



## **Pakistan-United States Working Together**

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## AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE

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We are delighted to present “2017: Year in Review” – a compendium of key developments that took place last year in Pakistan-U.S. relations as well as activities and engagements of the Embassy of Pakistan, Washington.

During the past year, we celebrated 70 years of Pakistan’s independence that also coincided with the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and the United States. As has become characteristic of our longstanding relationship, engagement between the two countries was wide-ranging and constructive. While we developed a roadmap for the achievement of our common goals, there was agreement on the need for working together both on the bilateral front and for the promotion of peace in South Asia.

There were several high level visits. The Prime Minister met Vice President Mike Pence in September and the Foreign Minister visited Washington in October. Meanwhile, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Secretary of Defense James Mattis also paid their maiden visits to Pakistan after assuming office. Similarly, there were several Ministerial level visits from Islamabad to Washington.

The Embassy was quite active on Capitol Hill. I had the honor to call on as many as 17 Senators and 27 House Representatives to brief them on Pakistan’s position on bilateral and regional issues of mutual interest.

We also engaged with the think tank community and university campuses. These intellectual settings gave us the opportunity to present our perspective to foreign policy analysts as well as students with interest in international affairs.

We took great strides this year to reach out to the Pakistani-American community with a view to enhance interaction and engagement. We take pride in the community’s achievements and hope it would continue to serve as a bridge between Pakistan and the United States.

In the end, I hope you would enjoy and give us your views on Year in Review. As always, the Embassy looks forward to hearing from you.

# PAKISTAN-U.S. RELATIONS

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The Pakistan-U.S. relationship dates back to the birth of Pakistan. In the first high-level exchange between the two countries, President Harry Truman sent a congratulatory message to Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah on Pakistan's "emergence among the family of nations." Formal diplomatic relations were established on August 15, 1947.

In the 70 years since that historic day, Pakistan and the United States have built a multifaceted and broad-based relationship, driven by cooperation in areas ranging from education to energy and from defense to trade and investment. This cooperation is rooted in shared values and convergence of interest on regional and strategic issues.

The two countries were close strategic partners during the Cold War. As fellow members of organizations, like SEATO, Pakistan and the United States worked together to check communist expansionism in the region. In 1971, Pakistan played a critical role in facilitating the China-U.S. rapprochement that fundamentally reconfigured the Cold War. Cooperation between Pakistan and the U.S. was also crucial to the eventual Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan in 1989.



## Pakistan-United States Working Together

Following the terrible events of 9/11, Pakistan and United States again joined hands in the fight against terrorism. Together, the two countries decimated Al Qaeda's infrastructure and have significantly degraded the threat posed by other terrorist groups in the region. Today, Pakistan and the United States share a common interest in restoring peace to Afghanistan.

Robust economic and cultural cooperation complement the strategic and security underpinnings of the Pakistan-U.S. relationship. The U.S. has historically been one of Pakistan's most important development partners and remains a major source of foreign direct investment as well as one of Pakistan's biggest export markets. The United States has been a major investor in Pakistan's infrastructure, energy and education sectors – the last exemplified by the largest Fulbright Program run by the United States anywhere in the world.

Meanwhile, the Pakistani and American people also share many common values. The common aspiration towards democracy, diversity and the rule of law animates the societies of both countries. The 1 million-plus strong Pakistani-American community in the United States is not only a bridge between the two countries but comprises many outstanding entrepreneurs, doctors and academics who contribute to and enrich American society.

Located in one of the world's fastest-growing regions in the world, Pakistan is an emerging economy with rapidly developing industrial and connectivity infrastructure. If the past 70 years have seen Pakistan and the United States work together in successfully dealing with some of the leading geopolitical challenges of our times, the 21st century offers tremendous potential for economic cooperation that would bring growth and jobs to both countries.

*I am hopeful that good relations and friendship already existing between the people of America and Pakistan will be further strengthened and the bonds of friendship between our two countries will be more firmly riveted.*

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Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah to the US Ambassador to Pakistan (February 26, 1948)

*The American people anticipate a long history of close and cordial relations with your country.*

---

U.S. President Harry S. Truman in his message to Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah at the Independence of Pakistan (August 14, 1947)

# HIGH LEVEL EXCHANGES

Frequency of high-level exchanges has been a hallmark of Pakistan-U.S. relations. The year 2017 was no different.

Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi met Vice President Mike Pence on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly session in New York in September. This was followed by Foreign Minister Khawaja Asif's first bilateral visit to Washington in October. From the U.S. side, several key members of the Trump administration, including Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, Defense Secretary James Mattis and National Security Advisor H.R. McMaster visited Pakistan.

The leadership-level engagement was complemented by a regular exchange of visits at the senior officials and working levels.

## PRIME MINISTER MEETS U.S. VICE PRESIDENT

On September 19, 2017, Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi met U.S. Vice President Mike Pence on the sidelines of the 72nd UNGA session in New York. The two leaders held discussions in a cordial atmosphere. Both sides discussed issues relating to bilateral relationship as well as peace and stability in Afghanistan and the region. Prime Minister shared Pakistan's concerns and views with regard to the U.S. strategy for South Asia. Both sides agreed to work together to carry forward the relationship which has been a historic partnership for the last seven decades. It was agreed that the two countries would stay engaged with a constructive approach to achieve shared objectives of peace, stability and economic prosperity in the region.



## U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE CALLS ON THE PRIME MINISTER IN ISLAMABAD

U.S. Secretary of State Mr. Rex Tillerson called on Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi on October 24, 2017 in Islamabad. The Prime Minister chaired a meeting that was attended by senior Ministers as well as high level civil and military officials. Both sides held discussions on bilateral issues. The U.S. side acknowledged the sacrifices of Pakistan in the war on terror and expressed the hope to work together to defeat this menace.



Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi shaking hands with U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson at PM House in Islamabad on October 24, 2017.



## U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENCE CALLS ON THE PRIME MINISTER

U.S. Secretary of Defence Gen James Mattis visited Pakistan on December 04, 2017. He attended a high level meeting chaired by Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi that also included senior Cabinet Ministers from Pakistan as well as high level civil and military officials. The two sides held frank discussions and Secretary Mattis expressed the hope to find common ground in dealing with the threat of terrorism in the region.



U.S. Secretary of Defence Mr. James Mattis called on Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi in Islamabad on December 04, 2017

## U.S. NSA LT. GEN. H.R. MCMASTER CALLS ON THE PRIME MINISTER



Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster, the U.S. National Security Advisor called on Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif at PM House on 17th April 2017.

In one of the first high-level interactions between the Trump administration and the Government of Pakistan, U.S. National Security Adviser Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster visited Pakistan and called on the Prime Minister on April 17, 2017. The meeting was also attended by senior ministers and high officials from Pakistan side.

## FOREIGN MINISTER MEETS U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE IN WASHINGTON

Foreign Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif met U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson at the State Department for a wide-ranging exchange of views on bilateral and regional issues of mutual interest. Foreign Minister said that Pakistan and the United States shared a common desire for peace and stability in Afghanistan and the region at large. Foreign Minister pointed out that Pakistan is winning its war against terrorism. This was made possible because Pakistan has pursued a zero-tolerance and indiscriminate approach in its campaign against all terrorist and militant groups. Secretary Tillerson acknowledged and appreciated the sacrifices rendered by the people and armed forces of Pakistan in the struggle against terrorism. He agreed that cooperation between Pakistan and the United States in Afghanistan was crucial to achieving durable peace and stability in the region.



## FOREIGN MINISTER MEETS U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER IN WASHINGTON

During his visit to Washington, Foreign Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif met the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs Lt. General McMaster at the White House on October 5, 2017. The two leaders discussed the bilateral relationship as well as ways in which the two countries could promote mutually beneficial cooperation. The Foreign Minister briefed NSA about Pakistan's perspective on the U.S. strategy. Foreign Minister Khawaja Asif stressed the importance that Pakistan attaches to peace in Afghanistan and emphasized the need to work together for regional peace and stability.



## FINANCE MINISTER MEETS U.S. TREASURY SECRETARY, STEVEN T. MNUCHIN

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 Mnuchin 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 MEETS U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR IN WASHINGTON

On April 25, 2017, Finance Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar held a detailed meeting with U.S. National Security Advisor Lt. Gen. McMaster in Washington. They reviewed the state of play in the Pakistan-U.S. relationship and emphasized the need to have continued engagement on issues of mutual interest.





## **U.S. ACTING DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. TOM SHANNON CALLS ON THE FINANCE MINISTER AT THE EMBASSY**

U.S. Acting Deputy Secretary of State, Tom Shannon and his delegation called on Finance Minister Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar at the Embassy on April 24, 2017. 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.



## **FOREIGN SECRETARY MEETS U.S. UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE IN NEW YORK**

On September 18, 2017, Foreign Secretary Tehmina Janjua met U.S. Under Secretary of State Thomas A. Shannon in New York. Discussions were held in a frank and cordial manner. The Foreign Secretary conveyed Pakistan's viewpoint on the new U.S. strategy for South Asia and emphasized that peace in Afghanistan is a high priority for Pakistan. She stressed that intra-Afghan dialogue is vital for bringing lasting peace to the country and the region. Pakistan would continue to play a facilitating role for a peaceful Afghanistan. On Pakistan-U.S. relations, Foreign Secretary emphasized that Pakistan has always considered relations with the U.S. as one of its most important relationships.



## **AMBASSADOR PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP**

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry presented his credentials to U.S. President Donald J. Trump at the White House, Washington, DC on April 24, 2017.



# CONGRESSIONAL OUTREACH

The U.S. Congress, comprising the Senate and the House of Representatives, is one of the three branches of the U.S. government. The U.S. Constitution, which is based on the principle of complete separation of powers between the three branches of government, endows Congress with enormous powers – especially with respect to foreign policy formulation, disbursement of foreign and defense assistance etc. It is, therefore, necessary for foreign missions in Washington to engage with Capitol Hill as a distinct branch of government and with a high level of intensity.

The Pakistan Embassy in Washington remained highly visible on the Hill throughout the year. The Ambassador met 17 Senators and 27 House Representatives. These members of Congress belonged to both sides of the aisle and served on the key Senate and House Committees – Foreign Affairs, Appropriations, Armed Services, Intelligence – that shape debate and legislation on areas of interest to Pakistan. The Ambassador used his meetings with the members of Congress to apprise them of Pakistan's perspective on bilateral and regional issues of mutual interest.

A unique feature of the Ambassador's outreach to Congress this year was his highly effective initiative of meeting members of Congress in their home constituencies with participation of prominent Pakistani-Americans.

## U.S. SENATE



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry briefing Senator Ed Markey (D-MA) on the regional situation on May 3, 2017.



Ambassador with Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) on May 4, 2017 in his D.C. office.



Ambassador met with Senator John McCain (R-AZ), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services on March 27, 2017.





Ambassador Chaudhry met with Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC), member of the Senate Armed Services Committee on June 6, 2017.



Ambassador presenting a memento to Senator Angus King (I-ME), member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, accompanied by Air Marshal Arshad Malik, Chairman of the Pakistan Aeronautical Complex on May 18, 2017.



Ambassador Chaudhry met with Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA), member of the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees on June 22, 2017.



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry with Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), member of the Senate Armed Services Committee – October 18, 2017.



On November 2, 2017 Ambassador met with Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI), Chairman Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, and member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.



Ambassador met with Senator Jim Risch (R-ID), Chairman Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on South Asia, and member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on November 8, 2017.



Ambassador met with Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA), member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Chairman Senate Committee on Ethics and Veterans' Affairs on November 1, 2017.



Ambassador Chaudhry met with Senator Todd Young (R-IN), member of Senate Foreign Relations Committee on October 31, 2017.



On November 7, 2017 Ambassador met with Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA), Member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry met Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR), member of the Senate Foreign Relations and Appropriations Committees on November 30, 2017.



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry met Senator Jack Reed (D-RI), Ranking Member of Senate Armed Services Committee on November 14, 2017.



