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AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE

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This being my first contact with the subscribers through the Newsletter, I wish to share a distinct sense of pride and responsibility that comes with this assignment as Ambassador of Pakistan to the United States.

Pak-US relations form a most resilient aspect of Pakistan's foreign policy. It has survived multiple tests of time, over the past seven decades. I have been entrusted with the mandate to deepen this bilateral relationship and was honoured to convey the same message to Honorable President Donald J. Trump upon presentation of credentials on April 24, 2017. Pakistan, over the past three years, has made notable achievements, both in the security and economic domains. The threat of terrorism has been effectively countered. The improved security situation has had a salutary impact on the upward economic trajectory of the country. It will be my onerous responsibility to bring the people of the United States up to speed with the positive reality of today's Pakistan.

The Newsletter encapsulates a glimpse of my outreach to the U.S. Government, administration, think tanks, academia, media and legislators. Pakistan's biggest resource in the U.S. is a proud Pakistani-American community, which has not only contributed to the development of this country but also continues to serve as true ambassadors to Pakistan.

The Embassy and the four Pakistani Consulates in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Houston stand ready in the service of our country and our community. Provision of efficient consular services will remain a high priority for us. Soon we will be launching an improved, user-friendly Embassy website. I look forward to receiving your feedback.

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry

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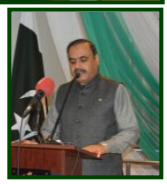
Ambassador presents his credentials to President Donald. J. Trump- April 24, 2017

77th PAKISTAN DAY FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhry led a flag-hoisting ceremony at the Embassy to commemorate Pakistan's 77th National Day. Speaking on the occasion the Ambassador said that every year 'Pakistan Day' reminds us of the need to uphold democratic ideals and principles that inspired the Muslims of the Subcontinent to forge unity in their ranks in pursuit of their cherished dream. He characterized the 77th "Pakistan Day" as being particularly important since the nation will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of independence this year.

Pakistan Day messages from President Mamnoon Hussain and Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif were read out by Minister Press, Abid Saeed and DCM, Rizwan Sheikh respectively.

Video:http://www.embassyofpakistanusa.org/Flag_hoisting%20_03-232017_%20V_.php

PAKISTAN DAY RECEPTION

The Embassy hosted a reception to celebrate the 77th Pakistan Day. Ambassador Thomas A. Shannon, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Congressman Andre D. Carson (D-IN) also graced the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry underscored the changing reality of a resurgent Pakistan. He expressed his commitment to maintain close cooperation with the host government to further deepen and broaden the historical ties.

Ambassador Shannon felicitated Ambassador Chaudhry on his assignment and assured him of his support. While highlighting the long history of bilateral cooperation, he appreciated Ambassador Chaudhry's resolve for creating a better environment and understanding to strengthen the Pak-U.S. relationship. He also appreciated the resilience of Pakistani people who have surpassed all obstacles to progress and prosperity.

Congressman Carson commended Pakistani-Americans for their contribution to American prosperity and making 'the US and the world a better place'. He expressed resolve to continue his work with Pakistani Diaspora for mutual interest.

Ambassador Chaudhry welcoming Ambassador Thomas A. Shannon, U.S. Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs

Ambassador Thomas A. Shannon delivering remarks at the Pakistan Day Reception

Ambassador addressing at the Pakistan Day Reception

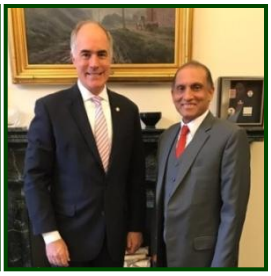
Ambassador Chaudhry with Pakistani-American marathon runners

CONGRESSIONAL OUTREACH

SENATORS

Shaking hands with Senator Ed Markey (D-MA)

With Senator John McCain (R-AZ), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services



With Senator Bob Casey (D-PA)

Presenting a memento to Senator Angus King (I-ME), accompanied by Air Marshal Arshad Mahmood, Chairman PAC

With Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA)

Presenting a souvenir to Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC)

CONGRESSMEN

With Congressman Ted Yoho (R-FL), Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific

With Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) at a joint congressional meeting, Houston, TX

Shaking hands with Congressman Ed Royce (R-CA), Chairman House Foreign Affairs Committee

Shaking hands with Congressman Brad Schneider (D-IL)

Congressman Dan Donovan (R-NY) called on the Ambassador in the Embassy

With Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-NY), Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee

With Congressman Brad Sherman (D-CA), accompanied by Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Muhammad Zakaullah

With Rep. Hal Rogers(R-KY), accompanied by Air Marshal Arshad Mahmood, Chairman Pakistan Aeronautical Complex

With Congressman Frank Pallone (D-NJ), Ranking Member on the House Energy & Commerce Cmte.

