakistan has an installed capacity of 1400 MWs of renewable energy mix which we aim to increase up to 30% of our energy mix on a base of an installed capacity of 55,000 MWs by 2030.

Mr. Omar Ayub Khan appreciated the roles of Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and Asian Pacific Energy Research Centre for holding the events which provided an excellent platform to all stakeholders. The Federal Minister was also accompanied by the Ambassador of Pakistan to Japan Mr. Imtiaz Ahmad during the conference.

Federal Minister for Energy Mr. Omar Ayub Khan attends the LNG Producer Consumer Conference at Tokyo

Mr. Omar Ayub Khan, Federal Minister for Energy attended the 8th Ministers LNG Producer consumer Conference held in Tokyo.

Delivering his key note speech, the Federal Minister highlighted the mission of Pakistan's Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan to promote investment in the energy sector so as to ensure availability and security of sustainable supply of oil and gas to boost economic development besides fulfillment of strategic requirement of the country. Mr. Omar Ayub emphasized that Pakistan's multi-billion dollar energy industry has tremendous investment opportunities for local and foreign investors. He added that Pakistan is focused on improving the Ease of Doing Business thus encouraging foreign investors to initiate new projects and expand their operations in Pakistan.



Giving details on Pakistan's current energy situation, the Federal Minister informed the conference that oil and gas, including LNG was the major components constituting 75% of the energy supplies. He added that in order to mitigate energy shortages and meet the requirement, various steps have been taken by the Government for the development of LNG sector that include building of two LNG terminals to receive and regasify 1.2BCFD-gas per day, permission to private sector for setting up 5 more LNG terminals, third party access rules and network codes have been developed to provide access in the National Gas Transmission pipeline system to the private sector investors and consumers, the laying of 42" dia 1100 kms long RLNG Gas pipeline with another in the offing and establishment of four (04) state of the art RLNG based power plants including three (03) which are already operational. The Minister added that currently Pakistan has an installed capacity of 1400 MWs of renewable energy mix which we target to increase up to 18000 MWs by 2030.

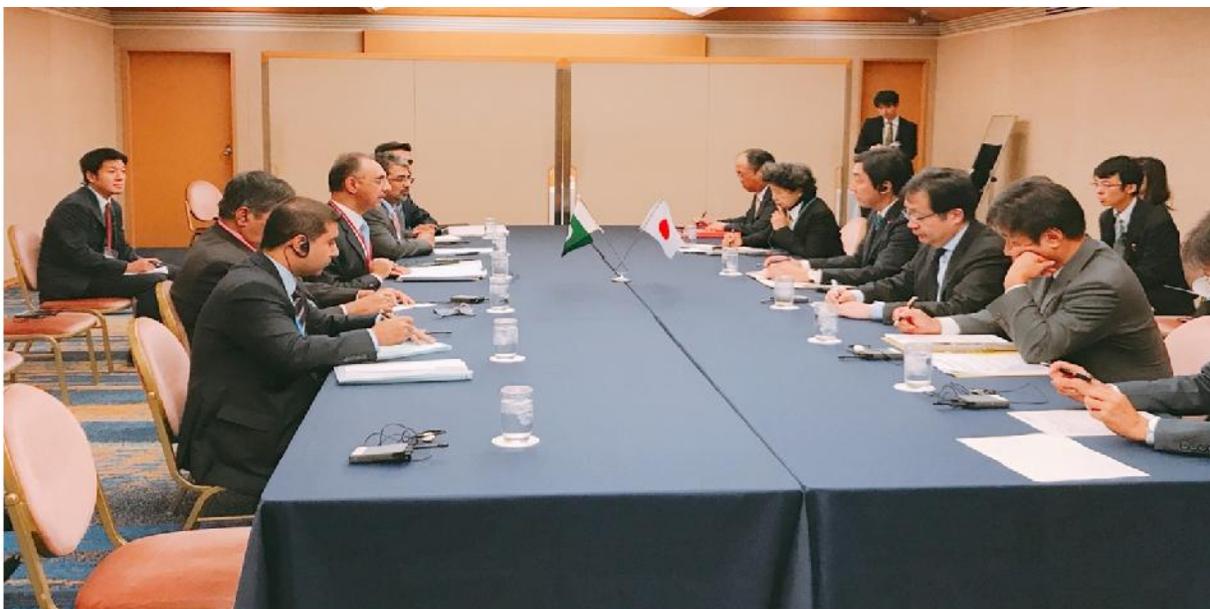
The conference organized by the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry was also attended by Ministers from various countries, industry leaders, professionals and experts belonging to the energy sectors worldwide. Ambassador of Pakistan Imtiaz Ahmad also accompanied the Federal Minister in the Conference.

Federal Minister for Energy Omar Ayub Khan meets Minister of Energy Affairs of the State of Qatar, Japan's Minister for Economy, Trade & Industry and Delegation of Mitsubishi Corporation

Federal Minister for Energy Omar Ayub Khan met with H.E. Saad Sherida Al Kaabi Minister of State for Energy Affairs of the State of Qatar on the sidelines of LNG Conference at Tokyo. He apprised his Qatari counterpart on the progress in the existing cooperation regarding import of LNG from Qatar under Government to Government agreement and the future prospects for Qatari investment in energy related infrastructure in Pakistan.



Mr. Omar Ayub Khan also met Mr. Isshu Sugawara, Japanese Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry (METI). He apprised him of investment friendly policies of the Government and the tremendous potential and opportunities Pakistan offer particularly in the power, Oil and Gas sectors. He added that being one of the largest emerging markets in the world, Pakistan would like more Japanese companies to take full advantage of the economic opportunities at offer. He added that Pakistan has established two LNG terminals and permitted private sector to setup five more. Minister Sugawara appreciated the economic reforms being undertaken by Pakistan's Government and hoped that more Japanese Companies will take advantage of the upcoming business and investment opportunities. The Minister extended Pakistan's full support in the endeavors of Japanese Government for promoting the use of Hydrogen Energy and recycling of CO2 in the light of the Tokyo statement.



A delegation from Mitsubishi Corporation Japan headed by Mr. Akihiko Takada, Division COO, Natural Gas Division assisted by Mr. Kosuke Makino, Chief Executive Mitsubishi Corporation Pakistan also called on the Minister and briefed him on their ongoing projects in Pakistan as well as their future plans particularly in the Energy Sector. The Minister assured that Pakistan was open for business to the Japanese Companies and the present Government was committed to facilitate foreign investors in every possible way.



PSAJ event at the Embassy to felicitate graduating students

An event was organized by the Embassy in collaboration with the Pakistan Student Association of Japan (PSAJ) In honour of the graduating Pakistani students studying in different Universities in Japan. Around more than one hundred students along with distinct Japanese Professors graced the occasion. Presentations were given by the distinguished speakers on wide range of subjects including their impression of Japan.



The Ambassador in his keynote address congratulated the graduating students and urged them to make use of the skill set acquired in Japan for betterment of both countries. He also took the opportunity to highlight illegal Indian actions in the IOK and the plight of Kashmiri Muslims.



The Ambassador further stressed that Japan offers world class education facilities and encouraged Pakistani students to avail them to the fullest. The event concluded with a lunch for the participants.