On December 5, 2017 Ambassador met with Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO), member of the Foreign Relations Committee.



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry met Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ), member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on November 28, 2017 in his D.C. Office.



Ambassador met with Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR), member of the Senate Armed Services and Intelligence Committees on December 12, 2017.



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Ambassador met Congressman Eliot Engel (D-NY), Ranking Member House Foreign Affairs Committee, in his office in D.C. on March 22, 2017.



Ambassador shaking hands with Congressman Ed Royce (R-CA), Chairman House Foreign Affairs Committee in his office on March 28, 2017.



On April 5, 2017, Ambassador met with Congressman Ted Yoho (R-FL), Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific



Congressman Thomas Suozzi (D-NY), Member of the House Foreign Affairs & Armed Services Committee visited the Embassy on May 16, 2017.



Ambassador met with Congressman Ted Lieu (D-CA) in California and presented him 'The Legend of Sadequain' a collection of Sadequain's calligraphic masterpieces on April 30, 2017.



Ambassador with Congressman Brad Sherman (D-CA), Ranking member Asia Pacific Subcommittee of House Foreign Affairs Committee, accompanied by Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Muhammad Zakaullah on March 15, 2017.





On May 21, 2017 Ambassador met with Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX) at a joint congressional meeting in Houston, Texas.



Ambassador presenting a memento to Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA), accompanied by Air Marshal Arshad Malik, Chairman of the Pakistan Aeronautical Complex on May 16, 2017.



Ambassador Chaudhry met with Congressman Hal Rogers (R-KY), Chairman State & Foreign Operations Subcommittee of House Appropriations Committee, accompanied by Air Marshal Arshad Malik, Chairman of the Pakistan Aeronautical Complex on May 18, 2017.



Ambassador Chaudhry with Congressmen Al Green and Beto O'Rourke receiving a certificate of 'Special Congressional Recognition' during a joint congressional meeting in Houston, Texas on May 21, 2017.



Ambassador met with Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-NY), Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee in her office on June 8, 2017.



Ambassador with Congressman Frank Pallone (D-NJ), Ranking Member on the House Energy and Commerce Committee on June 8, 2017.



Ambassador met with Congressman Brad Schneider (D-IL) on June 9, 2017.



Ambassador with Congressman Ted Deutch (D-FL), Ranking Member Middle East Subcommittee of House Foreign Affairs Committee in his office in D.C on 21 June 2017.



Congressman Dan Donovan (R-NY) visited Embassy Residence on June 21, 2017



Ambassador met Congressman Peter J. Roskam (R-IL), House Democracy Partnership during his visit to Chicago on July 24, 2017.



Ambassador Chaudhry met Congressman Danny K. Davis (D-IL) at a dinner hosted by the Consul General of Pakistan in Chicago, Illinois on July 24, 2017.



Congressman Tom Garret (R-VA) met Ambassador Chaudhry when he accompanied a business delegation to the Embassy on July 19, 2017.



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry met Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) during his visit to Chicago, Illinois on July 24, 2017. He briefed her about Pakistan-U.S. relations. He also presented her delectable Pakistani mangoes – a unique savory delight of Pakistan.





On October 12, 2017, Minister for Interior, Mr. Ahsan Iqbal met with Rep. Dan Donovan (R-NY) Chairman House Subcommittee Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications.



Ambassador met with Congressman Albio Sires (D-NJ), member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Ranking Member of its Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere in his office on November 8, 2017.



On November 7, 2017 Ambassador Chaudhry met with Congresswoman Karen Bass (D-CA), Member of House Foreign Affairs Committee and House Appropriations Committee.



Ambassador met with Congressman Chris Stewart (R-UT), member of House Foreign Affairs Committee on November 7, 2017.



Ambassador met with Congressman Joe Wilson (R-SC) on November 1, 2017. Congressman Wilson serves on both the House Foreign Affairs and the House Armed Services Committees.



On November 20, 2017 Ambassador met with Congresswoman Dina Titus (D-NV), Member House Foreign Affairs Committee in her office.



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry and President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Sardar Masood Khan with Congressman Jim McGovern (D-MA), Co-chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission of the US Congress on December 6, 2017.



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry met Congressman Pete Sessions (R-TX), Chairman House Rules Committee on November 15, 2017.



Ambassador met with Congressman Mark Meadows (R-NC), Member of House Foreign Affairs Committee on December 12, 2017.

# THINK TANK ENGAGEMENTS

Think Tanks are the foundation of the intellectual richness of the United States. Policy experts on a wide range of subjects from all over the world contribute regularly to discussions and debates at prestigious think tanks located in Washington, New York as well as other cities around the country. They provide policy input and guidance to the U.S. administration by hosting seminars, lectures, events and producing publications throughout the year. The Embassy of Pakistan maintains close interaction with the major think tanks including Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), Brookings Institution, Atlantic Council, Middle East Institute, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP), Woodrow Wilson Center, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS), World Affairs Council (with chapters in Washington, New York, Los Angeles and many other cities), New America Foundation, etc. A Fact Sheet was launched highlighting Pakistan's recent achievements to counter terrorism. Some of the Embassy's think tank outreach activities are highlighted below:-

## PM'S ADDRESS AT THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS (CFR)

Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi addressed the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), in New York on the sidelines of the 72nd UNGA session on September 22, 2017. While highlighting the significant progress made by Pakistan in economic and security domains, Prime Minister reiterated that the Government and people of Pakistan remain fully committed to rid the country of the menace of terrorism and extremism. He added that the Government has successfully carried out indiscriminate counter-terrorism operations against the militants.



## FOREIGN MINISTER KHAWAJA MUHAMMAD ASIF SPEAKS AT THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE (USIP) AT WASHINGTON D.C

Foreign Minister, Khawaja Muhammad Asif addressed the United States Institute of Peace on October 5, 2017. During his address Minister Khawaja Asif said that the last four years have transformed the landscape of Pakistan. Democratic institutions continue to thrive, terrorism is being vigorously combated, economy is stabilizing and is poised for rapid growth. Commenting on the situation in Afghanistan, he said that the burden of a 16-year long war in Afghanistan has been passed to the new Administration. For Pakistan, the timeline of managing fall out of Afghan instability is 38 years and still continues. Pakistan and U.S. concerns are common and we have similar aspirations in hoping to see stability in Afghanistan. He further said that Pakistan's successes in the fight against terrorism had come at a staggering human and financial cost. He assured that Pakistan would continue to work with the United States and the International Community for established peace and stability in Afghanistan.

Video: <https://www.usip.org/events/pakistans-foreign-minister-relations-us>





### **MINISTER AHSAN IQBAL SPOKE AT A ROUND TABLE AT MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE AT WASHINGTON D.C**

Minister of Interior Mr. Ahsan Iqbal spoke at a round table discussion of U.S. scholars and think tank analysts at the Middle East Institute, Washington, DC on October 12, 2017. In his remarks, he emphasized the importance of Pakistan-U.S. partnership in achieving common regional objectives and the promotion of mutual interests. Interior Minister called Pakistan's counter-terrorism strategy, based on the 20-point National Action Plan, a rare example of success in the fight against terrorism in the region.



### **MINISTER AHSAN IQBAL HIGHLIGHTS ECONOMIC AND SECURITY GAINS AT PAKISTAN EMBASSY FORUM**

On October 14, 2017, Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Interior, Planning, Development & Reforms delivered his keynote address at the Embassy Forum. The Minister shared with the audience the tremendous progress made by Pakistan at the macroeconomic level through prudent fiscal policies which have resulted in economic growth rate of over 5.3 percent per annum. Major economic projects such as the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) were under way, that would generate business opportunities for foreign investors in coming years. Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry thanked the Minister for sharing his views on the occasion and helping to promote Pakistan's positive image in the U.S.





## FINANCE MINISTER SPEAKS AT THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION IN WASHINGTON D.C

On April 21, 2017, 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). 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>



## 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 on April 25, 2017. 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.



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

Ambassador Chaudhry addressed a large gathering comprising of academics, students, South Asia experts, journalists, diplomats and U.S. government representatives at the USIP on March 29, 2017. The Ambassador highlighted that peace in Afghanistan was imperative and a high priority for Pakistan. He emphasized the need for continued Pakistan-U.S. partnership not only for peace in Afghanistan but also to build a stronger Pakistan-U.S. relationship for the mutual benefit of the two countries.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZNshSkZyc4>



## **AMBASSADOR SERIES AT THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL, WASHINGTON DC**

On May 15, 2017, 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 U.S. He underscored the importance of Pakistan-U.S. 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. Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSm0kAszhz4&t=1s>



## **A DISCUSSION ON “REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE ON U.S. STRATEGY IN AFGHANISTAN” AT THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL**

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry participated in a panel discussion on “Regional Perspective on U.S. Strategy in Afghanistan” at the Atlantic Council on June 8, 2017. 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.



## **A DISCUSSION ON “PAKISTAN & AFGHANISTAN RELATIONS, DIPLOMACY & SECURITY CHALLENGES” ORGANIZED BY INDUS**

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 on July 19, 2017. 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.



## **AMBASSADOR DELIVERS A TALK AT CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE**

On December 5, 2017, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry delivered a talk on “Peace and Stability in South Asia” at the prestigious Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Ambassador Chaudhry was invited to speak at the Carnegie by its President and former Deputy Secretary of State William J. Burns. Tracing 70-year history of the Pakistan-U.S. relationship, the Ambassador stated that robust engagement between the two countries had served common interests. He said that Pakistan would



continue to strengthen this relationship on the basis of mutual respect and mutuality of interests.  
Video: <https://youtu.be/8xVI8e7uNZE>

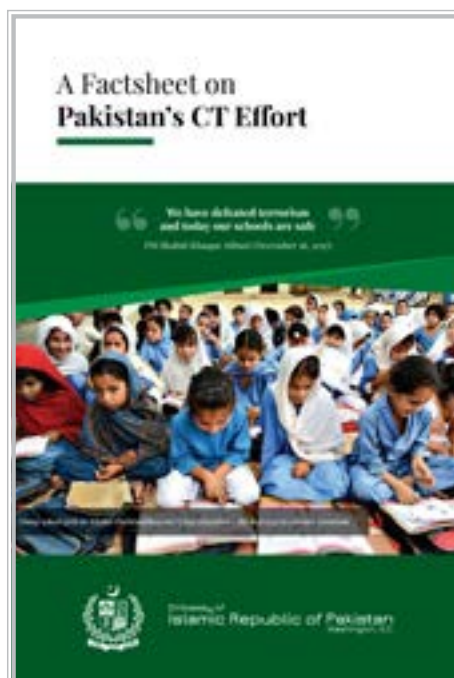


## EMBASSY LAUNCHES FACTSHEET ON COUNTERTERRORISM EFFORT



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry addressing at the launch of "A Factsheet on Pakistan's CT Effort" in commemoration of the innocent martyrs of Army Public School (APS), Peshawar in a commemorative event held at the Embassy

The Embassy held a commemorative event paying tribute to 122 innocent children who were martyred by the terrorists in Army Public School (APS) Peshawar on December 16, 2014. In dedication to the martyrs of the APS attack, "A Factsheet on Pakistan's CT Effort" was launched. The Factsheet details Pakistan's CT efforts and enumerates the price the country has paid in blood and treasure in the fight against terrorism. The booklet previews the progress made under each point of 20-point National Action Plan (NAP), underlines Pakistan's actions on anti-terrorist financing and lists the steps taken to strengthen National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA). While commenting on the Factsheet, Mr. Marvin G. Wienbaum, Director for Pakistan Studies at the Middle East Institute said that the issuance of these facts was a positive step and the booklet was comprehensive in nature. Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry stated that Pakistan was winning the war against terrorism. He credited the success in this war to the unflinching commitment and supreme sacrifices of the people of Pakistan and its security forces.



## AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

On May 1, 2017, 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-U.S. bilateral relations and regional situation.



