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CONGRESSIONAL OUTREACH

AMBASSADOR BRIEFS HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUB COMMITTEE ON CAPITOL HILL



On 9th March, 2018 Congressman Ted Yoho (R-FL) Chairman House Foreign Affairs Sub Committee on Asia and Pacific invited Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry at the Capitol Hill for a wide ranging discussion with Subcommittee members on Pakistan-US relations. Subcommittee's Ranking Member Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA) and other members including Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH) and Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-VA) also attended. Ambassador Chaudhry briefed the Subcommittee on Pakistan's counter-terrorism efforts and highlighted successes achieved by Pakistan's security forces in defeating terrorism. Describing ongoing campaign under Operation Rad-ul-Fasaad, he reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to continue the fight against terrorism. Ambassador Chaudhry drew the Congressmen's attention to the atrocities committed against innocent Kashmiris in occupied territory. Members of House Foreign Affairs Committee and Ambassador Chaudhry also discussed the need to enhance Pak-US economic engagement and further strengthen people to people contacts between the two countries.

INTERIOR MINISTER MEETS SENATOR LINDSEY GRAHAM

Interior Minister Ahsan Iqbal met senior Republican Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) on 6th February, 2018. The Minister was accompanied by Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry. Senator Graham serves on four Senate Committees: Appropriations, Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget. They discussed bilateral relations and the regional situation. The Interior Minister briefed Senator Graham on Pakistan's successes in combating terrorism. He added that the improvement in the country's security environment had made Pakistan an attractive destination for foreign investment.



INTERIOR MINISTER SPEAKS AT A BREAKFAST MEETING ON “GLOBAL SECURITY AND GEO-POLITICAL THREATS”



Interior Minister Ahsan Iqbal spoke at a breakfast meeting on “Global Security and Geopolitical Threats” at Capitol Hill, Washington, DC on 6th February, 2018. The meeting was attended by various US Senators, House Representatives and other senior officials. The Minister briefed the participants on Pakistan’s successes in the fight against terrorism.

AMBASSADOR MEETS SENATOR ROGER WICKER (R-MS)

On 11th April, 2018, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry met Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS), member of Senate Armed Services Committee. Ambassador Chaudhry briefed the Senator on Pakistan-US relations and situation in the region.



AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH CONGRESSMAN STEVE CHABOT (R-OH)

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry met Congressman Steve Chabot (R-OH), member House Foreign Affairs Committee at Capitol Hill and discussed a range of issues in bilateral relations and regional developments. The meeting took place on 15th February, 2018.



AMBASSADOR CALLS ON CONGRESSMAN CHRIS COLLINS (R-NY)

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry met Congressman Chris Collins (R-NY) at the Capitol Hill, Washington DC on 20th March, 2018. During the meeting, they exchanged views on areas of mutual interests.



AMBASSADOR CALLS ON CONGRESSMAN GERRY CONNOLLY (D-VA)

On 20th March, 2018, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry met with Congressman Gerry Connolly (D-VA), member House Foreign Affairs Committee. They discussed a broad range of issues pertaining to Pakistan-US relations.



AMBASSADOR CALLS ON CONGRESSMAN BRIAN MAST (R-FL)

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry met Congressman Brian Mast (R-FL) on 11th April, 2018 at Capitol Hill and exchanged views on Pak-U.S. bilateral relations.



AMBASSADOR MEETS CONGRESSWOMAN EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON (D-TX)

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry had a useful exchange with Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) in Dallas, Texas on 6th May, 2018.



ENGAGEMENTS WITH U.S. ADMINISTRATION

FOREIGN SECRETARY PAKISTAN MEETS SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS

On 8th March, 2018, Foreign Secretary, Ms. Tehmina Janjua met with senior US officials including US Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan at the State Department and Deputy National Security Advisor Dr. Nadia Schadlow at the White House. During her meetings, Ms Janjua reiterated Pakistan's desire to strengthen its long standing relationship with the US. She emphasized the need for continuing constructive engagement across the entire spectrum of bilateral relationship. She underscored that a mutually beneficial Pak-US relationship underpinned by mutual respect would serve the common interests of both countries. She reaffirmed Pakistan's constructive approach to work together with the United States for regional peace and stability.

U.S. PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, BUREAU OF SOUTH & CENTRAL ASIAN AFFAIRS HOSTS A ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION WITH PAKISTAN'S FOREIGN SECRETARY



Ambassador Alice Wells, US Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau Of South And Central Asian Affairs hosted a round-table discussion in honour of Ms. Tehmina Janjua, Foreign Secretary of Pakistan to mark the International Women's Day on 8th March, 2018. A number of prominent Pakistani-American women from various walks of life also attended the event.

THINK TANK ENGAGEMENTS

FOREIGN SECRETARY SPEAKS AT UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE (USIP)



Ms. Tehmina Janjua, Foreign Secretary of Pakistan spoke at a Boardroom Breakfast discussion with South Asia watchers at United States Institute of Peace (USIP) on 8th March, 2018. Ms. Janjua briefed the participants about the improved security situation in Pakistan, current state of Pak-US relations and other regional issues.

NEW AMERICA FOUNDATION HOSTS A DISCUSSION WITH MINISTER FOR INTERIOR, PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND REFORM



Minister for Interior, Planning, Development and Reform Ahsan Iqbal participated in a discussion on Pak-US bilateral relations and regional issues at New America Foundation. Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry also participated in the discussion. The event took place on 6th February, 2018.

AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES CENTER FOR STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (CSIS)

On 22nd January, 2018, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry addressed a large gathering of South Asia experts, academics, opinion makers, US government officials and media representatives at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington DC. Speaking on the topic of “Broadening the Lens Beyond Security: The Next Few Decades of US-Pakistan Relations”, the Ambassador made a case for a strong Pakistan-US bilateral relationship based on mutual respect and commonality of interests.

Video Link: <http://embassyofpakistanusa.org/pakistans-ambassador-to-the-united-states-aizaz-ahmad-chaudhry-at-csis-22-january-2018/>



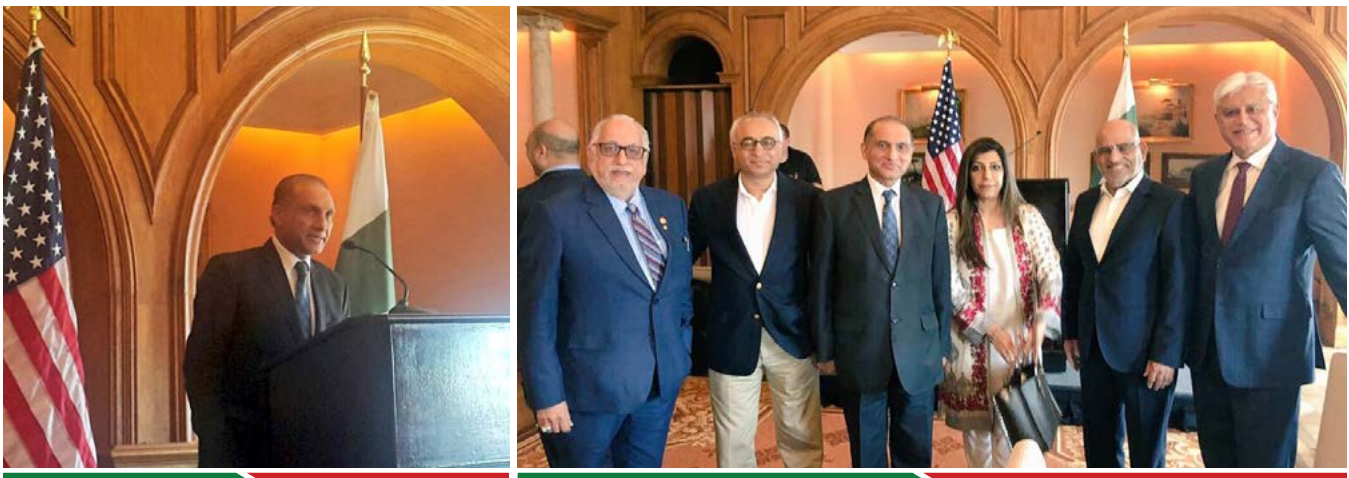
WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF PITTSBURGH HOLDS A DIALOGUE WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON THE FUTURE OF US-PAKISTAN RELATIONS

