

Pakistan Day

Enjoying strong, friendly relations

Farukh Amil
AMBASSADOR OF PAKISTAN



Pakistan Day is celebrated every year on March 23 to commemorate the Lahore Resolution and the democratic vision of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah to establish Pakistan. With democracy firmly in the minds of our founding fathers, it is again at center stage as Pakistan's democratic institutions continue to strengthen.

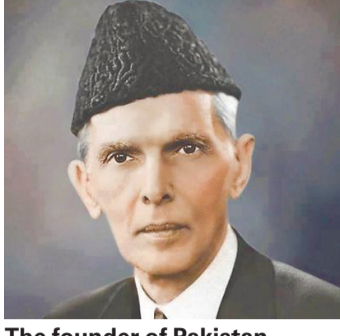
On this auspicious occasion, I express on the behalf of the people of Pakistan, on my behalf and on behalf of my compatriots in Japan our respectful and sincere greetings to Their Imperial Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, members of



Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz (left) meets Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida in Luxembourg in November. EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN



Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, left, and his wife Kalsoom Nawaz Sharif, right, called on Emperor Akihito, third from left, and Empress Michiko, third from right, at the Imperial Palace during their visit to Tokyo on Dec. 18, 1992. EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN



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

the Imperial family, H.E Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and 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. An important multi-dimensional relationship between Pakistan and Japan has evolved since the establishment of formal ties in 1952.

This past year has witnessed important ministerial, parliamentary and business delegation exchanges. Japan's presence at the EXPO-15 in Karachi was robust; a joint government business dialogue was held in Islamabad, drawing over 20 Japanese companies, underscoring the vital work of Pakistan's vibrant private sector, which is best exemplified by the Pakistan-Japan



President of Pakistan
Mammnoon Hussain

Business Forum and the Japan-Pakistan Business Cooperation Committee. Additionally, Yamaha opened a new motorcycle factory in April and Japanese companies saw record profits reflecting the strong consumer buying power of the rapidly expanding middle class. Resource-rich Pakistan with its youthful population (median age 22.8 years) nearing 200 million is the perfect complementary partner for Japan, a country of renowned industrial capacity and technological progress. It is only natural for Japanese corporations to harness, benefit and grow from this proven dynamic and symbiotic relationship. The proactive investment policies of the government have focused on liberalization, deregulation and privatization. The enabling environment for ease of doing business has drawn international

recognition. Business relations are not recent. There is a heritage dating back to 1925 when the predecessor of Bank of Japan-Mitsubishi UFJ opened its branch in Karachi. Both the Japan International Cooperation Agency and JETRO continue to play valuable roles in development and trade. Pakistan's energy requirement is a challenge and an opportunity. Pakistan is blessed with many resources that can be harnessed by the cutting-edge technologies of Japan. With proximity to major regional markets and its own large consumer



Prime Minister of Pakistan
Muhammad Nawaz Sharif

market, Pakistan is well placed for growth. The prime minister's desire is to build bridges of peace, corridors of energy flow and secure regional stability through trade and enterprise.

In addition to trade it is also important to deepen understanding between our coming generations, particularly through universities and think tanks. Human resource development for a youthful country is both a priority and a potential to be harnessed. Pakistan and Japan are Asian nations with many shared values and roots in the magnificent heritage of the Ghandhara civilization that is linked to Nara Prefecture in a timeless bond.

With the rule of international law in mind, Pakistan remains fully committed to international peace and stability. The prime

minister remains determined to pursue reconciliation and secure a 'peaceful neighborhood.' As a responsible member of the international community, Pakistan has deputed over 150,000 men and women from its military and police forces as U.N. peacekeepers since 1960 in the world's most difficult conditions and places. Many have sacrificed their lives in their noble effort to maintain peace.

Pakistan has a progressive-minded society firmly on the democratic path, reflected in a vibrant parliament and impressive women's representation in the national assembly and senate that has put the country near the top in terms of women's empowerment and participation in democracy. The women of Pakistan from Fatima Jinnah to Samina Baig today have proven their resilience to the world. In embracing all, the president reiterated Quaid-e-Azam's message in his Christmas address. The prime minister, in a heartfelt and sincere speech, reinforced Quaid-e-Azam's message at the Hindu festival of Diwali. Both reiterated their belief in peace within countries and between countries. As Pakistan boldly moves forward there has been a strong reiteration of the guiding principles of the founding father — democracy, tolerance, inclusivity and human dignity.

Wishing for continued prosperity

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



I would like to express my sincere congratulations to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the occasion of Pakistan Day.

Looking back at the efforts of our predecessors to build the foundations of Pakistan, let us work together to build a more peaceful and affluent country, as well as to realize world peace.

I sincerely hope for further prosperity of your country.



Pakistan Ambassador Farukh Amil (fifth from right) welcomes Akie Abe (sixth from right), the wife of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, as the main guest to a "Peace and Interfaith" event, along with (from right) Buddhist Priest Yoshida Nikko, Catholic Priest Mukengeshayi Matata, Shinto Priest Haruki Shinya, Imam Muhammad Rasit Alas, Fushimi Hiroaki, Antonio Inoki, Makoto Oniki, members of the public and students from Aoyama Gakuin and the International School of the Sacred Heart. YOSHIKI MIURA

Further reinforcing economic ties

Teruo Asada
CHAIRMAN, JAPAN-PAKISTAN BUSINESS COOPERATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Japan-Pakistan Business Cooperation Committee, 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 demonstrated continuous stable growth last year, as according to an announcement by the government of Pakistan, the real GDP growth rate for fiscal

2014-15 was 4.2 percent, with rates exceeding 4 percent for two consecutive years. The government expects further progressive growth as it has targeted economic growth of 5.5 percent for fiscal 2015-16. Toward this growth, active economic reforms by the administration of Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif along with improvement in public safety will have positive impacts. Moreover, robust domestic consumption is seen as a tailwind pushing growth forward.