## PRESIDENT/CEO WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL CALLS ON THE AMBASSADOR

On April 18, 2017, Mr. Tony Culler-Foster, President & CEO World Affairs Council called on Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry and discussed the prospects of establishing World Affairs Council's chapter in Pakistan. The Ambassador lauded the role of World Affairs Council and its chapters across the United States in helping to build a better understanding of the American people on world affairs. He said Pakistan would welcome World Affairs Council if it decides to establish an office in Pakistan. World Affairs Council is a non-profit organization dedicated to facilitating collaboration and providing programs to educate, enlighten and empower students, educators, professionals, the American public and international community.



## AMBASSADOR SPEAKS AT THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES (IISS), WASHINGTON D.C



Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry addressed at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) on July 26, 2017. He briefed the audience on Pakistan's economic turnaround and successes in its fight against terrorism. He also shared Pakistan's perspective on key issues and developments in the region. Ambassador said that Pakistan would continue to support an inclusive political reconciliation process in Afghanistan as this is the only viable path towards obtaining lasting peace in the region. Ambassador Chaudhry reaffirmed that Pakistan was ready to work with the United States as a partner for achieving peace and security in the region.

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



## **AMBASSADOR HOSTS MEMBERS OF THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL (WAC), WASHINGTON, DC**



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry hosted a dinner for members of the World Affairs Council as part of WAC's "Embassy Series" on September 15, 2017. Former Congressman Jim Moran presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ambassador Chaudhry on behalf of the World Affairs Council.

## **PRESIDENT, ASIA FOUNDATION CALLS ON THE AMBASSADOR**

Mr. David Arnold, President of the Asia Foundation, called on the Ambassador on September 26, 2017. He briefed him about the activities of the Foundation in Pakistan, where it has been working since 1954. Ambassador thanked the Foundation for its commendable work in Pakistan, particularly its book donation program which has been widely acknowledged.



## **THE FLETCHER FORUM OF WORLD AFFAIRS: AN INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR AIZAZ CHAUDHRY**

In an interview with the Fletcher Forum of World Affairs On November 16, 2017, Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry spoke on Pakistan-U.S. relations, regional security and future challenges. The Fletcher Forum of World Affairs is the student-managed foreign policy journal at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Full text of the interview can be read at <http://www.fletcherforum.org/home/2017/11/16/an-interview-with-ambassador-aizaz-chaudhry>



## **AMBASSADOR AIZAZ AHMAD CHAUDHRY ADDRESSES WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL AT FAMOUS MARK TWAIN HOUSE, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT**

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry addressed the World Affairs Council, Connecticut at Mark Twain House in Hartford, Connecticut on November 13, 2017. In his address, Ambassador outlined the regional and global challenges confronting the world today and called for a global response to overcome challenges such as terrorism, poverty etc. He also highlighted Pakistan's impressive economic revival that has been driven by improved security and stability.





Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry sharing experiences of diplomatic life with Model UN students at Mark Twain House, Hartford, Connecticut



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry presenting a book on Pakistan to Megan Torrey, Executive Director, World Affairs Council, Connecticut.

## PRESIDENT OF AZAD JAMMU & KASHMIR ADDRESSES AT ATLANTIC COUNCIL'S SOUTH ASIA CENTER

On December 4, 2017, Sardar Masood Khan, President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir spoke 'Kashmir: Sardar Masood Khan's Perspective' at South Asia Center, Atlantic Council. During the discussion he dilated upon human rights violations in Indian Occupied Kashmir at the Atlantic Council, in Washington, DC. He encouraged the U.S. and international community to step forward to stop ongoing crimes against humanity in Indian occupied Kashmir and play their role as facilitators in resolving Kashmir dispute.



## PRESIDENT OF AZAD JAMMU & KASHMIR ADDRESSES AT SOUTH ASIA EXPERTS AT THE MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE IN WASHINGTON D.C

President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Sardar Masood Khan addressed South Asia experts at the Middle East Institute on December 6, 2017. In his remarks, President Masood Khan informed the experts that India's vicious policy of unleashing state coercion on innocent Kashmiris bordered on crimes against humanity. He emphasized that political expediency and mercantilism must not hold back responsible powers from their moral, political and legal obligation of responding to the well recorded and widely reported incidents of massive violations of human rights violations in Indian Occupied Kashmir (IOK).



## WORLD KASHMIR AWARENESS FORUM DELEGATION CALLS ON THE AMBASSADOR



On April 18, 2017, 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)

## SENATOR MUSHAHID HUSSAIN, CHAIRMAN OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE SPEAKS AT THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL



Senator Mushahid Hussain, Chairman, Senate Committee on Defence, spoke at the Atlantic Council on July 24, 2017 and gave the participants a detailed overview of Pakistan's position on peace and security in the region.





## ACADEMIA OUTREACH

Taking advantage of the presence of some of the world's most prestigious universities in the United States, the Embassy endeavors to maintain a constant outreach with the academia and intelligentsia of the country. Such interactions provide a platform for engaging with the brightest minds of the future generations in an academic setting. The Embassy arranged lectures at institutions such as Harvard University, Tufts University, Boston University, Johns Hopkins University, Rice University, George Washington University, Georgetown University, Georgia Tech University, University of Virginia, Northeastern University of Illinois etc. Through these lectures, Pakistan's perspective on the global and regional situation was shared with the audience in a frank and candid manner. Students found these lectures particularly useful in understanding Pakistan. In addition, the Embassy also interacted with U.S. Education Foundation which provides scholarships to hundreds of Pakistani students to study in the United States. The Embassy regularly hosts cohorts of exchange students who visit the U.S.

### INTERIOR MINISTER SPEAKS AT JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

On October 11, 2017, the Federal Minister of Interior, Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, addressed a gathering of students, academicians, think tank analysts, and media persons at an exclusive event organized by the Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC. Speaking on "Pakistan's Efforts in Internal and Regional Security", Minister Iqbal briefed the audience about the National Action Plan, the 20-point program developed by the Government of Pakistan to counter terrorism and extremism.

Video link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SS4rcbl3\\_l8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SS4rcbl3_l8)



### AMBASSADOR SPEAKS AT THE HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry spoke at an event titled "A Conversation on U.S.- Pakistan Relations" at the Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Massachusetts on April 27, 2017. 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.



## **AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES RICE UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS, HOUSTON, TEXAS**

On May 22, 2017, 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 Pakistan-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.

Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kGJBxyJY6yo>



## **AMBASSADOR VISITS THE FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW & DIPLOMACY, TUFTS UNIVERSITY AT MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**

On May 8, 2017, 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.



## **AMBASSADOR DELIVERS KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AT CHICAGO**

On July 24, 2017, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhry delivered a keynote address on "Celebrating 70 years of Pakistan-U.S. Friendship" at the Northeastern University, Chicago. Ambassador Chaudhry briefed the students about Pakistan-U.S. relations, Pakistan's relations with its neighbors and geo-political importance of the country.



Ambassador with Dr. Richard J. Helldobler, President Northeastern Illinois University and faculty members



## AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES THE FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW AND DIPLOMACY, TUFTS UNIVERSITY

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry addressed at his Alma mater, Tufts University on September 12, 2017. He spoke on Pakistan-U.S. relations and discussed “Security and Stability in South Asia”. Admiral James G. Stavridis, Dean of Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy welcomed Ambassador Chaudhry to the university.



Admiral Stavridis, Dean of Fletcher School welcoming the Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry at Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University

## AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

On September 13, 2017, Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry spoke at the Northeastern University, Department of Cultures, Societies & Global Studies at Boston, Massachusetts. Professor Mai’a cross-moderated the event. Founded in 1898, Northeastern University is a global, experiential, research university built on a tradition of engagement with the world, creating a distinctive approach to education and research. The Ambassador also took questions from the students on issues including Pakistan-U.S. relations, the situation in South Asia and prospects of regional peace and security. The students showed keen interest in Pakistan and thanked the Ambassador for providing a detailed overview on the subject. He encouraged them to develop a deeper understanding about Pakistan and its historic ties with the United States.



## AMBASSADOR SPEAKS AT PARDEE SCHOOL OF GLOBAL STUDIES, BOSTON UNIVERSITY



On September 12, 2017, Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry spoke about Pakistan-U.S. relations at the ‘Policy Leaders Series’ of Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University. Professor Adil Najam, Dean of Pardee School of Global Studies at Boston University presented a souvenir to the Ambassador.

Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygB5s7Nspso&t=52s>



## AMBASSADOR VISITS MONTICELLO AND ADDRESSES STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA (UVA) AT CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA



Ambassador addressing students and faculty at the University of Virginia (UVA), Charlottesville, Virginia



Ambassador visited Monticello-House of Thomas Jefferson- 3rd President of the U.S. He presented a book on Pakistan for the Jefferson Library

October 24, 2017: Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry was invited by Woodrow Wilson Department of Politics of University of Virginia at Charlottesville, VA to speak at the historic Dome Room of Rotunda. Ambassador made a short presentation on 'Security and Stability in South Asia', followed by a candid discussion on wide ranging global issues with students and faculty of UVA. After giving a broad overview of the international political landscape, the Ambassador touched upon Pakistan's contribution to peace and stability in the region and beyond. He highlighted Pakistan's crucial role and sacrifices in the international efforts against the forces of terrorism. He stressed that Pakistan and the U.S. can greatly benefit from a broad based cooperative relationship for stability and prosperity in South Asia.

## AMBASSADOR VISITS THE ELLIOT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY (GWU)



Ambassador addressing students and faculty at the Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University (GWU)



Ambassador presenting a memento to Blake D. Morant, Dean of Elliott School of International Affairs, GWU

November 1, 2017: Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry visited the Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University (GWU), to speak to the students and faculty on regional and global issues and present Pakistan's perspective on these issues. The event was co-hosted by the GW Law School and the GW Elliot School of International Affairs. Dean Blake D. Morant welcomed the Ambassador. In his presentation, Ambassador Chaudhry reflected upon the changing world and the emerging alliances around the world. Ambassador stressed that in an era of changing global alignments, there is a need for forging closer regional cooperation for attaining economic prosperity.

Video link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FA7xDcAZ\\_U0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FA7xDcAZ_U0)

## AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES STUDENTS AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON DC



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry delivered a talk on 'Security and Stability in South Asia' at Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs on November 17, 2017. The event was attended by students from Washington based Universities, faculty and other distinguished guests.

Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=89M0AhCecaw>

## AMBASSADOR'S TALK AT GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, ATLANTA

On December 1, 2017, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry visited Georgia Institute of Technology and exchanged views with Georgia Tech leadership, faculty and staff on the current international and regional political landscape. The Ambassador also addressed a large gathering of students on the 'Future of Pakistan-United States Cooperation: Regional Peace and Prosperity'. The talk was followed by an interactive and lively discussion with the students. In his exchanges, the Ambassador reiterated Pakistan's desire to maintain a broad based and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States.



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry addressing students at Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry with Pakistani students of Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF U.S. EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION PAKISTAN (USEFP) CALLS ON THE AMBASSADOR

Rita Bruun Akhter, Executive Director, U.S. Educational Foundation Pakistan called on Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry on November 6, 2017. Ambassador appreciated the work of USEFP in Pakistan and reiterated that cooperation in the field of education has enormous potential to strengthen bilateral relations between Pakistan and the U.S. Ms. Akhter reaffirmed the resolve of USEFP to work together with Pakistan in the field of Education.



## GLOBAL UNDER-GRADUATE EXCHANGE PROGRAM (UGRAD) STUDENTS VISIT AT THE EMBASSY



On August 9, 2017, Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry addressed a delegation of 96 young Pakistani students undergoing Global-Under Graduate Exchange Program (UGRAD) program. He briefed the participants on Pakistan-U.S. relations and apprised them about Pakistan's markedly improved economic and security situation. He also expressed hope that Global UGRAD program will help Pakistani students hone their professional and leadership skills.