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry discussed the future of US- Pakistan relations at the World Affairs Council, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on 21st February, 2018. The Ambassador highlighted the achievements and sacrifices of Pakistan in the fight against terrorism. He said that Pakistan has made concrete progress in eradicating the scourge of terrorism from its soil. He expressed concern that the instability in Afghanistan could undermine the peace and stability in the region. He highlighted that effective border management can play a significant role in interdicting the cross border movement of terrorists.



AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL, DALLAS, TEXAS

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry delivered a talk on Pakistan-US relations at the World Affairs Council, Dallas, Texas on 7th May, 2018. Consul General Houston, Ms. Aisha Farooqui was also present on the occasion.



AMBASSADOR INTERACTS WITH SOUTHASIA EXPERTS AT THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION



On 25th April, 2018, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry interacted with South Asia experts at the Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC. He briefed them on Pakistan's perspective on developments in the region as well as on Pakistan-U.S. relations.

ATLANTIC COUNCIL HOSTS A DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR AIZAZ AHMAD CHAUDHRY



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry had an interactive session with the Board of the Atlantic Council, Washington DC on 23rd February, 2018, where a broad range of Pakistan-US relations were discussed.

AMBASSADOR MEETS PRESIDENT CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry met Ambassador William J. Burns, President Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and Former Deputy Secretary of State. Ambassador Chaudhry underlined the need for stronger Pak- US relationship on the basis of mutual respect and mutuality of interests. The meeting took place on 20th February, 2018.



DIRECTOR ASIA PROGRAM, WOODROW WILSON CENTER CALLS ON AMBASSADOR



Mr. Robert Hathaway, Director Asia Program, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, called on Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry at the Embassy on 24th January, 2018. They had a detailed discussion on current developments in Pak-US relations and the regional situation. Mr. Hathaway presented to the Ambassador a copy of his recent book “The Leverage Paradox-Pakistan and the US”.

EMBASSY OUTREACH

AMBASSADOR HOSTS SOUTH ASIA EXPERTS



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry met with South Asia experts including Milan Vaishnav, director and a senior fellow in the South Asia Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Dr. George Perkovich, vice president for studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Maxwell Markusen, associate director and associate fellow, Transnational Threats Project (TNT), Ambassador Daniel Feldman, senior fellow for National Security and International Policy at American Progress, Ambassador Teresita Schaffer, South Asia expert at Brookings Institution, and Dr. Seth Jones, senior adviser at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) also attended the meeting. The gathering was held on 15th March, 2018.

On 1st February, 2018, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry hosted a select group of South Asia experts for an informal luncheon. The entire gamut of Pakistan-US bilateral relationship and regional situation were discussed during the meeting. Participants included Harlan Ullman (Killowen Group), Robin Raphael (former State Department senior official), Robert Hathaway (Wilson Center), and Courtney Cooper.



Several leading South Asia experts visited the Embassy of Pakistan on 14th February, 2018. Their informal interaction with the Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry provided an opportunity for a constructive exchange of views on various facets of Pakistan-US relations. The South Asia experts included Tricia Bacon, Assistant Professor at American University's School of Public Affairs, Michael Kugelman, Deputy Director of the Asia Program at The Wilson Center, Jay Wise, Jennings Randolph Senior Fellow at United States Institute for Peace, Daniel Runde, director of the Project on Prosperity and Development at Center for Strategic and International Studies, Ambassador Richard G. Olson, former US Ambassador to Pakistan.



AMBASSADOR SPEAKS AT WOMEN'S FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION, NEW YORK



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry delivered a talk on Pakistan's foreign policy and Pak-U.S. relations at the Women's Foreign Policy Association, New York on 29th March, 2018.

AMBASSADOR SPEAKS AT MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry speaking to officers at Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, in Montgomery, Alabama on 3rd April, 2018.



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry writing on the wall of guest speakers at Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama

ACADEMIC OUTREACH

AMBASSADOR DELIVERS TALK ON 'PAKISTAN'S PLACE IN THE WORLD' AT JOHNS HOPKINS SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (SAIS)



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry delivered a talk on “Pakistan’s Place in the World” at a conference titled ‘Pakistan Beyond Seventy: The Long View’ jointly organized by the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) & Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS). Ambassador said that relations with the US are very important for Pakistan and this realization is prevalent across all segments of Pakistani polity. He added that Pakistan, for its part, has fared well in challenging and changing times. The country has defeated terrorism, economy is picking up and the democratic process is on track despite challenges. The event was held on 17th April, 2018.

Video: <https://youtu.be/BLicOXGmYzc?t=1h30m30s>

AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES STUDENTS FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, DC



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry addressed a group of students from George Washington University at the Embassy on 5th April, 2018. The Ambassador gave an overview of Pakistan-US relations and Pakistan’s perspective on the regional situation.

A CONVERSATION WITH H.E. AIZAZ AHMAD CHAUDHRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (USC)



On 13th February, 2018, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry delivered a lecture on the current state of Pakistan-U.S. relations at the University of Southern California (USC), Los Angeles. The Ambassador shared an overview of the rapidly evolving geo-strategic and socio-economic situation that presented new global challenges. Emphasizing the significance of strong ties between Pakistan and the United States, the Ambassador cited examples of cooperation in diverse areas and expressed hope that both countries would be able to work together in future to achieve common objectives.

AMBASSADOR SPEAKS ON PAKISTAN-US RELATIONS AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES (UCLA)



The Center for India and South Asia, UCLA hosted Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry for a talk on Pakistan-U.S. relations. In his remarks, Ambassador emphasized Pakistan's desire for strong ties with the U.S. He added that relations between the two countries had always been broad-based and multifaceted and they could not be held hostage to the situation in Afghanistan. The event was held on 12th February, 2018.

AMBASSADOR SPEAKS ON “PAKISTAN’S ROLE IN REGIONAL STABILITY” AT CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry delivered a speech on ‘Pakistan’s Role in Regional Stability’ at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on 21st February, 2018. Ambassador Chaudhry said that Pakistan’s successes both in security and economic domains must be recognized and appreciated. He noted with appreciation the growing bilateral trade and investment ties. Ambassador added that Pakistan and the U.S. need to work together to achieve common objectives including peace and stability in Afghanistan.

