

Pakistan day

Further understanding key for next generation

Farukh Amil
AMBASSADOR OF PAKISTAN

Every March 23, Pakistan Day is celebrated to commemorate the Lahore Resolution which is considered a major milestone in the vision and journey for Muslims to achieve an independent state. Seventy-five years ago the democratic struggle for Pakistan started under the leadership of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. Unwavering dedication and the demand for democratic rights bore fruit.

With democracy firmly in the minds of our founding fathers, it is again at centre stage as Pakistan has smoothly transitioned from one democratically elected government to the next for the first time in its history.

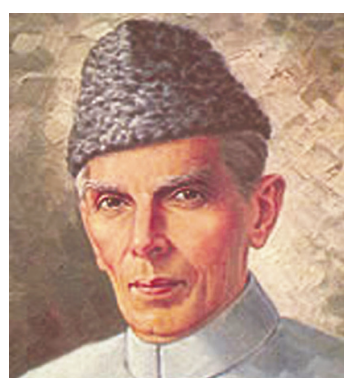


On this auspicious occasion, I express on behalf of the people of Pakistan, on my own behalf and on behalf of my compatriots in Japan, our respectful and sincere greetings to Their Imperial Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, members of the Imperial family, H.E. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, the government and the friendly people of Japan.

Pakistan and Japan have always enjoyed very cordial relations. At the 1951 San Francisco Peace Conference Pakistan advocated Japan's right to be treated with respect and dignity. A multidimensional relationship between Pakistan and Japan has evolved since the establishment of formal ties in 1952. Presently, there is wide-ranging and sustained cooperation between our two friendly countries. Our two prime ministers have agreed to further strengthen bilateral relations. The people and the government always remember Japanese assistance, particularly during natural disasters in Pakistan, rendered in the framework of human dignity.

The government, led by Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, with business friendly policies is providing immense incentives in the field of trade and investment. The past year has witnessed important ministerial, parliamentary and business delegations and exchanges. Japan had a robust presence during last month's EXPO-15 in Karachi. Investment and confidence is on the upswing. In April, Yamaha will open its brand new motorcycle factory in Pakistan. In addition to trade, it is also important to deepen understanding between our coming generations, particularly through universities and think tanks. We already have a shared heritage linking Nara in Japan to Ghandhara in Pakistan. Human resource development for a youthful country is both a priority and a potential to be harnessed.

For decades Japanese businessmen have remained engaged in major productive businesses in Pakistan. The dominating presence of the Japanese automobile sector is perhaps the most visible, but many others are involved in energy and construction. Trade and economic relations are not recent. There is a heritage spanning back to 1925 when the predecessor of the Bank of Japan-Mitsubishi opened its branch in Karachi. JICA continues to play a valuable role in building critical infrastructure such as the Friendship Tunnel in Kohat, rehabilitation of Radio Pakistan's medium-wave network, revitalization of the Children's Hospital in Karachi, strengthening of flood warning systems and the energy sector. JETRO is another key partner for its consistent efforts to promote trade and investment.

The founder of Pakistan
Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali JinnahPresident of Pakistan
Mamnoon HussainPrime Minister of Pakistan
Nawaz Sharif

Today, Pakistan's growing energy requirement is both a challenge and an opportunity. Pakistan is blessed with many resources which could be harnessed by the cutting-edge technologies of Japan. Proximity to major regional markets and its own large consumer market, Pakistan is well placed for growth. The prime minister's desire is to build bridges of peace and secure regional stability through trade and enterprise. As a peace-loving nation,

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Pakistan has consistently supported the international rule of law and remains a leading contributor to U.N. peace keeping. Pakistan has a progress-minded society firmly on the democratic path. Pakistan's ranking in the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) is indeed very notable, leading in the developing world and ahead of many developed countries. It highlights the impressive representation of women in the both upper and lower houses of the parliament. With Quaid-e-Azam's progress-minded vision of peace, tolerance and amity, the government and people of Pakistan will Insha'Allah continue to move forward.

Prosperous relationship grows

Seishiro Eto
PRESIDENT, JAPAN-PAKISTAN
PARLIAMENTARIANS' FRIENDSHIP
LEAGUE

On behalf of the Japan-Pakistan Parliamentarians' Friendship League, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the government and the people of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the occasion of Pakistan Day.



Pakistan Day is a special day for the people of Pakistan, and I have heard that celebrations take place not only in Pakistan, but also all over the world, including Japan. Seventy-five years have passed since Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, founding father of Pakistan, adopted the Lahore Resolution, and the noble spirit of the founding of Pakistan continues to radiantly shine today. My Pakistani friends unanimously emphasize that Islam is a religion which respects peace and has absolutely no connections with extremism. I am confident that Pakistan under the democratic leadership of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif will pursue stability and the rule of law. As a respectful member of the international community committed to peace, I note with admiration that Pakistan remains one of constant leading contributors to U.N. peacekeeping.