## EMBASSY HOSTS PAKISTANI ROBOTICS TEAM

On July 26, 2017, Deputy Chief of Mission, Rizwan Saeed Sheikh met with a Pakistani Robotics Team that won three out of six competitions held under the First Global Challenge Competition. He praised them on their wonderful performance in bringing laurels to the country at this prestigious forum.





### **EMBASSY HOSTS A DELEGATION OF PAKISTANI TEACHERS VISITING THE U.S.**

On August 23, 2017, the Deputy Chief of Mission, Rizwan Saeed Sheikh hosted a delegation of Pakistani teachers visiting the United States for an interactive session on Pakistan-U.S. bilateral relations. He welcomed the delegation and said that such interactions between the education and academic community can add substance to the relationship by developing stronger people to people engagement and understanding.



### **INTERACTION WITH PAKISTANI STUDENTS FROM UCLA, USC, CSU & COMMUNITY COLLEGES GATHERED AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

On April 30, 2017, 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 MEETS YOUNG PAKISTANI STUDENTS VISITING THE U.S. UNDER “SUMMER SISTERS EXCHANGE PROGRAM”**



On July 6, 2017, a delegation of young Pakistani female students, sponsored by the Summer Sisters Program, called on Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry. Under the Summer Sisters Program, the US Pakistan Women's Council helps lower-to-middle income Pakistani high school girls explore new education and career options in pre-college programs at top US Colleges and Universities. Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry appreciated Summers Sister Program for providing useful exposure to the young female students. He urged the students to work hard and do their part in connecting Pakistan with the rest of the world by promoting a positive image of the country.

## **DR. SUMERA HAQ OF GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY & JOHN HOPKINS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE CALLS ON AMBASSADOR**

On August 11, 2017 Dr. Sumera Haque, Senior Director Clinical Operations George Washington University and Consultant, John Hopkins School of Medicine called on Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry. During the meeting, Dr. Haque discussed gender equality issues faced by women in developing countries and apprised the Ambassador of efforts made by her in this domain.



## **PRESIDENT OF CREATIVE ASSOCIATES CALLS ON AMBASSADOR**

Mr. Leland Kruvant, President of Creative Associates called on Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry on August 9, 2017. He apprised him about his organization's work in education sector in Pakistan.



## **AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES AL-QALAM ACADEMY, SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA**

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry was the Guest of Honour at Al-Qalam Academy's annual dinner held in Springfield, Virginia on July 14, 2017. Ambassador appreciated the role of the Academy in imparting modern education along with Islamic teachings. Ambassador Chaudhry commended the Academy's management for their commitment and passion for making it a technology-driven institute of modern learning.



## **AMBASSADOR TALKS TO MODEL UN STUDENTS AT MARK TWAIN HOUSE, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT**



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry addressed a gathering of local students representing Model UN at Mark Twain House, Hartford, Connecticut. He spoke about his personal experiences of diplomatic life and also answered questions about Pakistan.

## ECONOMY, TRADE & INVESTMENT

The U.S. remains one of Pakistan's largest trading partners. U.S. corporate sector has significant investments in Pakistan from leading companies such as Proctor & Gamble, Coca-Cola, Pepsico, Citibank, Exxon, Boeing, GE, etc. A very active U.S.-Pakistan Business Council drives the corporate sector interest in Pakistan, which has increased due to the improvement in Pakistan's economy. The Embassy remained actively engaged in attracting U.S. corporate sector to invest in Pakistan. Interactions with the U.S. Government agencies, including Treasury, Commerce and USTR also remained an integral part of the Embassy's Trade Wing's strategy.

On the economic front, senior officials from Pakistan's finance and economic ministries remained actively engaged with the World Bank, IMF and other international financial institutions based in Washington D.C. At a bilateral level, regular and robust exchanges with USAID and OPIC were maintained.

### U.S.-PAKISTAN BUSINESS COUNCIL (USPBC) LUNCHEON

On September 20, 2017, Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi addressed a luncheon gathering arranged in his honor by the U.S.-Pakistan Business Council (USPBC) of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in New York. The Prime Minister enumerated economic achievements of Pakistan and shed light on the continuing financial reforms being pursued for better corporate governance, and attractive investment opportunities available for foreign investors. While addressing the participants, the Prime Minister said that U.S.-Pakistan trade and economic partnership can be further expanded with renewed efforts in public and private sectors of both the countries.



### FINANCE MINISTER ADDRESSES THE U.S.-PAKISTAN BUSINESS COUNCIL (USPBC) AT U.S. CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE IN WASHINGTON D.C

On April 24, 2017, the Finance Minister, Mohammad Ishaq Dar addressed members of the U.S.-Pakistan Business Council (USPBC) at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Highlighting the fast improving ease of doing business in Pakistan, Finance Minister Dar said that after having achieved macroeconomic stability, the government was making concrete efforts to achieve sustainable and inclusive higher growth.





### MINISTER FOR PETROLEUM AND NATURAL RESOURCES VISITED EXXON MOBIL HEADQUARTERS, HOUSTON, TEXAS



Minister of Petroleum and Natural Resources, Shahid Khaqan Abbasi and Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry visited ExxonMobil Headquarters in Houston, Texas on June 15, 2017. *(Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi took oath as Prime Minister of Pakistan on August 01, 2017).*

### AMBASSADOR VISITS MIDLAND ENERGY FIELD OFFICE IN HOUSTON, TEXAS



Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry visited the field office of Midland Energy in Midland, Texas on May 23, 2017 and 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, Texas called on the Ambassador and briefed him about its operations in Pakistan on June 20, 2017.

### GLAXOSMITHKLINE DELEGATION CALLS ON THE AMBASSADOR



On 18 May 2017, the GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) delegation apprised Ambassador Chaudhry of the Company's operations and strong interests in Pakistan

### PHILIP MORRIS & PEPSICO DELEGATION CALLS ON THE AMBASSADOR



The Philip Morris and Pepsico delegation called on the Ambassador and briefed him on their investments in Pakistan on 19 May, 2017

## PROCTER AND GAMBLE DELEGATION CALLS ON THE AMBASSADOR

On 13 June, 2017, a delegation from Procter & Gamble (P&G) called on Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry and apprised him of the Company's operations and strong interests in Pakistan. P&G has been operating in Pakistan since 1991 and recently celebrated 25 years in the country. P&G continues to maintain a positive long-term outlook on Pakistan and strongly believes in the potential the country has to offer. It is also an active member of the U.S.-Pakistan Business Council. In addition to having a corporate portfolio, the company is also involved in socio-economic projects under its CSR programs.



## DIRECTOR OF GILEAD SCIENCES CALLS ON AMBASSADOR



On August 17, 2017, Mr. Claudio Lilienfeld, Director of Gilead Sciences called on Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry to brief him about company's operations in Pakistan. Ambassador commended Gilead's work and offered support in facilitating the company's activities in the country.

## U.S.-PAKISTAN BUSINESS COUNCIL (USPBC) HOSTS LUNCH IN HONOUR OF THE AMBASSADOR

U.S.-Pakistan Business Council arranged a luncheon meeting with Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry on August 22, 2017. President USPBC, Esperanza Jelalian and Chairman USPBC, Dr. Mehmood Khan welcomed Ambassador Chaudhry upon joining his assignment as Pakistan's Ambassador to the U.S. 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 and investment ties can further strengthen bilateral relations between Pakistan & the U.S.





## AMBASSADOR INVITES U.S. MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN PAKISTAN



On 21 July, 2017, Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry hosted a luncheon for representatives of U.S. multinational companies (MNCs). He invited them to take advantage of favorable investment climate in Pakistan. Ambassador highlighted business opportunities created as a result of Pakistan's economic turnaround during the last four years. He stressed the need to bring U.S. travel advisory in consonance with positive reality of today's Pakistan. President of The Potomac Exchange, Mrs. Katherine Moss, thanked the Ambassador for his participation and stated that business community was delighted to know about Pakistan's improved economic and security situation. She added that members were looking forward to benefitting from new investment opportunities in Pakistan. The Potomac Exchange is a Washington, DC based business forum which facilitates meaningful dialogue between U.S. businesses and foreign missions in the United States.

## DELEGATIONS FROM PAKISTAN

### AMBASSADOR CHAUDHRY MEETS DELEGATION OF LEADING PAKISTANI BUSINESSMEN

On November 3, 2017, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry hosted a Pakistani business delegation led by Governor Sindh Muhammad Zubair. In his remarks, Ambassador Chaudhry emphasized the significance of frequent exchanges of business and trade delegations towards strengthening Pakistan-U.S. bilateral ties entrenched in



people to people contacts. He also highlighted the enormous investment and business opportunities afforded by an emerging Pakistan. Governor Sindh underscored the need for serious and structured engagement at important avenues towards achieving the desired results.



## **AMBASSADOR MEETS PAKISTAN DELEGATION TO INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS WORKSHOP**



On 13 July, 2017 Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry met with a delegation of Parliamentarians and Government officials visiting the U.S. to attend an Intellectual Property Rights Workshop. The Ambassador expressed satisfaction on improved Intellectual Property environment in Pakistan.

## **AMBASSADOR HOSTED A DELEGATION OF LEADING PAKISTANI BUSINESSMEN VISITING DC FOR SELECT USA SUMMIT**



On June 20, 2017 a delegation of leading Pakistani businessmen visiting DC for Select USA Summit called on Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry . U.S. Government Officials also attended the meeting. The Ambassador hosted a dinner for them at the Embassy Residence where discussions were held on ways to explore private sector investments and boost bilateral trade between the two countries.

## **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN (SECP) DELEGATION VISITS THE EMBASSY**

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 U.S. Soybean Export Council. Ambassador Chaudhry said that the SECP is of crucial importance in promoting trade & investment in Pakistan.



## DELEGATION OF PAKISTANI INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) PROFESSIONALS VISITS THE EMBASSY



On 11 July, 2017 Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry met a 16-member delegation of Pakistani IT professionals. The delegation was in the U.S. to participate in Microsoft's Global Partner event "Inspire". Talking to the delegation Ambassador said that Pakistan was an emerging market and there was tremendous potential for promoting our IT sector at the international level. Ambassador Chaudhry emphasized that our IT firms and professionals must explore new export opportunities & forge investment links with U.S. IT firms.

## PAKISTANI AMERICAN ENTREPRENEURS

### PAKISTAN-AMERICAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (PABA) DELEGATION CALLS ON THE AMBASSADOR

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry met with a Pakistan American Business Association (PABA) delegation on July 19, 2017. M. Siddique Sheikh, Chairman and Founder of PABA led the delegation. He was accompanied by Congressman Tom Garrett (R-VA), Member House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Debbie Jones, President of Prince William Chambers of Commerce & Industry, and prominent businessmen and government officials.



### AMBASSADOR HOSTS WASHINGTON DC BOARD MEMBERS OF ORGANIZATION OF PAKISTANI ENTREPRENEURS

On 14 June 2017, Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry hosted OPEN Washington DC board members. The discussion focused on entrepreneurial opportunities to promote business and investment in Pakistan





## WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

### MEETING WITH LOS ANGELES-BASED WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry interacted with leading Los Angeles-based Pakistani-American women entrepreneurs on April 30, 2017 and appreciated their humanitarian work and role in the community.

### U.S.-PAKISTAN WOMEN'S COUNCIL (USPWC) DELEGATION CALLS ON THE AMBASSADOR



On May 4, 2017, 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.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR U.S.-PAKISTAN WOMEN'S COUNCIL (USPWC) CALLS ON AMBASSADOR



Ms. Charity Boyette, Executive Director U.S.-Pakistan Women's Council (USPWC) called on Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry on August 22, 2017. They discussed different projects and initiatives taken by USPWC and its partners to increase women's access to employment opportunities.