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY (VCU), RICHMOND HOSTS AMBASSADOR



On 16th April, 2018, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), Richmond hosted Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry over a lunch with distinguished guests from the Department of State and Academia.



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry addressed at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) in Richmond, Virginia. Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry stressed the importance of the multi-faceted Pakistan-US relationship in diverse fields including, education, culture, economic, defense and security. He expressed hope for better and continued Pakistan-US relations for the benefit of both the nations.



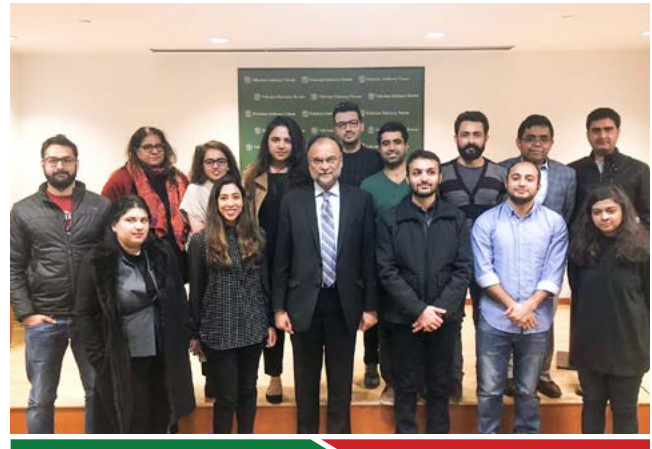
Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry with students and management of the Humphrey Fellowship Program at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia.

AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry addressed at the University of Chicago on 28th April, 2018. Apprising the audience about the history of Pakistan-US relations, Ambassador said that Pakistan and the United States have enjoyed an exceptional relationship for the last seven decades. He added that though there are some misperceptions on both sides but disengagement has never been a solution of issues in history. He stressed the need for more and more dialogue between the two countries with a view to remove misgivings. Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=1XUlnPO3z_c&app=desktop

FEDERAL MINISTER FOR INTERIOR, PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND REFORM INTERACTS WITH PAKISTANI STUDENTS FROM DMV AREA UNIVERSITIES



Federal Minister for Interior, Planning, Development and Reform Ahsan Iqbal interacted with a group of Pakistani students from DC-Maryland-Virginia area universities at the Embassy of Pakistan, Washington DC on 9th February, 2018.

AMBASSADOR DELIVERS KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT THE IQBAL DAY CELEBRATION EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE IQBAL SOCIETY AT EAST-WEST UNIVERSITY



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry was the keynote speaker at the Iqbal Day Celebration organised by Iqbal Society at East-West University of Chicago, Illinois on 29th April, 2018. In his remarks Ambassador said that Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal taught the message of Islam through his theories of “Khudi”, “Mard-e-momin” and “Shaheen” which are as relevant today as they were in the past. Addressing the young Pakistani-Americans, Ambassador Chaudhry quoted Iqbal’s saying, ‘Do not beg the light from the moon, obtain it from the spark within you’ and urged them to achieve goals of self-realization. Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry presented a shield to Dr. Wasiullah Khan, Chancellor of East West University at the conclusion of a successful Iqbal Society seminar.

AMBASSADOR HOSTS PAKISTANI LAW STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2018



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry addressed a group of law students from University College Lahore, Pakistan College of Lahore and Quaid-e-Azam Law College when they visited the Embassy on 6th April, 2018. These students participated in International Law Moot Court Competition 2018 held in Washington, DC.

EMBASSY WELCOMES PAKISTANI STUDENTS OF GLOBAL UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Pakistan Embassy DC held a luncheon briefing for Pakistani students who arrived in the United States under the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (Global UGRAD). Charge d' Affairs (Cd'A) Rizwan Saeed Sheikh gave the students an overview of Pakistan-U.S.



relations, and stressed the importance of this relationship highlighting its diversity in fields including, education, culture, economic, defense and security. The event was held on 3rd January, 2018.

NAIMUN LV PARTICIPANTS VISIT THE EMBASSY

A group of fifty students, accompanied by six teachers, from University of Detroit Central High School and Park Tudor High School, Indianapolis visited the Embassy on 16th February, 2018. They were in Washington DC to participate in the North



American Invitational Model United Nations (NAIMUN) LV Conference. DCM Rizwan Saeed Sheikh briefed them on the importance of Pakistan-U.S. relations. He also gave the students an overview of environment at the United Nations and shared with them tips for defending their future positions and roles.

PAKISTAN DAY

78TH PAKISTAN DAY FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry hoisting the Pakistan flag at the Embassy to commence Pakistan Day celebrations in the morning of 23rd March, 2018.



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry with officers of the U.S. Foreign Service Institute at the Pakistan Day flag hoisting ceremony.



Embassy officers and guests at the Pakistan Day reception on 23rd March 2018.

An elegant flag hoisting ceremony was held at the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington D.C to commence Pakistan Day celebrations. Ambassador congratulated Pakistanis all over the world, particularly those in the U.S. on the 78th Pakistan Day. Paying rich tribute to the founding fathers he said that Pakistan was a resilient nation with a proud history and tremendous potential to rise in future. The principles of the Pakistan Resolution served as a guiding light for the current generation to overcome the challenges faced by the country today. Ambassador Chaudhry particularly commended the patriotic zeal and fervor of the Pakistani American community. He urged the diaspora to continue playing its role as a bridge between Pakistan and the U.S. Special messages from President Mamnoon Hussain and Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi congratulating the entire nation were read out by senior officials of the Embassy.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOrSEz8JbRw>

EMBASSY HOSTS PAKISTAN DAY RECEPTION



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry with Ms. Lisa Curtis, Deputy Assistant to the US President on South Asia at Pakistan Day Reception.

On 23rd March, 2018, the Embassy hosted a reception to celebrate 78th Pakistan Day. Ms. Lisa Curtis, Deputy Assistant to the U.S. President on South and Central Asia was the Guest of Honor. Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry recalled the historic struggle for Pakistan's freedom and emphasized that the democratic ideals and values espoused in the Lahore Resolution remained relevant even today. The Ambassador added that in just 70 years since its independence, Pakistan has achieved a lot of successes and has the potential to achieve even more in the years to come. He remarked that Pakistan and the U.S. have enjoyed historic and longstanding ties that have seen many ups and downs but always remained resilient. He expressed the hope that both countries will work together to attain common objectives and secure shared interests. Ms. Lisa Curtis congratulated the people of Pakistan as well as Pakistani-Americans on their National Day. She said Pakistan and the U.S. have a long history of working together. While there are some challenges faced by the relationship, the two countries have a lot to gain by working with each other. The Ambassador shared with the audience extracts of several messages of felicitation received on Pakistan's National Day from U.S. Senators, Congressmen, Governors, as well as state officials and other U.S. dignitaries. Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t8J_hCHcRT8

PAKISTANI-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND YOUTH CONVENTION 2018

EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN HOLDS PAKISTANI-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND YOUTH CONVENTION



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry delivering opening remarks at the Pakistani-American Community & Youth Convention-2018 held at the Embassy on April 14, 2018



Martha Patterson, Director Pakistan Affairs, US Department of State speaking in the segment 'Presentations by U.S. Government and USAID' at Pakistani-American Community & Youth Convention - 2018



Panel Discussion with US Government officials during segment 'Presentations by U.S. Government and USAID' at Pakistani-American Community & Youth Convention - 2018



Students and young professionals participating in a discussion titled 'What does it mean to be a Pakistani-American Youth?' at the Pakistani-American Community & Youth Convention-2018



Consuls General (CGs) from outposts across the U.S. participated in the panel discussion on consular facilitation at Pakistani-American Community & Youth Convention - 2018



A panel of prominent women leaders from various fields shared their views during the second segment titled: 'When Women Lead: Insights & Experiences from Successful Pakistani-American Women' at the Pakistani-American Community & Youth Convention - 2018.