Presenting a memento to Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA), accompanied by Air Marshal Arshad Mahmood, Chairman Pakistan Aeronautical Complex

With Rep. Al Green (right) and Rep. Beto O'Rourke receiving a certificate of 'Special Congressional Recognition' during a joint congressional meeting, Houston, TX

Congressman Thomas Suozzi (D-NY), Member of the House Foreign Relations & Arms Services Committee called on the Ambassador

Presenting Congressman Ted Lieu (D-CA) 'The Legend of Sadequain' a collection of Sadequain's calligraphic masterpieces

Shaking hands with Congressman Eliot Engel (D-NY), Ranking Member House Foreign Affairs Committee

With Congressman Ted Deutch (D-FL)

MEETINGS WITH U.S. ADMINISTRATION

FINANCE MINISTER ISHAQ DAR MEETS U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR (NSA)

Finance Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar held a detailed meeting with U.S. National Security Advisor Lt. Gen. McMaster. They reviewed the state of play in the Pak-U.S. relationship and emphasized the need to have continued engagement on issues of mutual interest. The U.S. NSA noted Pakistan's sacrifices in the war against terrorism and assured its support to strengthen Pakistan's counter terrorism capabilities.

FINANCE MINISTER MEETS U.S. TREASURY SECRETARY

Finance Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar called on U.S. Treasury Secretary, Steven Mnuchin and briefed him about Pakistan's economic development since 2013. He informed that Pakistan, for the first time in its history, has completed an IMF Program which has put economy on solid footing and ready for sustained and inclusive growth. Treasury Secretary Mnunchin appreciated the recent turnaround witnessed by Pakistan's economy. He also applauded efforts made by the Pakistan government to control terrorist financing. He observed that both the countries should work together to curb the menace of terrorism.

Finance Minister shaking hands with U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin

FINANCE MINISTER MEETS U.S. ACTING DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE

U.S. Acting Deputy Secretary of State, Tom Shannon and his delegation called on Finance Minister Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar at the Embassy. The Minister conveyed to the U.S. officials that Pakistan would continue to make efforts to build on already existing mutually beneficial elements in the bilateral relationship during the Trump Administration. Acting Deputy Secretary, Tom Shannon conveyed to Minister Dar the Trump Administration's commitment to engage Pakistan for a broad based bilateral relationship and to partner with Pakistan to achieve regional peace and stability in South Asia.

Left: Finance Minister Mohammad in a meeting with U.S. Acting Deputy Secretary of State, Tom Shannon

ENGAGEMENTS WITH THINK TANKS

FINANCE MINISTER DELIVERS A KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Finance Minister Senator Ishaq Dar delivered a keynote address at the Heritage Foundation on 'Pakistan's Economic Reforms: It's Quest for Investment, Prospects for Development & Social Change". Minister Dar informed that the government has vigorously pursued 4Es strategy focusing on Energy, Economy, Elimination of Extremism and Education (Social Sector/Health). Structural reforms initiated by the Government have curtailed inflation rates. Tax collection has increased by 60% over the last 03 years. Commenting on China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Minister Dar said that CPEC is a game changer not only for Pakistan but for the entire region as it presents gigantic investment opportunities for the investors.