## **ECONOMY AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS:**

### **FINANCE MINISTER MEETS WITH PRESIDENT WORLD BANK**



On April 23, 2017, the 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 briefed President Kim about the improvement in the macro economic situation in the country. President Kim expressed hope that Pakistan will continue taking forward the reform process to sustain the higher growth trajectory.

### **FINANCE MINISTER MEETS WITH VICE PRESIDENT WORLD BANK, SOUTH ASIA REGION (SAR)**



Finance Minister met with Vice President World Bank (SAR), Annette Dixon on April 22, 2017 in Washington D.C and apprised her about the current economic situation in Pakistan. He informed that the Government has taken concrete measures to bring structural changes for sustainable economic development and is undertaking energy sector projects at top priority to overcome load shedding by early 2018.

### **FINANCE MINISTER MEETS WITH FINANCE MINISTERS OF SAUDI ARABIA, CHINA AND SWITZERLAND**

Finance Minister met with Mohammad Aljadaan, Finance Minister of Saudi Arabia at the margins of World Bank/IMF Spring Meetings. Senator Dar apprised his Saudi counterpart regarding recent economic development in Pakistan.







Finance Minister Ishaq Dar met with Chinese Minister of Finance, Xiao Jie on the sidelines of Spring Meetings of World Bank/IMF in Washington, DC. Both the Ministers exchanged views on a number of issues of mutual interest.



During his visit to Washington, DC to attend Spring Meetings of World Bank/IMF, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar met with the Swiss Finance Minister Ueli Maurer. They discussed matters of mutual interest.

### **FINANCE MINISTER MEETS WITH EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT (EVP) & CEO OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION (IFC)**

Pakistan delegation headed by Finance Minister met with Executive Vice President (EVP) & CEO of International Finance Corporation (IFC) Mr. Philippe Le Houverou at the World Bank on April 22, 2017. Mr. Houverou congratulated Finance Minister Dar on undertaking structural reforms and completing the IMF program. Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry was also present on the occasion.



### **FINANCE MINISTER MEETS WITH DIRECTOR MIDDLE-EAST AND CENTRAL-ASIA DEPARTMENT, INTERNATIONAL MONTARY FUND (IMF)**

Finance Minister also met Mr. Jihad Azour, Director MCD IMF on April 22, 2017 and briefed him on the successful article IV consultation. He added that macro indicators have shown remarkable improvement since 2013. Director MCD IMF Mr. Jihad Azour observed that adhering to reforms process would protect Pakistan's economy from shocks and help the Government in achieving higher sustainable inclusive growth rate.



**MINISTER FOR INTERIOR, PLANNING,  
DEVELOPMENT & REFORMS MEETS  
WORLD BANK VICE PRESIDENT IN  
WASHINGTON**



Federal Minister for Interior, Planning, Development & Reforms, Prof. Ahsan Iqbal called on Ms. Annette Dixon, Vice President, World Bank on the sidelines of the World Bank-IMF Fall meetings in Washington D.C. on October 13, 2017.

**FEDERAL MINISTER FOR CLIMATE  
CHANGE SPEAKS AT 'SANITATION AND  
WATER FOR ALL' MEETING**



Minister for Climate Change, Zahid Hamid spoke at a "Sanitation & Water for All" high level meeting in Washington, DC on April 19, 2017.

**PAKISTAN DELEGATION LED BY  
SECRETARY FINANCE ATTENDS ANNUAL  
MEETINGS OF WORLD BANK/IMF MEETS  
VICE PRESIDENT WORLD BANK (SAR)  
AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF WORLD  
BANK/IMF/IFC**



With Ms. Annette Dixon, Vice President of the World Bank, South Asia Region



With Ms. Keiko Honda, EVP and CEO MIGA



Secretary Finance, Mr. Shahid Mahmood discussed Pakistan's current economic situation with Mr. Michael Kaplan, Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Treasury



Delegation meeting with Mr. Mitsuhiro Furusawa, Deputy Managing Director, IMF



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



During his visit to the U.S., Federal Minister for Climate Change, Zahid Hamid met Ms. Annette Dixon, Vice President World Bank, South Asia Region on April 20, 2017.

### **CHAIRPERSON BENAZIR INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAM (BISP) MEETS VICE PRESIDENT, WORLD BANK**



Ms. Marvi Memon, Chairperson Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) also met with Annette Dixon, Vice President World Bank, South Asia Region during her visit to Washington. The meeting was held on April 22, 2017.

### **CHAIRPERSON BENAZIR INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAM (BISP) MEETS WITH WORLD BANK SENIOR DIRECTOR FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION, LABOUR AND JOBS**



On April 22, 2017, Chairman BISP Ms. 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 MEETS VICE PRESIDENT, WORLD BANK (SAR)**



Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry met with Ms. Annette Dixon, Vice President World Bank, South Asia Region (SAR) on April 12, 2017 who called on him at the Embassy. The two exchanged views on Pakistan's economic situation and took stock of the various existing programs of cooperation between Pakistan and the World Bank.

### **UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID) DELEGATION CALLS ON AMBASSADOR**



On May 10, 2017, William Hammink, Senior International Development Executive, USAID accompanied by Diane Ray, Acting Deputy Assistant called on Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry. They discussed various ongoing USAID programs in Pakistan.

## ASSISTANT TO USAID ADMINISTRATOR CALLS ON AMBASSADOR

On October 16, 2017, Mr. Gregory Huger, Assistant to USAID Administrator called on Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry and updated him on USAID activities in Pakistan. Both sides expressed satisfaction at the joint projects that have been implemented, particularly in FATA and KP. USAID also briefed about the future programs for which funding is available and work will continue. The Ambassador said both Pakistan and the U.S. stand to benefit by the success of USAID funded projects.



## CHEMONICS INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION CALLS ON AMBASSADOR

A delegation from Chemonics International, a major contractor working on USAID programs in Pakistan, called on Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry at the Embassy on October 03, 2017. Ever since its establishment in 1975, Chemonics International has been a development partner and executing agency for USAID projects in more than 70 countries, including Pakistan. They have been working on a number of initiatives in Pakistan including entrepreneurship and enterprise building, agriculture, improving health chain systems, and education.





# MEDIA OUTREACH

The U.S. print and electronic media is the most active in the world. In addition to hosting news channels such as CNN, CNBC, FOX News etc. the U.S. also hosts a formidable line-up of print media including New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Washington Times, etc. to name a few. In addition, Pakistani media channels and newspapers also maintain their active representation here to cover stories of relevance to Pakistan-U.S. relations. The Embassy, through its Press Wing, maintains constant liaison with the U.S. media houses as well as Pakistani media representatives. Special media engagements were arranged during the visits of the Prime Minister (during his visit to New York), the Foreign Minister as well as other high dignitaries from Pakistan. The Ambassador gave regular interviews and background briefings to the editorial boards of all prominent news outlets to articulate Pakistan's view point on key issues to the broader U.S. audience. A resume of media engagements arranged throughout 2017 is as follows:-

## FOREIGN MINISTER INTERACTS WITH U.S. & FOREIGN MEDIA AT THE EMBASSY

Foreign Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif interacted with U.S. and foreign media at an event organized by the Embassy on October 5, 2017. The Foreign Minister said meeting with Secretary Tillerson was an important interaction after President Trump announced U.S. South Asia Strategy on August 21. Pakistan greatly values its relationship with the U.S. in seven-decade long history of result oriented cooperation and we want to build a relationship founded on mutual respect. Foreign Minister added that Pakistan firmly believes that through consistent,



structured and constructive engagement, at political and diplomatic levels, both the countries can continue to work together for the common goal of peace, stability and prosperity in South Asia. We also see enormous investment and business opportunities in Pakistan for corporate America, particularly after Pakistan's remarkable successes in war against terror and significant reduction in terrorist incidents in the country. On our part, we have completely wiped out all the hideouts used by terrorists and anti-state elements. However, this is an ongoing process with continuing intelligence based operations by law enforcement agencies across the country. He reiterated that Pakistan will continue to play its positive role in bringing peace to the region through measures agreed upon by all relevant stakeholders.

## INTERIOR MINISTER'S INTERVIEW TO VOICE OF AMERICA (VOA) URDU SERVICE AT WASHINGTON D.C

Federal Minister for Interior, Ahsan Iqbal gave an interview on October 12, 2017 to Ms. Sarah Zaman of Voice of America (VoA) Urdu Service, which was carried live by Facebook.



## INTERIOR MINISTER'S INTERVIEW WITH VOICE OF AMERICA (VOA) RADIO



Federal Minister for Interior, Ahsan Iqbal gave detailed interview on October 5, 2017 to Asad Hassan of Voice of America (Radio, TV & Facebook), Urdu Service.

## 'PAKISTAN HAS MADE AN IMPRESSIVE HEADWAY IN FINANCIAL AND DIGITAL INCLUSION' – FINANCE MINISTER BRIEFS PAKISTANI MEDIA



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 BRIEFS THE WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENTS



Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry met with Missy Ryan, Military and National Security Writer and Greg Jaffe, National Staff Reporter of The Washington Post on May 18, 2017.

## AMBASSADOR BRIEFS EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE WASHINGTON TIMES



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry briefed the editorial team of the Washington Times on June 2, 2017 about tremendous economic turnaround witnessed by Pakistan.

## THE FINANCIAL TIMES



Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry met with Katrina Manson, U.S. Foreign Policy and Defense Correspondent of Financial Times, London on May 26, 2017.



## THE WASHINGTON TIMES



Chairman Washington Times, Thomas P. McDevitt paid a courtesy call on Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry on August 16, 2017.

## THE BOSTON GLOBE EDITORIAL BOARD



Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry exchanged views with members of The Boston Globe, Editorial Board on September 13, 2017 during his visit to Boston, Massachusetts.

## INTERVIEW WITH VOICE OF AMERICA



Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry gave an interview to Saqib-ul-Islam for Voice of America show "View 360" on August 8, 2017.

## 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 on March 24, 2017. 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 on March 17, 2017. Ambassador Chaudhry briefed the journalists regarding his mission to further strengthen Pakistan's relations with the U.S. and win friends for Pakistan in American polity.

### **IFTAR DINNER FOR DC-BASED PAKISTANI MEDIA**



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry hosted an Iftar Dinner 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.

### **AMBASSADOR HOSTS URDU MEDIA GROUP SPONSORED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE**



Ambassador Chaudhry hosted a group of Pakistani, Urdu media journalists sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, in collaboration with the University of Oklahoma on August 15, 2017. The Ambassador briefed the group on Pakistan-U.S. cooperation and bilateral ties and appreciated the U.S. Department of State's journalist exchange initiative.

### **ICFJ JOURNALIST EXCHANGE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS CALL ON THE AMBASSADOR**



A group of U.S. journalists sponsored by the U.S. State Department and scheduled to visit Pakistan under ICFJ's journalist 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 AIZAZ CHAUDHRY PARTICIPATES IN THE 'AMBASSADOR INSIDER SERIES' BY WASHINGTON DIPLOMAT**

On October 10, 2017, Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry participated as a Chief Guest in 'Ambassador Insider Series' an event organized by The Washington Diplomat, a U.S. monthly newspaper. The event was attended by a number of present and former Ambassadors, Congress and Senate Staffers, State Department officials and prominent media persons. Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry briefed the participants about the important security and economic situation in Pakistan. Referring to the current state of bilateral relations and South Asia strategy announced by President Trump, the Ambassador said that both the countries have started engaging each other at various levels to overcome the stalemate in relations witnessed immediately after the announcement of South Asia Strategy.





## **AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES AT PAKISTANI AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION (PAPA) EVENT**

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry addressed a distinguished gathering of Pakistani Journalists at a dinner hosted by Pakistani American Press Association (PAPA) on November 27, 2017. The dinner was also attended by a delegation of prominent Pakistani journalists including President Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ) Mr. Afzal Butt and President National Press Club (NPC) Mr. Shakeel Anjum. Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry was the Chief Guest on the occasion.