Participants during a panel discussion on 'Voice in Academia & Think Tanks' at the Pakistani-American Community & Youth Convention-2018



Panelists discussing 'Civic Engagement' at the Pakistani-American Community & Youth Convention - 2018



A panel of literary figures discusses the 'Future of Urdu Literature' in the segment 'Harmony through Art & Literature' at the Pakistani-American Community & Youth Convention - 2018



Panelists discussing the role of Pakistani-American businessmen in promoting trade ties between Pakistan and US in the segment 'Building Economic Bridges between Pakistan and the United States' at the Pakistani-American Community & Youth Convention-2018

The Embassy hosted Pakistani-American Community & Youth Convention-2018. The objective of the Convention themed 'Connecting the Dots' was to synthesize the different streams of accomplishment by bringing together accomplished Pakistani-American entrepreneurs, academics, artists and public officials and office holders to share their ideas and experiences. Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry lauded the role of the Pakistani-American community in bringing the two countries together by forging strong people-to-people relations. Ambassador Chaudhry stressed that an engaged and civic-minded expatriate community was key to enhancing mutual goodwill and understanding between Pakistan and the United States. The daylong Convention was divided into panel discussions and presentations, which were punctuated by cultural and musical performances that showcased the diversity of Pakistan's rich heritage. The six panel discussions were focused on Youth Engagement; Role of Women; Voice in Academia and Think Tanks; Civic Engagement; Harmony through Art and Literature; and Entrepreneurs. Each panel comprised Pakistani-Americans who had distinguished themselves in the subject area. Martha Patterson, Director Pakistan Affairs, US Department of State remarked that Pakistan and the U.S. have been partners for over 70 years. She stated that building on and improving this historical long-standing partnership is critical to both nations. Officials from the U.S. State Department and USAID also made a presentation on the ongoing cooperation in various areas between Pakistan and the United States. Thanking the U.S. officials for their participation, Ambassador Chaudhry acknowledged the United States' historic contribution towards the economic and social development of Pakistan. Pakistan's Consuls General in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Houston were also present and participated in an interactive session on the provision of consular services to the Pakistani-American communities in their areas of jurisdiction. An outcome document enumerating key ideas discussed during the Convention was issued after the event. He stressed that the Embassy would continue to provide a platform for Pakistani-Americans to network and interact for articulation and attainment of common objectives.

EMBASSY EVENTS

WOMEN PLAYING A CRITICAL ROLE IN PAKISTAN'S DEVELOPMENT: FOREIGN SECRETARY SPEAKS AT INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EMBASSY EVENT

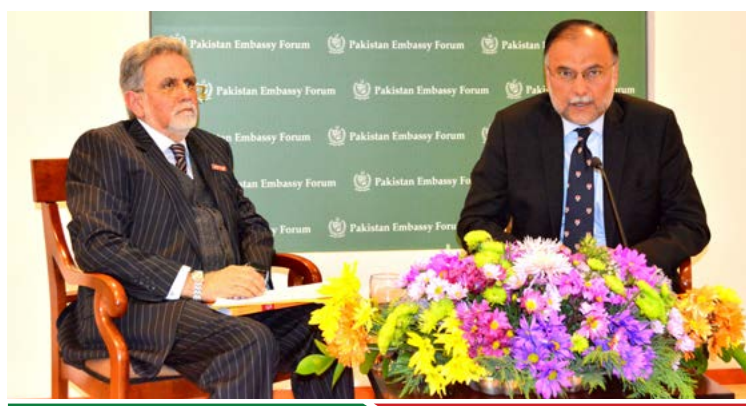


To mark International Women's Day, the Embassy hosted a special event showcasing the achievements of Pakistani and Pakistani-American women on 7th February, 2018. Ms. Tehmina Janjua, Foreign Secretary of Pakistan, was the Guest of Honor on the occasion. Ms. Janjua highlighted the growing contribution of Pakistani women national development and progress. She reiterated the Government's commitment to female empowerment in the country, particularly through active participation in political and economic spheres. Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry lauded the rise of women to important positions in Pakistan and the improved awareness in the country vis-à-vis the rights of women. He also highlighted contributions made by Pakistani-American women in the US.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2dFxxqBDDeA>

CPEC TO USHER PROSPERITY AND PROGRESS IN PAKISTAN AND THE REGION: AHSAN IQBAL DELIVERS KEYNOTE SPEECH AT THE EMBASSY

The Embassy hosted a special event on 8th February, 2018 to highlight the significance of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). In his keynote speech, Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Interior, Planning, Development & Reforms stated that China-Pakistan Economic Corridor will usher prosperity and progress not only in Pakistan but the entire region. Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry remarked that CPEC was a visionary initiative of the Governments of



China and Pakistan with potential of bringing economic benefits to both countries and the region for decades. Dr. Ehtisham Ahmed, a renowned economist and former senior World Bank / IMF official, while moderating the event remarked that CPEC was generating great interest around the world and its success would demonstrate that the Belt and Road Initiative could transform the economic future of the region.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qnk5VBHXidU>

PAKISTAN WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT KASHMIRIS IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION: INTERIOR MINISTER



To express solidarity with the Kashmiri people in their struggle for self-determination, a special event was held at the Embassy on 5th February, 2018. Federal Minister for Interior, Planning, Development & Reforms, Ahsan Iqbal, in his keynote speech reiterated Pakistan's moral, diplomatic and political support to its Kashmiri brothers and sisters. He said that Pakistan will continue to call upon the international community to urge India to stop its barbaric occupation of Kashmir. Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry highlighted that the Jammu and Kashmir dispute remains the most significant issue that must be resolved for achieving durable peace in South Asia. The Ambassador reiterated Pakistan's commitment to the peaceful settlement of the Kashmir dispute in accordance with United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions and aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5yhdP3PUBc>

EMBASSY HOSTS ANNUAL CONSULS GENERAL CONFERENCE



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry presided over the Annual Conference of Consuls General, held in Washington D.C. on 27th January, 2018. The agenda of this year's conference was three fold: i) Review of improvements in consular services and facilitation to community; ii) Reach-out to Pakistani-American community for promoting Pakistan-U.S. relations; and iii) Enhancing bilateral trade and investment. Ambassador Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhry underscored the importance of consular services as a priority task of our diplomatic and consular Missions. He appreciated steps already taken and urged to make every effort based on the feedback from the community to further improve the consular services. The Ambassador directed all Consuls General and other officers dealing with the consular and community matters to make themselves easily accessible and set standards of excellence in public service delivery.