Full video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jLcx3RYG1UU&feature=youtu.be

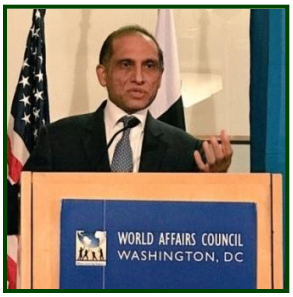
Left: Finance Minister at the Heritage Foundation

FINANCE MINISTER DELIVERS A KEYNOTE SPEECH AT "PAKISTAN EMBASSY FORUM

The Embassy hosted the third session of 'Pakistan Embassy Forum' that deliberated upon the "Economic Reforms and Revival in Pakistan". Finance Minister Senator Ishaq Dar delivered a keynote address. He informed the participants that government reforms and fiscal policies have boosted overall economic growth in Pakistan. For the very first time, Pakistan has successfully completed IMF's Extended Fund Facility Program which is a complete break from the past. Ambassador Chaudhry stated that the Pakistan of today is a resurgent country going through a momentous transformation on both security and economic fronts.

Finance Minister at the third session of 'Pakistan Embassy Forum'

AMBASSADOR SERIES AT THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL, WASHINGTON DC



Ambassador addressing at the World Affairs Council, Washington DC

While addressing at the World Affairs Council, Washington DC 'Ambassador Series', Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry said that Pakistan is looking for a broad-based, sustainable and not a transactional relationship with the US. He underscored the importance of Pak-US bilateral relations especially in the fields of education, health, counterterrorism, and defense and stressed the need to enhance cooperation in areas that are lagging behind.

AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES AT THE UNITED STATES INTITUTE OF PEACE (USIP)

Ambassador at the USIP

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry addressed a large gathering of academics, students, South Asia experts, journalists, diplomats and U.S. government representatives at the USIP. The Ambassador highlighted that peace in Afghanistan was imperative and a high priority for Pakistan. He emphasized the need for continued Pak-U.S. partnership not only for peace in Afghanistan but also to build a stronger Pakistan-US relationship for the mutual benefit of the two countries.

AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES AT THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL, LOS ANGELES, CA

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry at the World Affairs Council, Los Angeles

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry addressed a luncheon meeting organized by the Los Angeles World Affairs Council in California Club, Los Angeles. Terry McCarthy, President World Affairs Council (Los Angeles) moderated the interactive session which was focused on Pakistan-US bilateral relations and regional situation.

A DISCUSSION ON "REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE ON U.S. STRATEGY IN AFGHANISTAN" AT THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry at the Atlantic Council, Washington, DC

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry participated in a panel discussion on "Regional Perspective on U.S. Strategy in Afghanistan" at the Atlantic Council. Ambassador Chaudhry reiterated Pakistan's desire to see a peaceful, stable, prosperous and sovereign Afghanistan. He stressed the need for both Pakistan & the U.S. to work together to achieve peace in Afghanistan.

PRESIDENT/CEO WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL CALLS ON THE AMBASSADOR

Tony Culler-Foster, President & CEO World Affairs Council called on Ambassador Chaudhry and discussed the prospects of establishing WAC'S chapter in Pakistan

A DISCUSSION ON "PAKISTAN & AFGHANISTAN RELATIONS, DIPLOMACY & SECURITY CHALLENGES" ORGANISED BY INDUS

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry discussing 'Pakistan & Afghanistan Relations, Diplomacy & Security Challenges

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry participated in a dialogue with Afghan Ambassador, Dr. Hamdullah Mohib on "Pakistan & Afghanistan Relations, Diplomacy & Security Challenges" organized by Indus, a Washington DC based think tank. The Ambassador said that Afghanistan's tendency to shift blame on Pakistan for everything should be discouraged. He also reiterated that Pakistan is open to any mechanism that may work for bringing peace in Afghanistan and the entire region.

ENGAGEMENTS OF FEDERAL MINISTER FOR FINANCE & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

MEETING WITH PRESIDENT WORLD BANK

Finance Minister shaking hands with President World Bank, Dr. Jim Yong Kim

Finance Minister with President World Bank, Dr. Jim Yong Kim and CEO World Bank, Kristalina Georgieva

Finance Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar called on President World Bank Dr Jim Yong Kim during the Spring Meetings of the World Bank and IMF. The two discussed in detail World Bank's portfolio in Pakistan. Minister Dar acknowledged World Bank's role in resolving the disputes under the Indus Water Treaty and urged expediting the process. Minister Dar briefed President Kim about the improvement in the macro economic situation in the country. President Kim congratulated Finance Minister on the successful completion of the IMF program and expressed the hope that Pakistan will continue taking forward the reform process to sustain the higher growth trajectory.