## **AMBASSADOR'S INTERVIEW WITH VOICE OF AMERICA (VOA) URDU SERVICE**



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry gave a detailed interview on to Ms. Sarah Zaman host/producer at Voice of America Urdu Service

## **AMBASSADOR BRIEFS NEW YORK-BASED PAKISTANI AND ETHNIC MEDIA**



On December 14, 2017, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry briefed New York-based Pakistani and ethnic media about the current state of Pakistan-U.S. relations, recent developments in regional context and role of Pakistani-American community in the U.S.

## **PRESIDENT OF AZAD JAMMU & KASHMIR HOLDS MEDIA BRIEFING AT THE EMBASSY**



President of Azad Jammu & Kashmir Sardar Masood Khan gave detailed roundup of his current official visit to Washington DC during a media briefing held at the Embassy of Pakistan, Washington DC on 6 December 2017. Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry was also present on the occasion.

## **PRESIDENT OF AZAD JAMMU AND KASHMIR SARDAR MASOOD KHAN'S INTERVIEW WITH VOICE OF AMERICA URDU SERVICE**



President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Sardar Masood Khan gave an interview to Sarah Zaman host/producer at Voice of America Urdu Service. Video: <https://www.facebook.com/voaurdu/videos/1603703006342088>

## THE WALL STREET JOURNAL



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

## THE WASHINGTON TIMES



Minister (Press) Abid Saeed and Press Attaché Zoobia Masood met with Guy Taylor, National Security Team Leader and Carlos Munoz, Military Correspondent, The Washington Times

## THE NEW YORK TIMES



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

## 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VOICE OF AMERICA



Minister (Press) Abid Saeed and Press Attaché Zoobia Masood with Vice President VOA at the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Voice of America



## EMBASSY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

The Embassy held dignified ceremonies to celebrate national occasions such as Pakistan Day (23 March), Independence Day (14 August), and Defence Day (6 September). These ceremonies included segments such as the flag hoisting, cake-cutting, national songs and cultural shows. The Embassy also celebrated 25th December to mark the 141st Birth Anniversary of Quaid-e-Azam. In addition to these events, the Embassy Forum was convened several times to provide visiting dignitaries from Pakistan the opportunity to exchange views with the U.S. audience and Pakistani American diaspora. Prominent speakers included the Ministers for Interior and Finance, President of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, as well as a commemorative event on Iqbal Day (November 9). The Embassy also arranged cultural events including Open House-Passport DC (May 6) and a Sufi Musical evening (May 20). A new interactive website has been designed. Quarterly newsletters were published. Updates on important activities were shared with the community and others through emailing.

### PAKISTAN DAY

#### FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY TO CELEBRATE THE 77th PAKISTAN DAY



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

## PAKISTAN DAY RECEPTION HELD AT THE EMBASSY



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry welcoming U.S. Under Secretary of State, Ambassador Thomas A. Shannon at the Pakistan Day Reception held at the Embassy



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry addressing at the Pakistan Day Reception held at the Embassy



U.S. Under Secretary of State, Ambassador Thomas A. Shannon delivering remarks at the Pakistan Day Reception held at the Embassy



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry with Pakistan-American marathon runners

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 Pakistan-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 U.S. and the world a better place'. He expressed resolve to continue his work with Pakistani Diaspora for mutual interest.



# INDEPENDENCE DAY

AUGUST 14, 2017

## FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY IN THE EMBASSY ON INDEPENDENCE DAY



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry hoisting National flag on the occasion of Independence Day at the Embassy



U.S. Under Secretary of State Amb. Thomas A. Shannon addressing on the occasion of Independence Day



Under Secretary Thomas A. Shannon, Assistant Secretary Alice Wells and Ambassador cutting the cake at the Independence Day Ceremony

A flag hoisting ceremony was held at the Embassy to celebrate 70th Anniversary of Independence of Pakistan. Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry highlighted the proud journey of Pakistan since its independence. Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador said that the people of Pakistan and United States shared common values of democracy, liberty, justice, and rule of law. He expressed confidence that the two countries will work together to further deepen their decades old ties. Under Secretary of State, Ambassador Thomas A. Shannon conveyed felicitations to the people of Pakistan on behalf of President Donald Trump and Secretary of State, Rex Tillerson. He emphasized that Pakistan and the U.S. share a long and enduring relationship. He acknowledged the tremendous sacrifices of people of Pakistan in fight against terrorism. After the national anthem of both the countries, messages from the President and Prime Minister to the nation were read out by Minister (Press) and Deputy Chief of Mission respectively. The event was attended by Acting Assistant Secretary of State Ambassador Alice Wells and Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense, David F. Helvey besides other officials of the Departments of State and Defence and representatives of the Pakistani diaspora.

## ‘OPEN HOUSE’ TO CELEBRATE 70 YEARS OF PAKISTAN



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry at the Embassy's 'Open House' event



Ambassador and Mrs. Aizaz Chaudhry witnessing performances at the Embassy's 'Open House'



A group of artists performing a Pakistani regional dance



Children participating in a show reflecting Pakistan's rich cultural heritage



Guests celebrating the Embassy 'Open House' with fervour

## DEFENCE DAY OF PAKISTAN



52<sup>nd</sup> Defence Day of Pakistan (September 06) was commemorated at the Embassy on September 27, 2017 to pay tribute to the Armed Forces who rendered tremendous sacrifices for their motherland. Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry lauded the spirit and the valour of Pakistan's Armed Forces in defending the homeland against blatant aggression during the 1965 war. He highlighted the successful counterterrorism campaigns that the brave soldiers of Pakistan have conducted in the last few years. He emphasized that Pakistan was committed to peace and security in the region and wanted to continue to work with the U.S. in this regard. The Defence Day Reception was well attended with representation from civil and military sides of the U.S. government and diplomatic community including military representatives of the allied and partner nations. In addition, large number of notable community members also attended the function.

## INTER-FAITH IFTAR DINNER AT THE EMBASSY



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry with Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX)



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry with guest speakers at the Inter-Faith Iftar dinner



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.

## PASSPORT DC – AROUND THE WORLD EMBASSY TOUR



On May 06, 2017 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.

## SUFI MUSICAL EVENING AT THE EMBASSY



Celebrating 70 years of friendship between Pakistan and the U.S., the Embassy hosted a Sufi Musical Concert on May 20, 2017 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 poetry. Ambassador Chaudhry highlighted the importance of fostering linkages and friendship through the language of music, poetry, and other genres of art.

## EASTER CELEBRATIONS DINNER



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry presenting a book 'Churches of Pakistan' to Senator and Mrs. Richard H. Black (R-VA)



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry with Senator Richard H. Black (R-VA)

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.



## AMERICAN UNIVERSITY & ROTARY CLUB CHARTERING EVENT



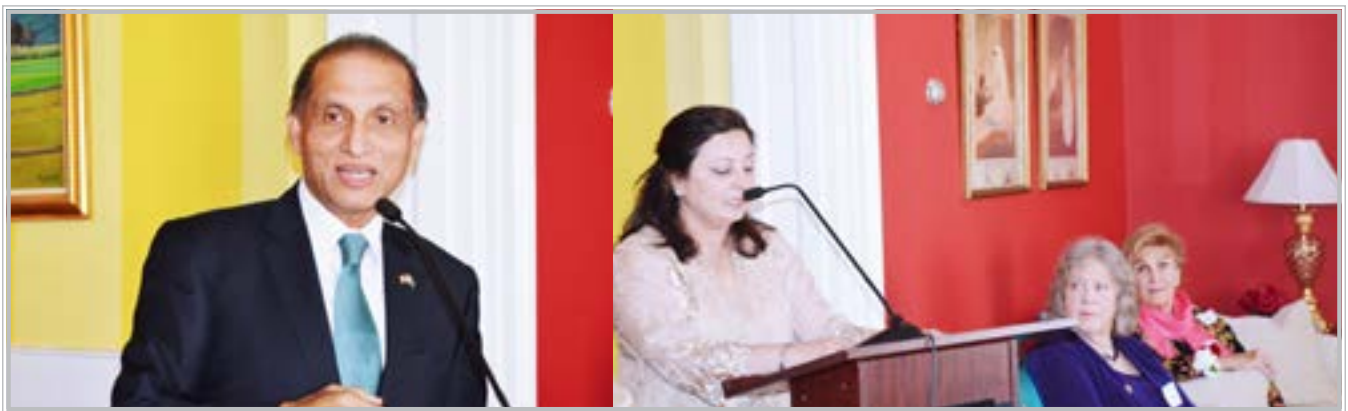
The Rotary Club and The American University (AU) students jointly organized the AU Rotaract chartering event at the Embassy of Pakistan. Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry and Rotary Club District Governor Dr. Anna-Mae Kobbe were the chief guests on the occasion. The Ambassador congratulated the students 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.

## DINNER AT PAKISTAN HOUSE FOR MERIDIAN INTERNATIONAL



On October 21, 2017, a dinner was hosted by the Ambassador and his spouse for participants from Meridian International Center at Pakistan House. The event is part of cultural exchange programs held in Washington every year. The Embassy of Pakistan was one of 25 embassies to host guests of the Meridian Center. Amb. Aizaz gave an overview about Pakistan, its people and culture to the guests.

## “COLORS OF PAKISTAN” EVENT AT PAKISTAN HOUSE



On November 02, 2017, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry and Mrs. Najia Aizaz Ahmad hosted a luncheon reception and a briefing on “Colors of Pakistan” for the DC based Women’s Foreign Policy Group which comprises of spouses of several Congressmen and diplomats, prominent women leaders, and corporate executives. Mrs. Najia Ahmad welcomed the guests and apprised the audience about the pivotal role Pakistani women are playing and making their mark in various fields by breaking all societal barriers. A documentary on “Emerging Faces: Exploring Pakistan’s Hidden Treasures.” made by Ms. Cynthia Ritchie, a U.S. filmmaker, was screened. In her remarks, Ms. Ritchie said that Pakistan is a fascinating combination of culture and tradition bound by the centuries-old cherishment of common values of hospitality, altruism and multi-culturism. She further stated that there is a need to enlighten the western audience of the positive things about Pakistan and to look for the reality beyond the popular news stories.

## FAMOUS BRITISH-AMERICAN MOUNTAINEER VISITS PAKISTAN EMBASSY

Ms. Vanessa O'Brien, a friend of Pakistan and an accomplished mountain climber, attended an event in her honor, organized by the Embassy of Pakistan on October 06, 2017. Ms. O'Brien is the first British American woman to achieve the distinction of scaling K-2, the second highest peak in the World located in Pakistan. She also unfolded, among others, a Pakistani flag at the Summit. Speaking on the occasion, Ms. O'Brien said that Pakistan is a beautiful country with rich cultural heritage and with the most hospitable people. She added that Pakistan has a lot to offer in addition to the fabulous mountains. Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry, while appreciating Ms. O'Brien's expression of warm feelings for Pakistan said that her story and personality is an inspiration for all of us.



## IQBAL DAY CULTURAL EVENT



The Embassy hosted an event on November 09, 2017 to commemorate Iqbal Day as part of the Embassy Forum. The Ambassador paid rich tribute to Pakistan's greatest philosopher, thinker and poet, Allama Iqbal, whose iconic writings in Urdu and Persian, have attained global acclaim.

Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KcWWztaNVS4>

## MEHFIL-E-MILAD ON THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLY PROPHET (PEACE BE UPON HIM)



The Embassy organized a Mehfil-e-Milad to celebrate the birth of the Holy Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him). Speaking on the occasion, Mrs. Najia Aizaz Ahmad welcomed the guests and highlighted the spiritual significance of the month of Rabi-ul-Awal in which the world was blessed with the arrival of Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him). Participants paid homage to the Holy Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) through special prayers, Naat and Dua.



## 141ST BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF QUAID-E-AZAM MUHAMMAD ALI JINNAH



Professor Dr. Akbar S. Ahmad speaking on Quaid-e-Azam's life and achievements at the Embassy.