AMBASSADOR INAUGURATES REMODELLED CONSULAR WING OF THE EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN, WASHINGTON DC



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry inaugurated the remodeled Consular Wing of the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington, D.C. on 11th May, 2018. Reiterating the importance of consular services as the face of Pakistan's diplomatic effort in the United States, Ambassador expressed the Embassy and four Consulates' commitment to facilitation of Pakistan-Americans in the U.S in all consular matters.

AMBASSADOR LAUNCHES NEW OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN



The new website of the Embassy of Pakistan, Washington D.C. was unveiled at a ceremony held on 27th January, 2018, as part of the Embassy's public diplomacy efforts. The website has been made attractive, user-friendly and interactive. A special feature of the new website includes a Community Dashboard that showcases various events and activities undertaken by the Embassy as part of its outreach to the U.S. Government, corporate America, and especially the Pakistani-American community, with a view to facilitating networking, cohesion and synergy. The Ambassador sought feedback from the public and said that the Embassy will continue its efforts to further improve the website on a regular basis.

AMBASSADOR HOSTS PARTICIPANTS OF THE CONFERENCE TITLED 'PAKISTAN BEYOND SEVENTY: THE LONG VIEW' HELD AT JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, DC



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry hosted a reception for the participants of the Conference titled "Pakistan Beyond Seventy: The Long View" at the Embassy on the evening of 17th April, 2018. The conference was a collaboration between Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and Lahore Institute of Management Sciences (LUMS). Distinguished personalities from the US government, think tanks and academia were also invited. Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry congratulated the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) for their initiative to institutionalize the study of Pakistan in the United States.

AMBASSADOR HOSTS CULTURAL EVENING HELD TO PROMOTE URDU LITERATURE

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry hosted a Cultural evening at the Embassy residence on 16th April, 2018. Participants included famous Urdu poets and literature lovers from all over the country. Ambassador Chaudhry lauded the guest poets for their valuable contribution to the promotion of Urdu literature in North America.

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VwQNr_55gSM



EMBASSY HOSTS WOMEN'S FOREIGN POLICY GROUP (WFPG) 'EMBASSY SERIES' EVENT



As part of its “Embassy Series”, the Women’s Foreign Policy Group (WFPG) held an event at the Embassy of Pakistan, Washington D.C. on 15th April, 2018. Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry highlighted Pakistan’s successes and achievements, both at the domestic level and foreign policy domain and reiterated Pakistan’s commitment to overcoming economic and security challenges. On behalf of the WFPG, Ambassador Catherine Russell thanked the Ambassador for hosting the event and sharing, in detail, Pakistan’s domestic situation as well as its perspective on regional peace and security. Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQ01V84Yci8>
Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F3k4JQ8TIdA>

EMBASSY EXPRESSES SOLIDARITY WITH KASHMIRIS

On 6th April, 2018, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry received a representative delegation of Kashmiri Americans at the Embassy in observance of Kashmir Solidarity Day in light of extra judicial murders of 20 Kashmiri youths in various parts of Southern Kashmir on 01 April 2018.



Ambassador said that India’s unrelenting violence against Kashmiris has only strengthened their resolve to stand up for their rights. He reiterated government of Pakistan’s demand for India to immediately halt its campaign of torture in the occupied territory and allow international human rights organizations access to IoK to determine the extent of brutalities in various parts of Kashmir. Ambassador Chaudhry reminded the international community including the United States, of their responsibility to unequivocally urge India to respect the fundamental human rights of the people living under its occupation. He also urged the United Nations and the members of its Security Council to honor their commitment made with the people of Kashmir more than seven decades ago to allow them an opportunity to exercise their right to self-determination through an impartial plebiscite. The delegation of the Kashmiri-American nationals thanked the government and the people of Pakistan for their continued moral, diplomatic and political support to the legitimate struggle for the right to self-determination by the oppressed people of Indian Occupied Jammu & Kashmir.

AMBASSADOR HOSTS NATIONAL MANAGEMENT COLLEGE DELEGATION



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry with a delegation of National Management College (NMC) at a dinner hosted by him on 8th May, 2018. The delegation was in Washington DC on a study tour.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION RIZWAN SAEED SHEIKH BRIEFS A NATIONAL MANAGEMENT COLLEGE (NMC) DELEGATION



Deputy Chief of Mission, Rizwan Saeed Sheikh briefed a delegation of National Management College (NMC) about the latest developments in Pak-US relations at the Embassy of Pakistan.

EMBASSY HOSTS EASTER CELEBRATION EVENT

The Embassy hosted an Easter celebration event organized by 'All Neighbors' on 27th April, 2018. Community leaders from various faiths and communities, including youth and children from Washington and the surrounding areas, participated in the event. Charge D'Affaires Rizwan Saeed Sheikh underscored the importance of harmony, tolerance and understanding among the followers of different faiths in this age of rapid changes and increasing interaction among faiths around the globe. Faith leaders led prayers and expressed their warm wishes for the people of Pakistan. A group of people who have recently returned from Pakistan narrated their stories of incredible hospitality and affection they received from the people of Pakistan.



EMBASSY HOSTS LAUNCH EVENT FOR AMBASSADOR AKBAR S. AHMED'S BOOK "JOURNEY INTO EUROPE"



An event was held at the Embassy to launch Ambassador Akbar S. Ahmed's book "Journey Into Europe: Islam, Immigration & Identity". The event was chaired by Mr. Rizwan Saeed Sheikh, Charge d'Affaires and attended by representatives of leading US, International and Pakistani Media. The Book traces history of Islam across Europe and highlights challenges faced by Muslims in Europe today and suggests what needs to be done to overcome them. The event was held on 27th February, 2018.

PRESIDENT AZAD JAMMU AND KASHMIR, SARDAR MASOOD KHAN VISITS WASHINGTON DC

PRESIDENT AZAD JAMMU AND KASHMIR MEETS WITH CONGRESSMAN TOM SOUZZI (D-NY)



President Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJK) Sardar Masood Khan shaking hands with Congressman Tom Souzzi (D-NY) at Capitol Hill on 10th May, 2018.

PRESIDENT AZAD JAMMU AND KASHMIR MEETS WITH CONGRESSMAN MICHAEL COFFMAN (R-CO)



President Azad Jammu & Kashmir Sardar Masood Khan with Congressman Michael Coffman (R-CO) at the Annual Friendship Day by Pakistani-American Congress (PAC) at Capitol Hill on 10th May, 2018.

PRESIDENT AZAD JAMMU AND KASHMIR, SARDAR MASOOD KHAN CHIEF GUEST AT ANNUAL PAKISTAN FRIENDSHIP DAY EVENT AT CAPITOL HILL

President of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Sardar Masood Khan was chief guest at the 27th Annual US-Pakistan Friendship Day organized by the Pakistani-American Congress (PAC) at Capitol Hill, Washington, DC on 10th May, 2018.



PRESIDENT AZAD JAMMU & KASHMIR BRIEFS THE MEDIA



In a briefing organized by the Embassy on 9th May, 2018, President Azad Jammu and Kashmir briefed the media on the current situation in Indian Occupied Kashmir. President Khan highlighted the long illegal and inhumane Indian occupation of Jammu & Kashmir and Indian atrocities that deliberately target young innocent and unarmed Kashmiris staging peaceful protest for their right to self-determination. President Khan said that Kashmiris are heartened by the US engagement with North Korea and the possibility of rapprochement on the Korean Peninsula. He stressed the importance of dialogue and diplomacy for resolution of the longstanding issue of Jammu and Kashmir.