MEETING WITH CHINESE FINANCE MINISTER

Finance Minister Ishaq Dar in a meeting with Chinese Minister of Finance, Xiao Jie

MEETING WITH SWISS FINANCE MINISTER

Finance Minister Ishaq Dar met with Swiss Finance Minister Ueli Maurer

MEETING WITH FINANCE MINISTER OF SAUDI ARABIA

Finance Minister Ishaq Dar met with Mohammad Aljadaan, Finance Minister of Saudi Arabia at the margins of World Bank/IMF Spring Meetings. Finance Minister Dar apprised his Saudi partners in development. counterpart regarding recent economic development in Pakistan and remarked that both the brother Muslim countries can be partners in development in times to come

FINANCE MINISTER ADDRESSES AT THE U.S.-PAKISTAN BUSINESS COUNCIL (USPBC)

Finance Minister addressing at the U.S.-Pakistan Business Council

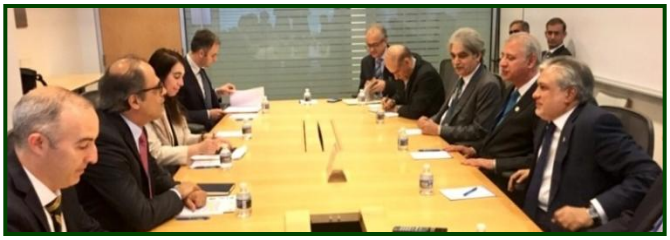
Finance Minister Ishaq Dar addressed members of the U.S. - Pakistan Business Council (USPBC) at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. While highlighting the fast-improving ease of doing business in Pakistan, the Finance Minister Dar said that the emergence of Pakistan's stock market as the 5th best performer in the world is indicative of Pakistan's huge potential for investment.

MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE VICE-PREISDENT (EVP) AND CEO, IFC

Finance Minister meeting with Executive Vice President (EVP) & CEO of International Finance Corporation (IFC) Mr. Philippe Le Houerou

Pakistan delegation headed by Finance Minister met with Executive Vice President (EVP) & CEO of International Finance Corporation (IFC) Mr. Philippe Le Houerou at the World Bank. Mr. Houerou congratulated Finance Minister Dar on undertaking structural reforms and completing the IMF program. Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry was also present on the occasion.

MEETING WITH DIRECTOR MIDDLE EAST AND CENTRAL ASIA DEPARTMENT, IMF



Finance Minister in a meeting with Director MCD IMF, Jihad Azour

Finance Minister held a meeting with Jihad Azour, Director MCD IMF and briefed him on the successful Article IV Consultation. He said that macro-economic indicators in Pakistan have shown remarkable improvement since 2013 when the present government took over. Director MCD IMF, Jihad Azour observed that adhering to reforms process will protect the Pakistan's economy from shocks but also help the Government in achieving higher sustainable inclusive growth rate.

AMBASSADOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

USAID DELEGATION CALLS ON AMBASSADOR

Jerry Bisson, USAID Mission Chief to Pakistan and Bill Hammink, Assistant Administrator USAID called on Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry and briefed him about USAID programs in Pakistan. Ambassador Chaudhry appreciated USAID's program portfolio in Pakistan.

VICE PRESIDENT, WORLD BANK (SOUTH ASIA REGION) CALLS ON AMBASSADOR

Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry met with Annette Dixon, Vice President World Bank, South Asia Region at the Embassy

US-PAKISTAN WOMEN'S COUNCIL (USPWC) DELEGATION CALLS ON THE AMBASSADOR

Ambassador with USPWC delegation

Ambassador Chaudhry hosted a U.S.-Pakistan Women's Council delegation along with State Department officials. He appreciated USPWC activities in promoting women entrepreneurship in Pakistan

U.S.-PAKISTAN BUSINESS COUNCIL (USPBC) HOSTS A LUNCEHON FOR THE AMBASSADOR

U.S.-Pakistan Business Council arranged a luncheon meeting with Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry. President USPBC, Esperanza Jelalian and Chairman USPBC, Dr. Mehmood Khan welcomed Ambassador Chaudhry upon joining his assignment as Pakistan's Ambassador to the US. In his remarks, Ambassador Chaudhry informed the audience about the tremendous improvements in Pakistan's security & economic situation that have opened new investment opportunities in the country. He reiterated that deeper economic, commercial & investment ties can further strengthen bilateral relations between Pakistan & the U.S.

