



EMBASSY of
THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN
in WASHINGTON DC



**MESSAGE FROM DR. ASAD M. KHAN,
CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES**

The holiday season in the US and the Congressional recess provided much needed break to the Embassy in the month of August from the hectic schedule over the last several months. End of Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr holidays also allowed the Embassy officials to catch up with their friends and spend some time with their families.

Importantly, in August all Pakistanis celebrated the 67th Independence Day of Pakistan. At the Embassy we arranged a dignified flag hoisting ceremony, attended by the Embassy staff and members of the community. Messages from the President and the Prime Minister were read on the occasion and the ceremony was live webcast.

The Embassy also hosted groups of Pakistani journalists and teachers visiting DC under various exchange programs. Additionally, a certificate distribution ceremony was held to award certificates to the young Pakistani American students for successfully completing the Embassy's Internship Program. The 10 weeks Embassy Summer Internship Program started in June.

We also bade farewell to some of our colleagues posted back to Pakistan and welcomed the new arrivals.

With Congress expected to resume its session with a full agenda in the coming days, we anticipate more activity on the bilateral front and a lot to share with you in our next Newsletter.

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**QUOTES FROM MESSAGE OF PRIME MINISTER
MIAN MUHAMMAD NAWAZ SHARIF ON
INDEPENDENCE DAY 2013**

"On the 67th Independence Day, I extend my heartiest felicitations to all the countrymen and offer my gratitude to Allah for giving us a beautiful country like Pakistan. Today, I also felicitate those Pakistanis who are settled abroad but their hearts throng with Pakistan and deem the green flag as a symbol of honour and dearer than their lives. Pakistan is our identity that we earned through immense sacrifices." "A new era of hope and optimism has dawned in the country with the inception of the present democratic government." "The present government is committed to eliminate all evils from the country and take it to new heights of development and prosperity." "The Independence Day demands of us that we should plan our future strategy in the light of our past experiences. If we fail to correct our mistakes today, do not choose the right path, and continue to serve our personal interests instead of the national objectives, the future generations will never pardon us."

**QUOTES FROM SECRETARY JOHN KERRY'S
MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF
INDEPENDENCE DAY**

"As you mark Independence Day this year, we also celebrate Pakistan's historic democratic transition and its continued advancement as a stable democracy in South Asia." "The people of Pakistan deserve enormous credit for their role in the peaceful transition from one democratically elected government to another. The United States congratulates you on this achievement and wishes you continued success on the path to peace and prosperity." "I have been fortunate to enjoy the hospitality and friendship of many Pakistanis over the course of my visits to your country over the years. These are the types of connections that form the foundation of the long term partnership between the American and Pakistani people." "The United States remains fully engaged in building a relationship that is based on mutual interests and mutual respect."

EMBASSY HOSTS FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY ON PAKISTAN'S 67TH INDEPENDENCE DAY



Flag-hoisting ceremony at the Embassy on the occasion of the 67th Independence Day of Pakistan

On 14th August the Embassy celebrated Pakistan's 67th Independence Day with traditional zeal and fervor. A ceremony was held at the Embassy courtyard in which Dr. Asad M. Khan, Charge d' Affaires hoisted the national flag and read out messages from the President and Prime Minister of Pakistan. The Embassy officers and staff members as well as media and community representatives also joined the flag hoisting ceremony and the reception hosted afterwards.

Video:
http://embassyofpakistanusa.org/Flag_Hoisting%20_Ceremony_08142013.php

CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION OF EMBASSY'S SUMMER 2013 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



The month of August concluded the Embassy's Summer 2013 Internship program. A ceremony for distribution of certificates among the interns who successfully completed the program was held at the Embassy on Independence Day. Charge d' Affaires awarded certificates among the interns who worked at the Embassy from June to August 2013.

Video:
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CONGRESSIONAL OUTREACH



Charge d' Affaires Dr. Asad M. Khan met with Congressman Chris Van Hollen, (D-MD) Ranking Member of the House Budget Committee and discussed a wide range of issues in Pak-U.S. relations.

FAREWELL DINNER IN HONOR OF OUTGOING EMBASSY OFFICERS AND DIRECTOR PAKISTAN DESK AT U.S DEPARTMENT OF STATE



Left to Right: Cd'A Dr. Asad M. Khan, Gp. Capt. Haseeb Paracha, Ms. Fozia Fayyaz, Mr. Tim Lenderking

A farewell dinner was arranged at the Embassy to bid farewell to the outgoing Embassy Officers Group Captain Haseeb Paracha (Air Attache), Ms. Fozia Fayyaz (First Secretary) and Director of Pakistan Desk at the Department of State Mr. Tim Lenderking and to welcome the new Director (Name required) Cd'A Dr. Asad Majeed Khan commended the invaluable services rendered by the outgoing officers for strengthening of Pak-US relations and appreciated the role of Mr. Tim Lenderking in the promotion of bilateral ties between the two countries. The outgoing officers and Director shared their experiences during their tenure at the Embassy and Pakistan Desk respectively and extended thanks to the Embassy for hosting the dinner.

PAKISTAN FAMILIARIZATION COURSE AT U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE

Salman Sharif, First Secretary of the Embassy spoke at the U.S. Foreign Service Institute's Pakistan Familiarization Course. He briefed the course participants on Pakistan's Foreign Policy and shared an overview of the current state of Pakistan-U.S. relations. The interaction is part of the Embassy regular engagement with groups of U.S. diplomats who undergo training at the Foreign Service Institute.

KENNEDY-LUGAR YOUTH EXCHANGE AND STUDY PROGRAM (YES)

Two groups of around 40 Pakistani high school students (15-17 years of age) each arrived in the U.S. as part of the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program (YES). The YES program has been going on since 2002 and more than 800 Pakistani youth have visited the U.S. under the aegis of this program. Each student will spend one year in the U.S. in various states all across the country with a view to learn about the U.S., interact with fellow students and foster better mutual understanding between youth of both the countries. First Secretaries Zaman Mehdi and Salman Sharif met with the students at the Washington National Youth Hostel and conveyed the Embassy's good wishes to them for their stay in the U.S.

ALSO PAKISTAN...

ALMOST 5 MONTHS OLD, BRONX NATIVE MAKES ZOO DEBUT



A 17-pound snow leopard, born this spring at the Bronx Zoo, is now on display, the first son of an orphaned snow leopard from Pakistan. The cub, still unnamed, is the offspring of Leo, who was brought to the zoo after his mother and siblings were killed in 2005 in Pakistan. The cub's birth is part of the Species Survival Plan, a cooperative breeding program meant to maintain genetic diversity and demographic stability in zoo populations of threatened and endangered animals. In Pakistan, the Wildlife Conservation Society, which runs the zoo, has worked with local officials on a number of conservation efforts, training more than 100 rangers to monitor snow leopards and other wildlife and to stop deforestation and poaching.

"It's heartening to learn that Leo had his own cub, a male, this summer. Leo has served as a symbol of deep friendship and abiding good will between our two countries." –Dr. Asad M. Khan, Charge d'Affaires.

"While Leo is on loan to the Bronx Zoo, we hope that his presence in the United States and ongoing bilateral cooperation on conservation efforts will help deepen the links between the people of Pakistan and the United States." – Richard G. Olson, United States Ambassador to Pakistan.

A GROUP OF PAKISTANI JOURNALISTS VISITED THE EMBASSY AS PART OF STATE DEPARTMENT'S JOURNALIST EXCHANGE PROGRAM



PAKISTANI TEACHERS VISIT THE EMBASSY