AMBASSADOR PRESENTS A SHIELD TO PRESIDENT AZAD JAMMU AND KASHMIR



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry presented a shield to President Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Sardar Masood Khan acknowledging his lifelong services for the Kashmir cause. The presentation ceremony was held on 11th May, 2018 in Washington DC.

ECONOMY, TRADE AND INVESTMENT

FINANCE DELEGATION MEETS WITH US-PAKISTAN BUSINESS COUNCIL (USPBC)



On 20th April, 2018, Dr. Miftah Ismail, Advisor to PM on Finance along with Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry & other members of delegation held a meeting with US-Pakistan Business Council in Washington. Dr. Miftah Ismail said that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor has opened many opportunities. Investors from all over the world including corporate America are showing a keen interest in Pakistan. Pakistan delegation was in Washington, DC to attend the Annual World Bank/IMF Spring Meetings 2018.

FINANCE DELEGATION MEETS CEO WORLD BANK



Dr. Miftah Ismail, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Finance along with Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry and other members of delegation met with Kristalina Georgieva, CEO of World Bank in Washington DC. He apprised her about the economic situation in Pakistan and the steps the government is taking to further strengthen the economy. The meeting was held on 20th April, 2018.

MEDIA OUTREACH

FOREIGN SECRETARY PAKISTAN BRIEFS AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA



Tehmina Janjua, Foreign Secretary of Pakistan interacted with US and International media representatives at the Embassy of Pakistan on 7th March, 2018. Ms. Janjua highlighted that Pakistan and the US have been successful partners in fighting terrorism and eliminating Al-Qaeda. She reiterated Pakistan's strong commitment to eradicating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations from its soil. While commenting on China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Ms. Tehmina Janjua, Foreign Secretary of Pakistan said that CPEC is an integral part of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) which is extremely important for regional integration.

FOREIGN SECRETARY PAKISTAN BRIEFS WASHINGTON-BASED PAKISTANI MEDIA



Foreign Secretary of Pakistan, Ms. Tehmina Janjua gave a detailed briefing to Washington-based Pakistani media about her visit to the United States on 8th March, 2018. Ms. Tehmina Janjua informed that the visit is a continuation of engagement with the US. Recent high level exchanges between the two countries are meant to better understand each other's perspective.

AMBASSADOR SPEAKS TO WASHINGTON TIMES' NATIONAL SECURITY TEAM MEMBERS



Federal Minister for Interior, Ahsan Iqbal gave an interview to Guy Taylor, National Security Team Lead and Carlo Munoz, Military Writer of the Washington Times

MINISTER FOR INTERIOR, PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND REFORM INTERVIEWED ON BBC WORLD NEWS



Minister for Interior, Planning, Development and Reform Ahsan Iqbal appeared for an interview with Barbara Plett of BBC World News at the BBC Washington, DC studio on 7th February, 2018.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4FamrqoER0A>

FOREIGN SECRETARY PAKISTAN BRIEFS AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry addressed American, International and US-based Pakistani media representatives highlighting the latest developments in Indian-occupied Kashmir while expressing solidarity with Kashmir on 6th April, 2018.

AMBASSADOR INTERVIEWED BY THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry gave a detailed interview to the Editorial Board and correspondents of the Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles, California on 14th February, 2018.



AMBASSADOR MEETS WASHINGTON POST'S PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN BUREAU CHIEF



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry met Pamela Constable, Pakistan and Afghanistan Bureau Chief for the Washington Post on 10th January, 2018. During the meeting, Ambassador briefed her on the recent developments in Pak-US relations stressing the need to rebuild trust between the two countries and finding common ground to help bring peace and stability in the region.

AMBASSADOR GIVES A DETAILED INTERVIEW TO FOX NEWS



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry gave a detailed interview to Fox News' State Department Correspondent, Rich Edson on 5th January, 2018. Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FY_-6Kg4qAU

AMBASSADOR INTERVIEWS ON THE HUNT WITH WTOP RADIO



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry's interview on The Hunt with WTOP national security correspondent J.J. Green. Ambassador talked about Pakistan-US relations on 9th May, 2018. Audio: <https://wtop.com/wp-content/.../2018/05/THE-HUNT-MAY-9-jgr.mp3...>

AMBASSADOR GIVES AN INTERVIEW ON 'TARGET USA' A WTOP RADIO SHOW

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry spoke about Pakistan-U.S. relations with J. J. Green, host of 'Target USA,' a WTOP Radio news show.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IrIVhAxDfc>

AMBASSADOR INTERVIEWED ON NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO (NPR)'S PROGRAM "HERE & NOW"



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry appeared for an interview with Jeremy Hobson and Dina Kesbeh for National Public Radio (NPR)'s program "Here & Now", on 2nd February, 2018.

Video: <http://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2018/02/02/pakistan-afghanistan-trump-ambassador>

AMBASSADOR GIVES AN INTERVIEW TO THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry had a frank and comprehensive exchange on bilateral, regional and global issues with editorial board of The Dallas Morning News on 7th May, 2018.

AMBASSADOR INTERVIEWED ON GLOBAL IQ PODCAST WITH PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF DALLAS



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry talked with Jim Falk, President and CEO of the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth in his Global IQ podcast interview series on 7th May, 2018.

AMBASSADOR IS INTERVIEWED BY PAUL GUGGENHEIMER



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry giving an interview to John Gizzi, Chief Political/White House correspondent, Newsmax TV at Newsmax Studios, Washington, DC on 12th January, 2018.

AMBASSADOR'S EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH PAUL GUGGENHEIMER



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry gave an exclusive interview to Paul Guggenheimer, host of 'Primal Interviews' during his visit to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on 2nd March, 2018.

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_6OWGqXCnk

AMBASSADOR INTERVIEWED LIVE ON BBC WORLD NEWS



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry's live interview with Jane O'Brian of BBC World News. The interview was held at BBC Studios, Washington, DC on 11th January, 2018.
Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yplkgWZwptA>

AMBASSADOR SPEAKS TO BBC URDU

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry's appeared for a detailed interview with Ms. Iram Abbasi of BBC Urdu Service. The interview was held at BBC Studios, Washington, DC on 19th January, 2018.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKYDAdo6xds>



AMBASSADOR SPEAKS WITH AR-RIYADH



Ambassador giving a detailed interview to Hadeel Oueis of Ar-Riyadh.

Interview: <http://www.alriyadh.com/1677551>

AMBASSADOR SPEAKS ON AAJ TV'S 'WASHINGTON NIGHT SHOW'



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry appeared for an interview on Asim Siddiqui's 'Washington Night Show' aired on AAJ TV on 5th January, 2018. Ambassador Chaudhry spoke at length about Embassy's new website, role of Pakistani American community and latest developments in Pak-US relations. Video: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=cTEEzzCBn04&feature=youtu.be>

AMBASSADOR'S INTERVIEW ON DAWN TV SHOW 'DUSRA RUKH'



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry spoke with Samar Abbas on 'Dusra Rukh', Dawn TV on 5th January, 2018. Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aygYIJmgRgo&t=1067s>

AMBASSADOR GIVES AN INTERVIEW ON ARY DIGITAL'S 'MANSURI SHOW'



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry appeared for an interview on the Mansuri Show on ARY Digital on 11th February, 2018.