VISIT TO EXXON MOBIL HEADQUARTERS, HOUSTON, TX

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Resources, Shahid Khaqan Abbasi and Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry visited ExxonMobil Headquarters in Houston, TX.

GLAXOSMITHKLINE DELEGATION CALLS ON THE AMBASSADOR

Ambassador meeting with GlaxoSmithKline delegation

The GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) delegation apprised Ambassador Chaudhry of the Company's operations and strong interests in Pakistan.

AMBASSADOR HOSTS OPEN, WASHINGTON DC BOARD MEMBERS

Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry hosted board members of Organization of Pakistani Entrepreneurs of North America (OPEN), Washington DC. The discussion focused on entrepreneurial opportunities to promote business and investment in Pakistan.

PHILIP MORRIS & PEPSICO DELEGATION CALLS ON THE AMBASSADOR

A Philip Morris and Pepsico delegation briefed the Ambassador about their investments in Pakistan

MEETING WITH LOS ANGELES-BASED WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry interacted with leading Los Angeles-based Pakistani-American women entrepreneurs and appreciated their humanitarian work and role in the community.

PROCTOR AND GAMBLE DELEGATION CALLS ON THE AMBASSADOR

A delegation from Procter & Gamble called on Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry and apprised him of the Company's operations and strong interests in Pakistan

AMBASSADOR VISITS MIDLAND ENERGY FIELD OFFICE IN HOUSTON, TX

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry visited the field office of Midland Energy in Midland, Texas. During the discussion with officials of the corporation, he stressed on the need for mutually beneficial trade ties between Pakistan and the U.S.

MEETING WITH EXCELERATE ENERGY DELEGATION

A delegation from Excelerate Energy, Houston TX called on the Ambassador and briefed him about its operations in Pakistan.

'PAKISTAN HAS MADE AN IMPRESSIVE HEADWAY IN FINANCIAL AND DIGITAL INCLUSION' – FINANCE MINISTER

At the culmination of his four day visit, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar briefed the Pakistani media on the country's impressive headway in financial and digital inclusion. Finance Minister Dar gave a detailed round-up on the plenary sessions with the IMF and the World Bank. Minister Dar highlighted Pakistan's emergence as a lucrative investment option for international investors and urged U.S. multinational giants to consider Pakistan for establishing labor-intensive facilities in the South Asian region.

AMBASSADOR HOSTS MEMBERS OF THE U.S. MEDIA

In his first interaction with U.S. media after assuming charge, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry hosted members of U.S. print and electronic media at the embassy. Ambassador Chaudhry extended a warm welcome to the correspondents and underscored the changing reality of a resurgent Pakistan. The Ambassador briefed the attendees on Pakistan's successful campaign against terrorism that has reduced terrorism related incidents significantly and boosted our economy.

AMBASSADOR HOSTS DC-BASED PAKISTANI JOURNALISTS

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry hosted DC-based Pakistani journalists at the Embassy. He briefed the journalists regarding his mission to further strengthen Pakistan's relations with the U.S. and win friends for Pakistan in American polity.

THE WASHINGTON POST

Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry met with Missy Ryan, Military and National Security Writer and Greg Jaffe, National Staff Reporter of The Washington Post

THE WASHINGTON TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry briefed the editorial team of the Washington Times about tremendous economic turnaround witnessed by Pakistan and markedly improved security situation in the country

FINANCIAL TIMES

Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry met with Katrina Manson, US Foreign Policy and Defense Correspondent of Financial Times London based in Washington, DC

CBS NEWS

Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry met with Margaret Brennan, White House and senior foreign affairs correspondent for CBS News based in Washington, D.C

WALL STREET JOURNAL

Minister (Press) Abid Saeed and Press Attaché Zoobia Masood met with The Wall Street Journal editorial board members, Bret Stephens and William McGurn, at the WSJ headquarter in New York.

