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# DIPLOMATIC OUTREACH

## Message of Congressman Pete Sessions for Pakistan's Independence Day

Today is a day of celebration, honor and pride that comes from Pakistani Americans as they live in the USA, helping make America and Pakistan and that relationship even stronger.

*August 12, 2024*



## Message of Congresswoman Susan Wild for Pakistan's Independence Day

"The values that drive Pakistani Americans are those at the heart of Pakistan's Independence Day."

*August 12, 2024*

## Message of Congressman Tom Suozzi on Pakistan's Independence Day

I want to do everything I can to strengthen the relationship between the United States of America and Pakistan

*August 12, 2024*



## Message of Congressman Chris Van Hollen on Pakistan's Independence Day

Over the past 77 years, the people of the United States and the people of Pakistan have built strong bonds of friendship

*August 12, 2024*





**Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh's assuming charge as Ambassador of Pakistan to the United States**

The newly appointed Pakistani Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Rizwan Saeed Sheikh emphasized the importance of the Pak-US relationship. He stated that cementing multifaceted Pak-US relations, strengthening economic ties, and enhancing people-to-people linkages would remain his foremost priorities. He also highlighted the importance of the Pakistani diaspora in the U.S., describing them as a valuable asset of the country. He noted that the community was serving as a strong bond in the Pak-U.S. relationship and every possible effort should be made to ensure better service delivery to the community. The Ambassador also stressed the need to pursue result-oriented diplomacy.

*August 21, 2024*



**Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh meets Syed Touqeer Hussain Shah, Executive Director World Bank**

*August 23, 2024*



Sept. 18, 2024

**Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh shaking hands with President Joseph R. Biden**

Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh today presented his Letter of Credence to President Joseph R. Biden Jr., President of the United States of America, as the 30th Ambassador of Pakistan to the United States.

The ceremony, held at Blair House, was attended by members of the diplomatic community and senior officials of the U.S. administration.

In his remarks, Ambassador Rizwan Sheikh conveyed greetings from the President, Prime Minister, and the people of Pakistan to the leadership and people of the United States. He stated that Pakistan and the United States have a rich legacy of cooperative relations and have laid multiple foundations to strengthen bilateral ties.

Recalling U.S. assistance to Pakistan, especially during its nascent phase of statehood, the Ambassador observed that the two countries continue to invest in their relationship and are stepping up cooperation in climate change, energy, health, trade, and investment.

“Pakistan-U.S. economic partnership is the core of our engagement, and the United States continues to be the largest destination for Pakistani exports,” Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh said.





**Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh meeting with Ms. Esperanza Jelilian, Executive Director US Chamber of Commerce**

*August 28 2024*



*August 29, 2024*

**HE Ambassador's meeting  
with Mr. Adnan Asad Consul  
General Florida**



## Ambassador Rizwan Sheikh along with Congressman AL Green at Investiture Ceremony held at Embassy of Pakistan

*Sept 09, 2024*

## Ambassador meeting with Amb. Anne Patterson

*September 12, 2024*



## Ambassador with Pakistan's Consul Generals of Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, and New York

*September 14, 2024*



**Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh had an interactive engagement with a group of Pakistani-Americans.**

*Sept. 17, 2024*



**Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh with Rep. Tom Suozzi, Chair PK Caucus, and Congressman Jack Bergman**

Amb. Rizwan Saeed Sheikh met Rep. Tom Suozzi, Chair PAK Caucus & Rep. Jack Bergman, Republican Co-chair at the Hill. He congratulated them on assuming Caucus leadership & committed to work together to strengthen PAK-US partnership, with focus on trade, investment, & people to people ties. [#Pakistan](#) [#USA](#)

*Sept. 17, 2024*

**Dr. Imran Sharief presented a resolution to Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh**

Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh received Dr. Imran Sharief, who presented a California Senate resolution to strengthen Pakistan-US ties. The Ambassador highlighted cooperation in agriculture, IT, education, and energy, while welcoming proposals for joint efforts in agriculture modernization and climate-smart solutions.