A cake-cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the birthday of the founder of the nation.

The Embassy celebrated the 141st birth anniversary of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah (December 25). Charge d' Affairs Mr. Rizwan Saeed Sheikh paid rich tribute to Quaid-e-Azam who, through his relentless commitment and dedication, secured a separate homeland for the Muslims for the Indian Subcontinent. Eminent Scholar Professor Dr. Akbar S. Ahmad also spoke on the life and achievements of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. He talked about Quaid's dream for Pakistan which was based on the principles of democracy, equality, brotherhood and social justice. He emphasized the need to follow the guiding principles of Muhammad Ali Jinnah for the progress and prosperity of our dear homeland. An exhibition of historic photographs highlighting various phases of Quaid's life and the critical moments of the Pakistan movement was arranged which was widely appreciated by the guests.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE EMBASSY

All Neighbors, a community organization comprising mostly of Pakistani origin Christians celebrated Christmas at the Embassy of Pakistan, Washington DC. The dinner was held on December 29, 2017. Charge d' Affairs Rizwan



Saeed Sheikh reiterated the commandment of Pakistan's founding father Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah who assured all citizenry of the country of absolute freedom of religion for all religious communities. Mr. Sheikh appreciated the Christmas message of love, peace, forgiveness and hope and highlighted the need for religious harmony in the world.

## SIXTH WINTER INTERNATIONAL TRADE EXHIBITION, WASHINGTON D.C.

The Embassy participated in the 6th Winter International Exhibition, a trade show where resident Embassies set up informative and cultural stalls to showcase their heritage and trade products. The event was held on December 06, 2017 at the Ronald Reagan Center, Washington D.C. Pakistan participated in the event along with 35 other embassies.



## KASHMIR RELATED ACTIVITIES

### EMBASSY HOSTS A SEMINAR ‘ KASHMIR: THE SEVENTY YEARS’ STRUGGLE’



On November 05, 2017, the Embassy hosted a seminar titled, ‘Kashmir: The Seventy Years’ Struggle’, to mark Kashmir Black Day. In his remarks, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry called upon the international community to take notice of the human rights violations perpetrated by Indian occupation forces in Jammu & Kashmir. He assured the Kashmiri community that Pakistan will continue to lend moral, political and diplomatic support to Kashmir at all international fora. Kashmiri American Committee Secretary General Sardar Zulfiqar Khan, former member Azad Jammu & Kashmir Council Sardar Sawaar Khan and George Washington University professor Dr. Imtiaz Khan also spoke on the occasion.

### KASHMIR AND PAKISTAN ARE INSEPARABLE: PRESIDENT AZAD JAMMU & KASHMIR ADDRESS AT PAKISTAN EMBASSY



Sardar Masood Khan, President Azad Jammu & Kashmir addressed a gathering of Pakistani American community at the Pakistan Embassy, Washington D.C. on December 04, 2017. Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry welcomed Sardar Masood Khan on behalf of the Pakistani American diaspora and commended him for his efforts to highlight and project the Kashmir issue at various international fora. President Sardar Masood Khan stated that Pakistan is incomplete without Kashmir and Kashmir has its identity rooted in Pakistan. He urged the international community to call upon Indian occupation forces to cease violence and bloodshed in Indian Occupied Jammu & Kashmir. He said the world must strongly condemn the brutalities perpetrated by Indian security forces in the Kashmir valley. The voice of the Kashmiri people would never be suppressed as the next generation of Kashmiris has taken it upon themselves to secure their freedom from Indian oppression.



## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### AMBASSADOR HOSTS PAKISTANI PARLIAMENTARIANS



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry received prominent parliamentarians from Pakistan, Mr. Rana Afzal Khan, Parliamentary Secretary and Dr. Najma Afzal, MPA at the Embassy of Pakistan, Washington, DC on April 19, 2017.

### U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE) OFFICIALS CALL ON THE AMBASSADOR



On April 19, 2017, Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry met with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials and discussed the community's immigration-related concerns.

### DELEGATION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY (NDU), ISLAMABAD VISITS EMBASSY



A delegation of National Defence University (NDU) visited the U.S. on a study tour. They were hosted at the Embassy on May 02, 2017.

### **NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (NUST) DELEGATION VISITS U.S.**



Rector, National University of Science & Technology (NUST), a premier engineering institution of Pakistan, led a delegation to the U.S. The delegation visited the Embassy in Washington on October 11, 2017 and interacted with prominent members of Pakistani American diaspora. They also visited other cities including New York and Los Angeles during their tour.

### **EUROPEAN UNION (EU) SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR AFGHANISTAN CALLS ON AMBASSADOR**



On July 27, 2017, Ambassador Franz-Michael Mellbin, EU's Special Representative for Afghanistan, called on Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry. He briefed the Ambassador on the EU's position on bringing peace and stability to Afghanistan. Ambassador Chaudhry shared Pakistan's perspective on the issue.

### **GERMANY'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN CALLS ON AMBASSADOR**



Markus Potzel, Germany's Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, called on Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry at the Embassy on November 09, 2017. Ambassador Chaudhry briefed the German SRAP on Pakistan's perspective on the situation in Afghanistan.

### **BISHOP JUAN CARLOS MENDEZ CALLS ON AMBASSADOR**



Bishop Juan Carlos Mendez, founder of Churches in Action and a leader of the Los Angeles Interfaith Council called on Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry in Washington on July 14, 2017. During the meeting Ambassador Chaudhry and Bishop Mendez reiterated the need for Inter-faith harmony.

### **DIRECTOR, BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION CALLS ON AMBASSADOR**

Dr. Anita K.M. Zaidi, Director, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation called on Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry at the Embassy on November 08, 2017 and briefed him on the initiatives of the Foundation and its work in Pakistan. Dr. Zaidi, who is based in Seattle, invited the Ambassador to visit the Foundation office at a convenient date.





## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Ever since the 1950s and 60s, the United States has been one of the most popular destinations for attracting talented Pakistanis overseas. According to estimates, there are over 1 million Pakistani Americans residing in the United States. These include Americans of Pakistani descent as well as second generation Pakistani Americans. As a diaspora, Pakistani Americans have distinguished themselves as highly accomplished professionals such as doctors, engineers and business entrepreneurs. There is also a high ratio of blue collared workers among the community, particularly involved in transportation sector. The Pakistani American diaspora forms the bridge between Pakistan and the United States. We are gradually witnessing a generational transition where the diaspora is now increasingly participating in mainstream U.S. politics and is interested in effecting positive change in the United States through its own active contribution.

The Embassy and its Consulates General at New York, Los Angeles, Houston and Chicago, have a two-fold responsibility towards the Pakistani American community. They protect the legitimate interests of the diaspora and they also provide consular services to them including visa, passports, attestation of documents, birth registration, etc. In addition to regularly inviting community representatives to cultural and social events, the Embassy and Consulates General also actively participate in events organized by community organizations to mark important national occasions such as Pakistan Day and Independence Day of Pakistan.

During the year, the Ambassador met community representatives during his visits to various parts of the U.S. including Washington, New York, New Jersey, Los Angeles, Houston, Chicago, Boston, Hartford, Atlanta, and Orlando. Glimpses of these events are given below:-

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF CONSULS GENERAL AT THE EMBASSY

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. 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. 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.

### 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL PAKISTAN FESTIVAL AT BULL RUN PARK, VIRGINIA



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry addressing  
at the 31st Annual Pakistan Festival at Bull Run Park, Virginia



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry  
cutting Independence Day cake

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry addressed the 31st Annual Pakistan Festival at Bull Run Park, Virginia on August 27, 2017. Addressing a large gathering, he highlighted Pakistan's remarkable transformation to a modern Muslim State. Ambassador urged Pakistani American community, particularly second-generation young Pakistanis to play their role in the mainstream American polity with vigor and strength.

### 33<sup>RD</sup> PAKISTAN DAY PARADE, MANHATTAN, NEW YORK



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry addressing participants at the 33rd Pakistan Day parade at Madison Avenue, New York



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry & members of the New York  
Police Department cutting Independence Day cake



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry and guests standing in honour of  
the national anthem

On August 6, 2017 Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry attended the 33rd Pakistan Day Parade at Madison Avenue, New York. The Ambassador recognized the valuable role being played by the Pakistani diaspora as a bridge between Pakistan and the U.S. He expressed his confidence that Pakistan-American youth will contribute to further deepening of Pakistan-U.S. friendship in the years ahead. The parade was widely attended and included national songs by popular singers, colourful and thematic floats and food stalls.



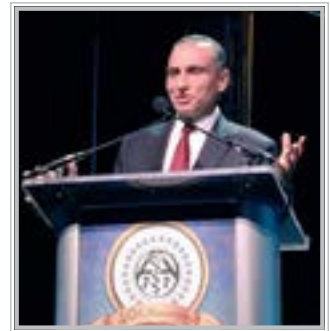
## PAKISTAN DAY PARADE AT EDISON, NEW JERSEY



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry witnessed a Pakistan Day Parade held by Pakistani American community in Edison, New Jersey on August 20, 2017. Consul General New York, Raja Ali Ejaz was also present at the event which was largely attended.

## APPNA 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry addressed the concluding ceremony of 40th APPNA (Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent in North America) Convention in Orlando, Florida on 8 July, 2017. He paid rich tribute to the pioneers of APPNA for their foresight and efforts in creating such an impressive organization. He also highlighted Pakistan and America's shared values and hopes for peace, understanding and tolerance. Ambassador visited a special Consular Camp jointly organized by the Embassy of Pakistan, Washington, DC and Consulate General, Houston during the Annual Convention of APPNA to facilitate the community members.



## PAKISTANI-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AT ORLANDO



During his visit to Orlando, Florida, Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry met representatives of the Pakistani American community on July 7, 2017. He assured the community members of the full support of the Embassy as well as its Consulates regarding all issues pertaining to consular affairs.

## **AMERICAN-PAKISTANI PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (APPAC) EVENT IN NEW YORK**



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry addressing  
at the American-Pakistani Public Affairs Committee event in New York



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry with Rep.  
Andre Carson (D-IN)

On October 28, 2017 Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry addressed an APPAC event in New York. Ambassador Chaudhry said that Pakistan has a good story to tell, however, there is a gap between perception & reality about Pakistan. We have reversed the tide of adversity with our resolve & determination. He urged Pakistani Community to do well in the U.S. He said that the need of the hour for the Pakistan-American community is to stand up and be counted. Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry said that Pakistan-U.S. relations are resilient and it is our job to strengthen these bonds. We have to bring both countries closer together. While talking on the sidelines of APPAC, Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry said that Rep. Andre Carson has been a strong voice for the Muslims in America.

## **AMERICAN PAKISTANI PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (APPAC) DELEGATION CALLS ON AMBASSADOR**



A delegation of American Pakistani Public Affairs Committee (APPAC), led by Dr. Ijaz Ahmed, called on Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry at the Embassy on December 22, 2017. The delegation briefed the Ambassador about APPAC's efforts to mobilize the Pakistani-American community across the United States. Ambassador appreciated APPAC's efforts to establish a platform to bring together the Pakistani-American community and welcomed APPAC's intent to establish chapters in every state and build partnerships with other community organizations. The Ambassador extended full support to APPAC's objectives and emphasized that the Pakistani-American community could act as a bridge between Pakistan and the U.S.



### AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH NEW YORK-BASED PAKISTANI-AMERICANS



Ambassador interacted with New York-based Pakistani-American businessmen who came to meet him in Edison, NJ on May 19, 2017. The Ambassador praised the community's active participation in strengthening and celebrating 70 years of Pakistan-U.S. friendship.

### MEETING WITH PAKISTANI-AMERICAN COUNCIL, EDISON, NEW JERSEY



On May 19, 2017 Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry addressed a large gathering of Pakistani-Americans in Edison, NJ. The Ambassador promised to work with them to promote Pakistan-U.S. friendship.