NEW YORK TIMES

Minister (Press) Abid Saeed and Press Attaché Zoobia Masood met with editorial board members, Carol Giacomo and Matt Seaton at The New York Times HQ in New York.

MEDIA OUTREACH

ICFJ JOURNALIST EXCHANGE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS CALL ON THE AMBASSADOR

A group of U.S. journalists sponsored by the U.S. State Department, scheduled to visit Pakistan under International Center For Journalists (ICFJ) exchange program, called on Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry. The Ambassador apprised the Journalists about the tremendous progress that Pakistan has achieved on security and economic fronts.

AMBASSADOR HOSTS URDU MEDIA GROUP

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry hosted a group of Pakistani, Urdu media journalists sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, in collaboration with the University of Oklahoma. The Ambassador briefed the group on Pak-U.S. cooperation and bilateral ties and appreciated the U.S. Department of State's journalist exchange initiative.

OUTREACH TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

AMBASSADOR SPEAKS AT THE HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL, CAMBRIDGE, MA

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry at the Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry spoke at an event titled "A Conversation on U.S.-Pakistan Relations" at the Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Massachusetts. He gave a broad overview of a resurgent Pakistan focusing on the improved security situation and economic revival. He underscored Pakistan's efforts to deepen and broaden its historical ties with the United States. He added that recent high-level engagements between the two sides were cordial and there was a desire on both sides to constructively engage for a broad-based relationship.

AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS & RICE UNIVERSITY, HOUSTON, TX

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhry spoke at the Department of International Studies, University of St. Thomas and at the Baker Institute for Public Policy, Rice University. The Ambassador highlighted the evolution of the Pak-U.S. relationship from security-oriented to a deeper, more dynamic and multifaceted relationship In which cooperation is taking place across multiple fields. He also apprised the audience about positive developments taking place inside Pakistan including successful security operations and increasing economic opportunities.

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry at the University of St. Thomas (Left) and Rice University (right)

INTERACTION WITH PAKISTANI STUDENTS FROM UCLA, USC, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry interacted with Pakistani Students from University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), University of Southern California (USC), Cal State Fullerton, Cal State Northridge and various community colleges at the University of Southern California (USC). Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry urged the young students to play the role of a bridge between Pakistan and the U.S.

AMBASSADOR VISITS TUFTS UNIVERSITY, MEDFORD, MA

Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry visited his Alma Mater, the Fletcher School, Tufts University. Medford, Massachusetts. He exchanged views with Professor Richard Shultz, the Director of International Security Studies and interacted with Pakistan students

Right: Ambassador interacting with faculty and students at Tufts University

OUTREACH TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES

LAHORE UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES & UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LAHORE DELEGATION CALLS ON THE AMBASSADOR

Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry briefed the young professionals about Pak-US bilateral relations. He emphasized the importance of Pakistan-US relations marked with a long-standing partnership in various fields. The Ambassador said that Pakistan has been blessed with immense talent in various fields and, participation of young professionals in various international competitions helps promote a positive image of Pakistan in the world.

AMBASSADOR HOSTS THE 'STUDENT AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN'

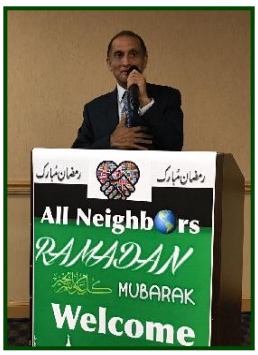
The Embassy hosted Cody Swartzentruber, a student ambassador to Pakistan along with his fellow students. Cody Swartzentruber is an 8th Grade student at Greenwood Mennonite School where students are working on a project titled "Exploring the World" aimed at exploring similarities and differences in countries across the globe. Cody Swartzentruber's subject country is Pakistan. Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry presented Cody a letter from President Mamnoon Hussain and signed photographs of the President.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

AMBASSADOR AIZAZ CHAUDHRY PRESIDED OVER A CONFERENCE OF CONSULS GENERAL

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry presiding over a conference of Consuls General

AMBASSADOR ATTENDS INTER-FAITH IFTAR DINNER HOSTED BY 'ALL NEIGHBORS'



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry spoke at an Inter-faith Iftar Dinner arranged by 'All Neighbors'.