This past November, we held the seventh Pakistan-Japan Private Sector Business Dialogue in Islamabad, at which time automotive industry policies and the taxation system were key topics of discussion. Also discussed were matters concern-

ing the expansion of the export of Pakistani products such as textiles and farm products. Considering the medium and long-term economic development of Pakistan, it is important to utilize the combined power of the public and private sectors and further reinforce economic ties between our countries. Additionally, it is important to have flexible follow-up discussions to fully address the issues that arise during dialogue meetings.

In closing, please allow me to express my congratulations to Pakistan once again on the occasion of

Pakistan Day. We look forward to the further reinforcement of our traditional friendship and the partnerships that exist between our two nations.



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THE 76th ANNIVERSARY
OF OUR NATIONAL DAY

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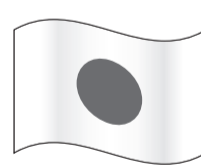


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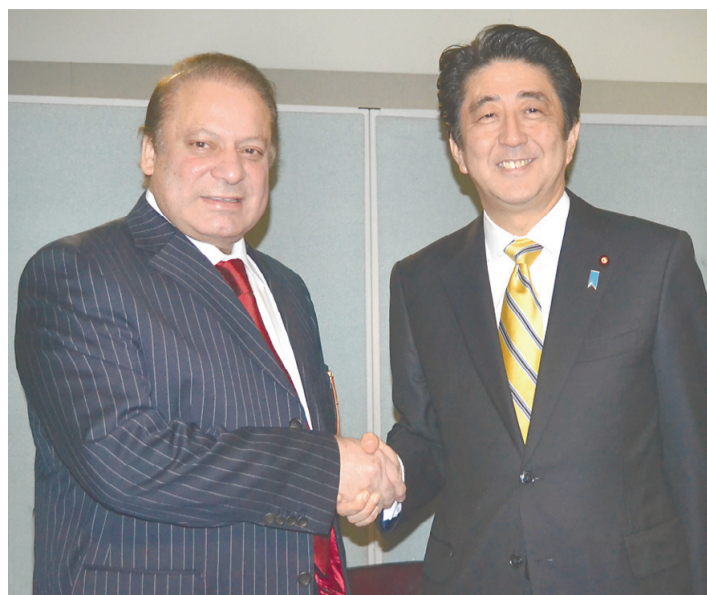
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Left: Samina Baig is the first Muslim in the world to climb all seven peaks on all seven continents; Top: Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif shakes hands with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in New York in September 2013. EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN

Firmly committed to peace

Seishiro Eto
PRESIDENT, JAPAN-PAKISTAN
PARLIAMENTARIANS' FRIENDSHIP
LEAGUE

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



In 1940, the concept for the independent, sovereign and democratic state of Pakistan was introduced in the "Lahore Resolution" drafted by the father of the Pakistani nation, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, also known as Quaid-e-Azam.

Under Jinnah's leadership, Pakistan gained independence in 1947. Tolerance for other faiths, cultures and val-

ues in a diversified world is exactly the ideal that Jinnah held out as a universal value of Pakistan. Our generation has many things to learn from the spirit of Pakistan's foundation. Since the establishment of diplomatic relations on April 28, 1952, Japan and Pakistan have enjoyed warm and cordial relations, which were further enhanced last year.

As a leading Muslim democracy, Pakistan has maintained a prominent role with its commitment to peace and rule of international law. Its noteworthy contributions to U.N. peacekeeping operations have established Pakistan as a leader of global peacekeeping.

Tsuneo Kitamura, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, and Teruo Asada, Chairman, Japan Pakistan Business Cooperation Committee, as well as 22 Japanese companies visited Islamabad in No-

vember and convened the fifth Japan-Pakistan Government Business Joint Dialogue. The outcome document from the dialogue, the "New Frontier Action Plan to Enhance the Japan-Pakistan Economic Relationship," became the basis for enhancing business, investment and people-to-people exchanges. The inauguration of Yamaha's manufacturing facility in Karachi last April was an encouraging sign for the Japanese corporations.

In the field of political and parliamentary relations, we observed a sustained trajectory of exchanges. In November, Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs Fumio Kishida met with his counterpart Sartaj Aziz at the foreign ministers meeting on the sidelines of the Asia-Europe Meeting in Luxembourg. In March, Japan's minister of state and special assistant to the prime minister on foreign affairs held a bilateral meet-

ing with our state minister for foreign affairs in Tokyo.

In February, I was particularly pleased to welcome my counterparts from the Pakistan-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Group, as well as the Standing Committee on Defence from the lower house of the Pakistani parliament. Of particular note were the number of women parliamentarians that visited Japan in 2015, including former minister Tehmina Daultana, serving senators Ayesha Raza Farooq and Sassui Palijo and Punjab Minister of Women Development Hameeda Waheeduddin, the latter having Pakistan-Japan heritage, highlighting the inclusivity of Pakistan, where a female politician with Japanese ancestry, can become a minister.

As president of Japan-Pakistan Parliamentarians' Friendship League, I am therefore, determined to furthering the entire spectrum of our relations with Pakistan.

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God Says In Chapter No. 41, Al-Fussilat, Verse No. 34
The good deed and the evil deed cannot be equal.
Repel (the evil) with one which is better.

(Then verily! He (the enemy) will be as though he was a close friend.)

聖クルアーン41番、フッスィラ章、34節で創造者が仰せられています
善と悪とは同じではない。(人が悪をしなくても)一層善行で悪を追い払え。
そうすれば、互いの間に敵意ある者でも、親しい友のようになる。

(互いを強い絆で結ぶメッセージであります)

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