On the Japan-Pakistan relationship, since the beginning of this year, I have had opportunities to meet H.E. Senator Mo-

hammad Ishaq Dar, minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, members of the Standing Committee on Defence in the national assembly, and members of the Pakistan-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Group in the national assembly and discussed with them various issues such as Pakistan's economic and fiscal structural reforms and efforts to improve its security situation. We would like to continue to support the efforts of the government and people of Pakistan in tackling their challenges. At the same time, it is important to boost our bilateral relationship. To this end, I hope that both Japan and Pakistan will closely cooperate to foster an environment in which both countries will promote more people-to-people and cultural exchanges, trade and investment.

Pakistan is passing through a stage of unprecedented challenges. I am confident that given the strengthened democratic credentials and the resolve of the government, that Pakistan will be able to persevere, prevail and prosper.

As the president of the Japan-Pakistan Parliamentarians' Friendship League, I intend to further initiate exchanges among parliamentarians of our two countries and contribute to promoting mutual understanding and cooperative relations between Japan and Pakistan.

I would like 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.

Encouraging deeper bilateral business ties

Teruo Asada
CHAIRMAN, JAPAN-PAKISTAN
BUSINESS COOPERATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Japan-Pakistan Business Cooperation Committee (JPBCC), I would like to extend my whole-hearted congratulations to the government and people of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the occasion of Pakistan Day.



The economy of Pakistan these last few years is making steady advances, attaining in the 2013-2014 fiscal year, a growth

rate of 4.1 percent, the highest in six years, and further significant growth is projected. Gross National Income per capita reached \$1,386 in 2013, and the IMF forecasts that it will exceed \$1,500 in 2018. This growth is driven by the prosperous conditions of the manufacturing and service sectors, and private consumption, which represents 80 percent of GDP. As expansion of the middle class is also forecast, an abundance of accompanying business opportunities is expected.

In January, His Excellency Mohammad Ishaq Dar, minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization visited Japan and met with members of the Japan-Pakistan Business Cooperation Committee, at which time Dar introduced the economic and financial policy of the Sharif government. I felt encouraged by his message, which emphasized the driving forward of the difficult structural reform in the financial and energy sectors, positioning Pakistan far differently than from a few years ago.

"We are carrying out privatization of energy sector," he said, "and we would like Japanese companies with high technical capabilities to penetrate this sector."

The number of Japanese companies in Pakistan is 67. For further business development in our two countries, I expect

the business operations of other Japanese companies, including those in the automotive industry, will take root in Pakistan. Guided by our mission of mutual progress, the JPBCC will continue to encourage awareness of the attractiveness of Pakistan by holding seminars for Japanese companies, and endeavoring to enhance the close business alliance of our two countries.

In closing, please allow me to express my congratulations to Pakistan once again on the occasion of Pakistan Day. I look forward to the further reinforcement of the traditional friendship and partnerships that exist between our two nations.

Working together for world peace

Antonio Inoki
MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF COUNCILORS/GOODWILL AMBASSADOR FOR
SPORTS DIPLOMACY

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on Pakistan Day.



Pakistan has travelled a long road which has always not been easy. Having visited Pakistan on numerous occasions I am certain that the people of Pakistan, given the strength of their heritage, their solid and peaceful values and now with the establishment of a vibrant democracy, will be able to grow and prosper. Through cultural activities and sports, nations move forward positively. As a sports loving nation I saw in the Pakistani youth a determination to succeed.

Let's work together to contribute to world peace, remembering the strong motivation at the time of the founding of the nation 75 years ago.

I wish for the country's further development.



Left, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in New York in September 2013; right, Japan-Pakistan Friendship Tunnel. EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN

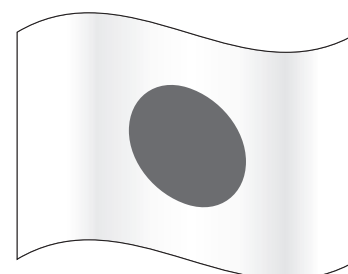
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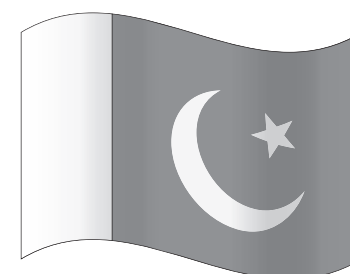
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"Revile not ye
those whom they call upon besides Allah"

(It Means Do Not Abuse Religious Persons)

聖クルアーン 6番、家畜章、108節で創造者が仰せています
"あなたがたは、
かれらがアッラーを差し置いて祈っているものを誹ってはならない。"
(人々の宗教を侮辱してはならない)

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