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry presided over a conference of Heads of Pakistan's Consular Missions from New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Houston. Matters related to consular services, community affairs and Pakistani Diaspora's role in expansion of trade and investment were discussed. Speaking on the occasion the Ambassador said that improvement in consular services and community facilitation must be accorded the highest priority. He advised the officers to ensure easy accessibility to the community and outlined his plan to involve the Diaspora in strengthening economic and commercial ties between Pakistan and the United States.

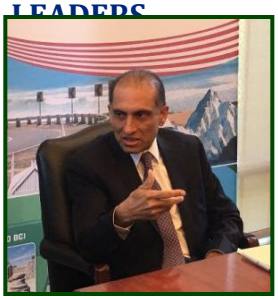
The Ambassador vowed to reach out to the Pakistani diaspora in every corner of the United States. He announced to undertake regular visits to all the Consulates and their areas of jurisdiction in order to acquire first-hand information on the community's concerns and enlist their support in building bridges between the two countries.

AMBASSADOR PRESIDES OVER MUSHAIRA HELD BY URDU WRITERS SOCIETY (NORTH AMERICA)

Ambassador delivering remarks at the Urdu Writers' Society Mushaira

Ambassador presided over a mushaira (Urdu poetry recitation event) organized by the Urdu Writers Society (North America) in Riverside, California. Ambassador Chaudhry praised the Urdu Writers Society for their services to the national language of Pakistan and encouraged the Pakistani-American community to continue projecting a soft image of Pakistan.

AMBASSADOR RECEIVES A DELEGATION OF PAKISTANI-AMERICAN COMMUNITY LEADERS



Ambassador addressing a delegation of Pak-American community leaders

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry received a delegation of Pakistani American community leaders. The Ambassador appreciated the spirit of service of Pakistani-Americans.

MEETING WITH NEW YORK-BASED PAKISTAN-AMERICANS

Ambassador interacted with New York-based Pakistani-American businessmen who came to meet him in Edison, NJ. The Ambassador praised the community's active participation in strengthing and celebrating 70 years of Pakistan-US friendship.

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry interacting with New York-based Pakistani-American community members

AMBASSADOR ATTENDS 11TH SAFEER-E-PAKISTAN PRIDE OF PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry presented Safeer-e-Pakistan Pride of Performance Awards to notable Pakistani-Americans from across the U.S.

PAKISTANI-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS WELCOME THE AMBASSADOR TO HOUSTON

A number of Pakistani-American Organizations came together in Houston to host a reception in honour of Ambassador Chaudhry.

MEETING WITH PAKISTANI-AMERICAN COUNCIL, EDISON, NJ

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry addressed a large gathering of Pakistani-Americans in Edison, NJ. He appreciated the role Pakistani-American community is playing in the American society.

EMBASSY HOSTS AN INTER-FAITH IFTAR DINNER

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry with religious leaders (left) and Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (right)

To share the blessings of the Holy month of Ramadan and promote interfaith harmony and peace, the Embassy hosted an Inter-faith Iftar Dinner. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee was the chief guest. Eminent representatives of Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist and Sikh religions emphasized the importance of interfaith harmony and tolerance. The leaders of faith prayed in their languages for world peace and highlighted the commonalities present in their religions which serve to foster harmony and love in the world.

AMBASSADOR HOSTS DC-BASED PAKISTANI JOURNALISTS AT AN IFTAR DINNER

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry hosted an Iftar Diner in honor of DC-based Pakistani Journalists. The Ambassador urged journalists to radiate the message of peace, love and hope by acting as a bridge between Pakistan and the U.S. to further strengthen bilateral relations.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS DINNER

Ambassador presenting a book 'Churches of Pakistan' to Senator & Mrs. Richard H. Black

A choir performing at the Easter Dinner

The Embassy of Pakistan and 'All Neighbors', a Virginia-based community organization, co-hosted an Easter Celebrations Dinner. Virginia State Senator, Richard H. Black was the chief guest on the occasion. Ambassador Chaudhry commended the Pakistani-Christian community for spreading the message of peace, love and hope, and playing the role of a bridge between their motherland and their homeland. The Ambassador also highlighted the important role being played by Christians in the national development of Pakistan.