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKIX__caPw&feature=youtu.be

AMBASSADOR CHAUDHRY WAS INTERVIEWED BY SALEEM SAFI FOR GEO NEWS'S PROGRAMME, 'JIRGA'



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry appeared for an interview on the Mansuri Show on ARY Digital on 11th February, 2018. Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKIX__caPw&feature=youtu.be

AMBASSADOR SHARING HIS VIEWS ON PAKISTAN-US RELATIONS ON 'RUBAROO', AAJ TV



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry sharing his views on Pakistan-US relations on AAJ TV show 'Rubaroo' on 5th January, 2018. Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJ1ElCw4ffo>

AMBASSADOR GIVES AN INTERVIEW ON 'SUCH TO YEH HAI' ON PTV



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry gave a detailed interview to Syed Anwar ul Hassan, host of PTV show 'Such To Yeh Hai' on 3rd January, 2018.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJ3TC9VbMgw>

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR JOURNALISTS (ICFJ) EXCHANGE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS CALL ON THE AMBASSADOR



On 9th March, 2018, an eight member delegation of US journalists called on Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry before leaving for Pakistan on a week-long trip. The journalists were visiting Pakistan as part of the International Centre for Journalists (ICFJ) exchange program. Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry said that to correct misplaced perception about Pakistan, there was a need to have a renewed look at Pakistan in changed circumstances.

DEFENSE

PAKISTAN AIR CHIEF MARSHAL MEETS WITH SOUTH ASIA EXPERTS



Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Mujahid Anwar Khan met with South Asia experts at the Embassy on 10th April, 2018. He discussed Pakistan-US bilateral relations in the context of regional security situation.

NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY (NDU) DELEGATION CALLS ON AMBASSADOR



A delegation from the National Defence University (NDU), which was visiting Washington on a foreign study tour, called on the Ambassador at the Embassy on 10 April 2018.

NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY (NDU) DELEGATION MEETS WITH SOUTH ASIA EXPERTS AT JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (SAIS)



A delegation of National Defence University Islamabad led by Maj. Gen. Fayyaz Shah kicked off their Foreign Study Tour of the U.S. with a briefing at the Embassy, followed by briefings/discussions with Pakistan/South Asia experts in SAIS, John Hopkins University and State Department, on 23rd April, 2018.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

AMBASSADOR MEETS CONGRESSMAN PETE SESSIONS (R-TX) AND SECRETARY OF STATE OF TEXAS IN DALLAS, TEXAS

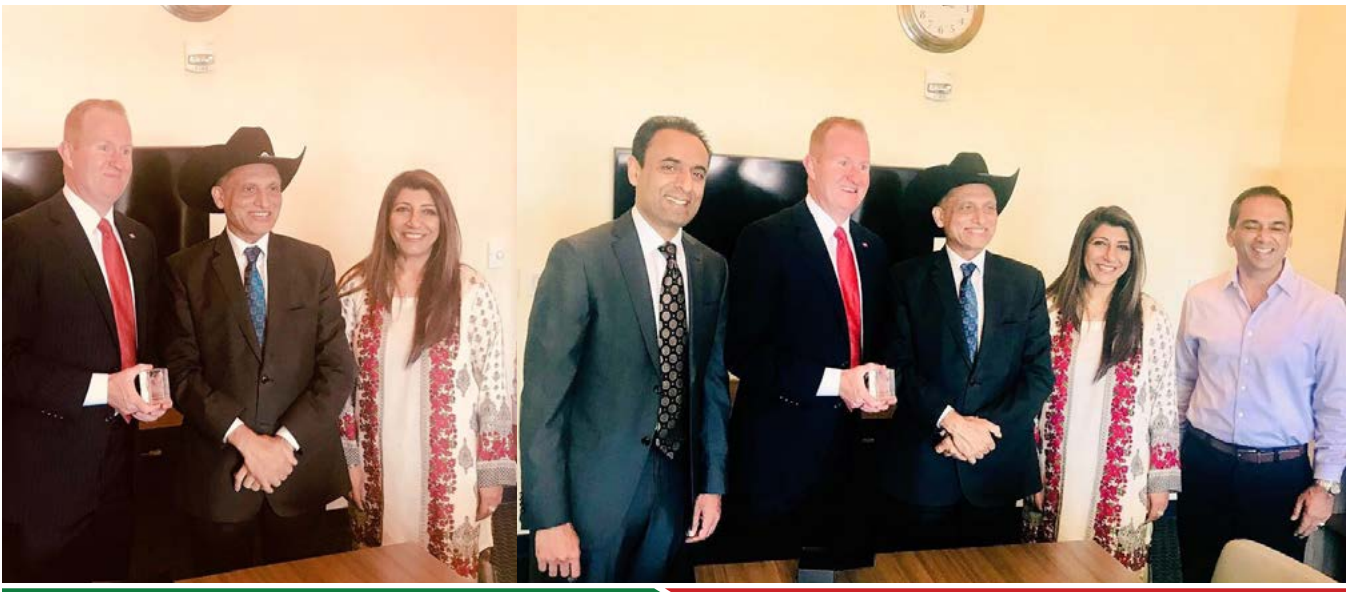


On May 5, 2018, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry with Congressman Pete Sessions (R-TX), Chairman House Rules Committee at a dinner hosted by Mr. Amir Rupani, a prominent and proud Pakistani American in Dallas, Texas



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry with the Secretary of State of Texas Mr. Ronaldo Pablos, Congressman Pete Sessions (R-TX), and Consul General Houston Aisha Farooqui at the residence of Mr. Amir Rupani in Dallas, Texas.

AMBASSADOR MEETS MAYOR OF FRISCO, TEXAS



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry met Mayor of Frisco, Jeff Cheney along with members of the Pakistani community at City Hall, Frisco, Texas. CG Houston Ms. Aisha Farooqui accompanied Ambassador Chaudhry on the occasion. The meeting took place on 7th May, 2018.

AMBASSADOR DELIVERS KEYNOTE SPEECH AT PAKISTAN SOCIETY OF NORTH TEXAS ANNUAL EVENT IN DALLAS, TEXAS



Pakistan Society of North Texas, Dallas held its annual event on 6th May, 2018 where Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry made a keynote speech on Pak-US relations. Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson also spoke on the occasion.

AMBASSADOR SPEAKS AT 27th ANNUAL PAK-US FREIDNSHIP DAY ORGANISED BY PAKISTANI-AMERICAN CONGRESS



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry addressed at the Annual Pak-US Friendship Day event organized by Pakistani-American Congress (PAC) at Capitol Hill on 10th May, 2018. He congratulated the organization on holding a successful event and urged the Pakistani-American community to act as a bridge between their country of origin and country of residence. Ambassador also met with Congressman Donald Norcross (D-NJ) at the 27th Annual Pak-US Friendship Day organized by Pakistani-American Congress (PAC) at Capitol Hill.



AMERICAN-PAKISTANI PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (APPAC) CALLS ON THE AMBASSADOR



Participants of the Annual Stakeholders Retreat of American Pakistani Public Affairs Committee (APPAC) called on Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry on 10th March, 2018. Ambassador welcomed the initiative by APPAC to build synergies among the Pakistani-American diaspora. He encouraged them to actively participate in the US political mainstream.