### CONSUL GENERAL AND Pakistan-AMERICAN COMMUNITY HOST AMBASSADOR AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Consul General of Pakistan, Chicago in collaboration with Pakistani-American community of Chicago hosted a dinner on July 23, 2017, to welcome Ambassador Chaudhry on his first official visit to the Midwest region. Congressman Danny



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Michael Blair, Director Sales at Community Tissue Services



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry addressing guests at a dinner in Chicago, Illinois

K. Davis (D-IL), attended the event. Representatives of Attorney General of Illinois, Mayor of Chicago, Chancellor East West University, Chairman Central Asian Productivity United of North Illinois University and a large number of Pakistani-American community also attended the event. Ambassador presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Michael Blair, Director Sales at Community Tissue Services for playing a pivotal role in dispatching donation of skin grafts for the victims of a fuel tanker blast in Pakistan in June 2017.

### SIALKOT AND BOLINGBROOK, ILLINOIS DECLARED SISTER-CITIES

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry was in Bolingbrook, IL when Sialkot and Bolingbrook were declared sister-cities on July 24, 2017. Consul General of Pakistan, Chicago, Mr. Faisal Niaz Tirmizi was also present on the occasion.



## COMMUNITY RECEPTION AT FRAMINGHAM, MASSACHUSSETTS



Ambassador Aizaz A. Chaudhry attended a community reception at Framingham, Massachusetts. He presented souvenirs & acknowledged the services of Barry Hoffman (left) and Shahid Khan (right), Honorary Consul Generals at the event.

## RECEPTION BY PAKISTANI AMERICAN COMMUNITY (PAC) ATLANTA, GEORGIA



While speaking at a dinner reception hosted by the Pakistani American Community (PAC) Atlanta, on December 01, 2017, Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry appreciated the Community's active role in promoting friendship and cooperation between Pakistan and the United States.



## SAFEER-E-PAKISTAN 11TH PRIDE OF PERFORMANCE AWARDS NIGHT AND GALA DINNER, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA



On April 30, 2017, the Ambassador presented Safeer-e-Pakistan Pride of Performance Awards to notable Pakistani-Americans from across the U.S. The ceremony was held in Los Angeles, California.

## PAKISTANI-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS OF HOUSTON, TEXAS

A number of Pakistani American Organizations came together in Houston on May 22, 2017 to host a dinner in honour of Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry. The Ambassador lauded the contribution of the diaspora in Texas and its adjoining areas and encouraged them to continue to play a positive role in furthering Pakistan-U.S. relations. He said the first generation diaspora had played a significant part in building the foundations for the younger generation. Now, the next generation of Pakistani Americans need to take the responsibility of building bridges between the two countries through a proactive approach.



## PAKISTANI AMERICAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

On November 13, 2017, the Ambassador attended a dinner hosted by prominent Pakistani American community members of Hartford, Connecticut during his visit. Consul General of Pakistan to New York, Raja Ali Ejaz, was also present on the occasion. The Ambassador thanked the community members for their hospitality and encouraged them to continue to contribute positively both as U.S. citizens as well as “true ambassadors” of Pakistan in the United States.



### **BREAKFAST MEETING HOSTED BY PAKISTANI AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT (PAACT) AT FARMINGTON (HARTFORD), CONNECTICUT**

The Pakistani Americans Association of Connecticut (PAACT) hosted a breakfast meeting for the Ambassador and Consul General New York at Hartford, Connecticut on November 14, 2017. The community members exchanged views on Pakistan U.S. relations and also informed the Ambassador of their desire to contribute actively in this regard. The Ambassador welcomed the idea and looked forward to continued interaction with community members.



### **PAKISTAN AMERICAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (PABA) ANNUAL EVENT AND AWARDS DISTRIBUTION TO PAKISTAN CRICKET CLUB (PCC)**



On December 8, 2017 Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry attended the Annual Dinner of Pakistan American Business Association (PABA) at Fairfax, VA. In his remarks, the Ambassador appreciated the work of PABA in promoting business between Pakistan and the U.S. He awarded certificates to members of Pakistan Cricket Club (PCC), champions of Washington Cricket League. Mr. M. Siddique Sheikh, Founder/Chairman of PABA thanked the Ambassador for his support to the community. The Ambassador was also presented a souvenir on behalf of PABA.

### **AMBASSADOR INAUGURATES SPECIAL SCREENING OF 'ANGELS WITHIN'**

On December 3, 2017 Amb. Aizaz Chaudhry inaugurated the special screening of 'Angels Within' - a feature docudrama by Pakistani-American Director Noor Naghmi in Virginia. The movie highlighted contributions of Pakistani American doctors serving in the United States. Ambassador appreciated that the movie highlights the valuable contribution of Pakistani American community particularly the doctors who are serving the humanity in remote areas of the U.S.





## VISIT TO THE MEDICAL CLINIC OF MUSLIM COMMUNITY CENTER (MCC) IN SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry addressing the Board of Trustees of the Medical Clinic of the Muslim Community Center (MCC)



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry presenting a souvenir to Dr. Rashid A. Chotani, Executive Director of the MCC Medical Clinic

On December 22, 2017, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry visited the Medical Clinic of Muslim Community Center (MCC) in Silver Spring, Maryland at the invitation of Pakistani-American community members. Ambassador Chaudhry was briefed on the institution's activities and the range of medical services and treatment offered by the Clinic to individuals without medical coverage at highly subsidized costs. Ambassador particularly appreciated the efforts of Pakistani American community members, in spearheading such initiatives that help build interfaith harmony.

## INTER-FAITH IFTAR DINNER BY 'ALL NEIGHBORS', VIRGINIA



Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry attended an Interfaith Iftar arranged by 'All Neighbors' on June 4, 2017. In his address, the Ambassador spoke about the need for bringing harmony among all faiths. He underscored that love of humanity is the sublime virtue we should all strive to achieve.

## MUSHAIRA HELD BY URDU WRITERS SOCIETY (NORTH AMERICA), RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA



On April 29, 2017, the 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.

### MUSHAIRA AT SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry attended a Mushaira organized by a local charity in Springfield, Virginia on September 10, 2017, featuring renowned Pakistan poets Professor Anwar Masood and Dr. Amjad Islam Amjad.



### SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE GALA DINNER IN WASHINGTON, DC



The Ambassador attended the Annual Gala arranged by SOS Children's Village, Washington DC Chapter on October 15, 2017. The Gala was organized to raise funds for orphans being supported by the SOS Children's Village in Pakistan. The Ambassador praised the noble cause for which the organization was working in Pakistan and said that Pakistanis are among the world's leading philanthropic contributors. He wished the organizers success in their endeavors.

### PAKISTANI ART EXHIBITION IN WASHINGTON DC



On November 03, 2017, the Ambassador and his spouse attended an art exhibition by Ms. Saadia Hussain, a Pakistani artist from National College of Arts, held at a local art gallery in Washington D.C. The purpose of the exhibition was to provide an opportunity to showcase the works of the Pakistani artist. The exhibition drew a wide audience and was well received.

### DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION ATTENDS INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMUNITY EVENT IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA



DCM Rizwan Saeed Sheikh addressed the Pakistani-American Community at an event organized in connection with Pakistan Independence Day in Atlanta, Georgia on August 26, 2017.



## OFFICERS POSTED AT THE EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN WASHINGTON D.C.

**Ambassador**  
**Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry**

**Salman Sharif**  
Counsellor Political – III

**Shah Nazar Khan**  
First Secretary Political – II

**Rizwan Saeed Sheikh**  
Deputy Chief of Mission

**Haseeb bin Aziz**  
Counsellor Political – IV

**Sidrah Aslam Kalair**  
Second Secretary Political

**Ubaid ur Rehman Nizamani**  
Minister (Political)

**Muhammad Ishtiaq**  
Counsellor Political – V

**Imtiaz Abbasi**  
Assistant Director  
(Machine Readable Passports)

**Syed Fawad Sher**  
Counsellor Political – I

**Muhammad Aamir Naseem**  
Counsellor Community Affairs

**Zaman Mehdi**  
Counsellor Political – II

**Saeed Ali**  
First Secretary Political – I

### ECONOMIC WING

**Mohsin Mushtaq Chandna\***  
Minister (Economic)

### TRADE WING

**Ali Tahir**  
Minister (Trade)

### FINANCE & ACCOUNTS WING

**Muhammad Tayyab**  
Finance & Accounts Officer

**Shahid Hamid**  
Assistant Accounts Officer

**Saima Ambreen**  
Assistant Accounts Officer

### INFORMATION WING

**Abid Saeed**  
Minister (Press)

**Zoobia Masood**  
Press Attache

### DEFENCE WING

**Brig. Sarfaraz Ali**  
Defence Attache\*\*

**Captain Muhammad Vaqar**  
Naval Attache

**Col. Faisal Qadeer Khokhar**  
Attache Defence Procurement  
(Army)

**Group Captain**  
**Ali Naeem Zahoor**  
Air Attache

**Group Captain**  
**Rasheed Siddique Qureshi**  
Attache Defence Procurement  
(Navy & Air)

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\* Mr. Mohsin Mushtaq Chandna was transferred back. The portfolio is being looked after by Minister (Trade)

\*\*Brig. Kamal Anwar Chaudhry has replaced Brig. Sarfaraz Ali as Defence Attache in January 2018

## LIST OF AMBASSADORS OF PAKISTAN TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

S.No.	Name of Ambassador	Date of Charge Assumption	Date of Charge Relinquishment
1	Mr. M.A. H. Ispahani	October 8, 1947.	February 8, 1952.
2	Mr. Muhammad Ali Bogra	February 27, 1952.	April 16, 1953.
3	Syed Amjad Ali	September 26, 1953.	September 27, 1955.
4	Mr. Muhammad Ali Bogra	November, 1955.	March, 1959.
5	Mr. Aziz Ahmed	March 23, 1959.	July 10, 1963.
6	Mr. G. Ahmed	July 19, 1963.	September 15, 1966.
7	Mr. Agha Hilaly	October 21, 1966.	October 20, 1971.
8	Maj. Gen ® Nawabzada A.M. Raza	May 15, 1971.	April 22, 1972.
9	Mr. Sultan Mohammad Khan	May 15, 1972.	December 8, 1973.
10	Lt. Gen® Sahabzada Yaqub Khan	December 19, 1973.	January 3, 1979.
11	Mr. Sultan Mohammad Khan	January 13, 1979.	December 31, 1980.
12	Mr. Ejaz Azim	July 7, 1981.	September 15, 1986.
13	Mr. Jamsheed K.A. Marker	September 17, 1986.	June 30, 1989.
14	Mr. Zulfikar Ali Khan	July 12, 1989.	September 15, 1990.
15	Mr. Najmuddin A. Sheikh	October 14, 1990.	November 22, 1991.
16	Syeda Abida Hussain	November 26, 1991.	April 22, 1993.
17	Dr. Maleeha Lodhi	January 21, 1994.	January 30, 1997.
18	Mr. Riaz Hussain Khokhar	March 12, 1997.	September 7, 1999.
19	Mr. Tariq Fatemi	September 8, 1999.	October 14, 1999.
20	Dr. Maleeha Lodhi	December 17, 1999.	August 4, 2002.
21	Mr. Ashraf Jehangir Qazi	August 19, 2002.	August 6, 2004.
22	Gen® Jehangir Karamat	November 17, 2004.	June 3, 2006.
23	Maj. Gen® Mahmud Ali Durrani	June 5, 2006.	May 9, 2008.
24	Mr. Husain Haqqani	May 27, 2008.	November 22, 2011.
25	Ms. Sherry Rehman	January 8, 2012.	May 19, 2013.
26	Mr. Jalil Abbas Jilani	December 28, 2013.	February 28, 2017.
27	Mr. Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry	March 13, 2017.	Incumbent





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