PASSPORT DC – AROUND THE WORLD EMBASSY TOUR

The Embassy participated in "Passport DC, Around the World Embassy Tour", which coincided with the beginning of 70th year celebrations of Pakistan's independence this year. Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudry, while inaugurating day-long festivities at the premises of the Embassy, said that Pakistan was celebrating 70 years of friendship with the U.S. at the Passport DC event; conveying message of love, peace, friendship and hope. The audience was entertained by several performances representing the rich cultural heritage of Pakistan. Stalls representing culture traditions of various parts of Pakistan including Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan were set up.

A SUFI MUSICAL EVENING

Ambassador speaking at the Sufi Musical Evening held at the Embassy

Ambassador with a group of Humphrey fellows (2016-17)

Celebrating 70 years of friendship between Pakistan and the U.S., the Embassy hosted a Sufi Musical Concert in collaboration with 'The Embassy Series'. Ustad Dilshad Hussain Khan, an international violinist, composer and musicologist enthralled the audience with his performance on instruments, interspersed with recitation of Sufi highlighted poetry. Ambassador Chaudhry highlighted the importance of fostering linkages and friendship through the language of music, poetry, and other genres of art.

EMBASSY EVENTS

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY ROTARY CLUB CHARTERING EVENT AT THE EMBASSY

The Rotary Club and The American University (AU) students jointly organized the AU Rotaract chartering event at the Embassy of Pakistan. Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry and Rotary Club District Governor Dr. Anna-Mae Kobbe were the chief guests on the occasion. The Ambassador congratulated the students for taking over the responsibility of community services and assuming leadership roles and also commended them for opting to serve humanity by joining the Rotary Club.

Right: Ambassador Chaudhry with Rotary Club District Governor Dr. Anna-Mae Kobbe and AU students

MISCELLANEOUS

SANITATION AND WATER FOR ALL

Minister for Climate Change, Zahid Hamid spoke at a "Sanitation & Water for All" high level meeting in Washington, DC

CHAIRPERSON BENAZIR INCOME SUPORT PROGRAM MEETS VICE PRESIDENT, WORLD BANK (SAR)

Ms.Marvi Memon, Chairperson Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) met with Annette Dixon, Vice President World Bank, South Asia Region

AMBASSADOR HOSTS A PAKISTANI BUSINESSMEN DELEGATION

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry hosted a delegation of leading Pakistani businessmen visiting Washington DC to attend the SelectUSA Investment Summit 2017

FEDERAL MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE MEETS VICE PRESIDENT, WORLD BANK (SAR)

Federal Minister for Climate Change Mr. Zahid Hamid met Ms. Annette Dixon, Vice President World Bank, South Asia Region

CHAIRPERSON BENAZIR INCOME SUPORT PROGRAM MEETS WITH WORLD BANK SENIOR DIRECTOR FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION, LABOUR & JOBS

Minister of State Marvi Memon met with Michal Rutkowski, Senior Director for Social Protection, Labor and Jobs – overseeing the World Bank's work in developing systems that protect the poorest and vulnerable from crises and shocks, and supporting private sector-led growth.

AMBASSADOR HOSTS A SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN DELEGATION

Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry welcomed a delegation from SECP. The delegation was in Washington, DC to attend a training course on Growth & Development of Securities Market at the US Soybean Export Council. Ambassador Chaudhry said that the SECP is of crucial importance in promoting trade & investment in Pakistan.

AMBASSADOR HOSTS MEMBERS OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry hosted a Pakistani delegation including members of National Assembly (NA) Standing Committee on Human Rights.

AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry met with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials and discussed the community's immigration-related concerns

WORLD KASHMIR AWARENESS FORUM DELEGATION CALLS ON THE AMBASSADOR

A delegation comprising of members of the World Kashmir Awareness Forum called on Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry to discuss ways and means to highlight the atrocities committed by Indian forces in Indian-occupied Kashmir (IOK)

EMBASSY HOSTS A DELEGATION FROM NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY (NDU), ISLAMABAD

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