AMBASSADOR MEETS PAKISTANI-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry met Pakistani-American community notables including professionals from Association of Physicians of Pakistani-Descent of North-America (APPNA)'s Virginia chapter in Richmond. Ambassador Chaudhry congratulated APPNA for building a successful and the largest organization of Pakistani origin professionals and lauded their work for country of their heritage. He also appreciated the important contributions that Pakistani-Americans had made to the progress and prosperity of the United States. The event was on 16th April, 2018.



AMBASSADOR HOSTS DINNER IN HONOR OF DELEGATION OF ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS OF PAKISTANI DESCENT OF NORTH AMERICA (APPNA)



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry hosted a dinner in honor of Association of Physicians of Pakistani descent of North America (APPNA) delegation on 25th April, 2018. The Delegation was in Washington DC for APPNA's Day on The Hill. Ambassador Chaudhry briefed them on Pakistan-US relations and the Embassy's outreach efforts. He presented a souvenir to APPNA President Dr. Zafar I. Hamid.

AMBASSADOR DELIVERS KEYNOTE SPEECH AT ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS OF PAKISTANI DESCENT OF NORTH AMERICA (APPNA) SPRING MEETING-2018 IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry was the keynote speaker at the Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America (APPNA) Spring Meeting-2018 in Chicago, Illinois on 27th April, 2018. Ambassador Chaudhry spoke on Pakistan's foreign and internal policies including Pakistan's relations with the US, Afghanistan and India. He praised the organization's projects and said that by forging strong people to people contacts, APPNA has consistently proven itself as one of the strongest organization of professionals Pakistanis in North America.

AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES PAKISTAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA



P On 21st February, 2018, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry addressed a gathering of Pakistani-American community in Pittsburgh, PA. Ambassador Chaudhry appreciated the important contribution that Pakistani-Americans had made to the progress and prosperity of the US. He also appreciated the role of the community in promoting values of tolerance, harmony and understanding. He also noted Pakistani diaspora's increased participation in political life of their adopted homeland.

AMBASSADOR MEETS MEMBERS OF URDU WRITERS SOCIETY OF NORTHERN AMERICA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry met with prominent members of Urdu Writers Society of North America at a luncheon hosted by the society in honor of the Ambassador in Los Angeles on 12th February, 2018. Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry also inaugurated a “Wall Collage” at the Consulate General of Pakistan, Los Angeles. The Wall Collage depicts images of landscapes, history, architecture and culture from all provinces of Pakistan.

AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES THE PAKISTANI-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry addressed the Pakistani-American community in Santa Clarita, California on 11th February, 2018. The event was well-attended by representatives of the offices of the area’s congressmen, state senators, local government officials, and members of Pakistani American community. Mr. Abdul Jabbar Memon, Consul General of Pakistan, Los Angeles, was also present.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PAKISTANI-AMERICANS (NAPA) AT ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA ORGANIZES COMMUNITY EVENT



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry exchanging views with Congressman Rep. Jose Luis Correa (D-CA) at a community event hosted by National Association of Pakistani-Americans (NAPA) on 10th February, 2018.



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry met with Board members of National Association of Pakistani-Americans (NAPA) and other dignitaries.



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry was the Chief Guest at a community event organized by National Association of Pakistani Americans (NAPA) in Anaheim, California. Stressing the importance of strong Pak-U.S. relations, Ambassador expressed satisfaction at the formidable role being played by the Pakistani American community in building bridges between the two countries.

AMBASSADOR SPEAKS AT UNITED MARYLAND MUSLIM COUNCIL (UMMC) GRAND CELEBRATION LUNCHEON



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhry attended the United Maryland Muslim Council (UMMC) Grand Celebration Luncheon in Baltimore, Maryland on 22nd April, 2018. Ambassador Chaudhry lauded the contribution of Pakistani-Americans in the social and economic progress of Maryland State. Ambassador Chaudhry met a number of dignitaries including Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Rep. Andre Carson (D-IN), Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD) and Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD) who were also present at the event.

AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH PAKISTAN-AMERICANS IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry attended a dinner hosted by Pakistani-Americans living in the suburbs of Baltimore, Maryland on 23rd April, 2018. Ambassador commended the positive role the community is playing in strengthening relations between the US and Pakistan.

AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES THE 9TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GALA OF THE CITIZENS FOUNDATION



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry addressed the 9th Annual Fundraising Gala of The Citizens Foundation (TCF) Washington DC Chapter held on 12th May, 2018.

AMBASSADOR SPEAKS AT COMMUNITY EVENT IN PARSIPPANY, NEW JERSEY



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry addressed a community event at Parsippany, New Jersey organized by Pakistani American Business Association of North America (PABANA) on 29th March, 2018.

AMBASSADOR MEETS A CROSS SECTION OF COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS LEADERS FROM MIDWEST IN CHICAGO - 29TH APRIL, 2018



AMBASSADOR SPEAKS AT PAK-U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT SEMINAR IN DALLAS, TEXAS



The Pak-American Business Forum of Dallas organized a Pak-U.S. trade and investment Seminar on 5th May, 2018 where Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry gave a comprehensive overview of economic and investment opportunities in Pakistan.

AMBASSADOR ENGAGES IN AN INTERACTIVEDIALOGUE WITH COMMUNITY IN HOUSTON, TEXAS



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry addressed a community event at Parsippany, New Jersey organized by Pakistani American Business Association of North America (PABANA) on 29th March, 2018.

AMBASSADOR MEETS COMMUNITY MEMEBERS IN DALLS, TEXAS



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry met community members at the residence of Mr. Hafeez Khan, a prominent Pakistani American businessman in Dallas, Texas on 6th May, 2018.

MISCELLANEOUS

MEMBERS OF SENATE OF PAKISTAN VISIT THE EMBASSY



Honorable Senators Mir M.Yousaf Badini, Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi & Mian Ateeq visited the Embassy on 18th April, 2018. Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry briefed the Senators on Pakistan-US relations. He also took them to recently renovated Consular Hall. The Senators appreciated the Embassy's efforts for improving consular and community services.

NEW YORK CITY BAR ASSOCIATION HOSTS A LUNCHEON IN HONOUR OF AMBASSADOR



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry offering opening remarks over lunch at a luncheon hosted in his honor by the New York City Bar Association on 29th March, 2018.

PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE (NDI) CALLS ON AMBASSADOR



Kenneth Wollack, President of the National Democratic Institute (NDI) called on Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry at the Embassy on 20th February, 2018. Mr. Wollack apprised Ambassador about NDI's work in Pakistan for enhancing political participation and strengthening democratic institutions.

AMBASSADOR MEETS DG ASIA-PACIFIC IN THE FEDERAL FOREIGN OFFICE, GERMANY



On 3rd May, 2018, Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry received Ms. Ina Lepel, former German Ambassador to Pakistan and Director General for Asia-Pacific in the Federal Foreign Office, at the Embassy. They discussed regional issues of mutual interest.

AMBASSADOR ATTENDS A DINNER IN HONOUR OF 2018 RECIPIENT OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S EMERGING YOUNG LEADERS AWARD



On 2nd May, 2018, Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry attended a dinner hosted by Amb. Rafat (Ray) Mahmood to celebrate Daniya Hassan, 2018 Recipient of the State Department's Emerging Young Leaders Award.



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