*Sept. 18, 2024*



# Meeting with PDAS Ms. Elizabeth Horst

*October 04, 2024*



## Ambassador Rizwan Sheikh meeting Mr. Dan Feldman, Covington & Burling LLP

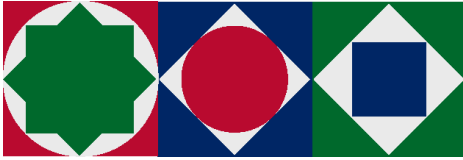
*October 7, 2024*

## Meeting with Mr. Stephen Kehoe

*October 09, 2024*







## Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh meeting with Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas

*Oct 14, 2024*

Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh highlighted immense opportunities for strengthening Pak-Texas partnerships in IT, agriculture, textiles, and sports during his visit. He engaged with Texas leadership and the Pakistani community to enhance Pak-US ties across various sectors.

In Houston, Ambassador Sheikh inaugurated the Pakistan Literature Festival, emphasizing the role of art, literature, and public diplomacy in fostering relations. He met Ismaili community leaders, appreciating their contributions under the guidance of His Highness Aga Khan.

The Ambassador joined Congressman Al Green and the diplomatic corps at a send-off ceremony for medical equipment bound for Pakistan, acknowledging the efforts of the Houston-Karachi Sister City Association, Medical Bridges, and other partners. He also visited clinics run by the Ibn Sina Foundation, praising their services to under-served communities.

In Dallas, he held a luncheon meeting with Congressman Lance Gooden, discussing Pak-US bilateral relations, security, and regional developments. He also met with the Pakistan Chamber of Commerce-USA, highlighting Pakistan's trade and investment potential and assuring Pakistani-American businesses of full support in exploring opportunities in IT, agriculture, and other sectors.



**Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh meeting with Aziz Memon,  
Trustee, The Rotary Foundation**

*October 17 2024*



**Ambassador Rizwan Saeed  
Sheikh meeting with  
Ambassador Marc Grossman**

*October 17 2024*



# Meeting with Tom Suozzi

November 01 2024

Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh had a meeting with Congressman Tom Suozzi [@RepTomSuozzi](#) in New York. The Ambassador underscored the Congressman's important role, as the Co-Chair of the Congressional Pakistan Caucus, towards forging closer ties on the Hill. The Ambassador also held discussions on ways to promote economic partnership, security cooperation, and people-to-people ties while inviting Congressmen to visit Pakistan. [#Pakistan](#) [#USA](#)



## Meeting with APPAC USA

November 01 2024

Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh, met with [@appac\\_usa](#) to discuss opportunities for Pakistani professionals, attract investment in healthcare, education, & IT under the SIFC framework, & strengthen ties. He also appreciated APPAC for the "Sister States" arrangements. [#SirfPakistan](#)



## Inauguration of Allama Iqbal Avenue in New York

November 02 2024



Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh, alongside office bearers of [@APAGUSA](#), visited the recently dedicated "Allama Iqbal Avenue" in Richmond Hill, Queens, New York. This avenue honors Pakistan's national poet, Allama Iqbal, celebrating Pakistani heritage in the heart of NY. [#SirfPakistan](#)



# Luncheon meeting with APAGUSA

November 02 2024

Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh attended a luncheon by [@APAGUSA](#) in NYC with State Senator John Liu, New York Assembly Member David Weprin, and Councilmember Linda Lee to discuss strengthening opportunities for Pakistani-Americans. He commended APAG's efforts in advancing community welfare, celebrating Pakistani heritage, and fostering PAK\_USA ties. [#Pakistan](#) [#USA](#) [#SirfPakistan](#)

## Meeting with Victor Shibley, Washington Diplomat

November 26 2024



## Meeting with Congressman Ron Estes

November 21, 2024



Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh had a meeting with Congressman Ron Estes [@RepRonEstes](#); discussing ways and means for strengthening Pak-US bilateral relations, particularly in the economic and security domains. The Ambassador also exchanged views on forging stronger PAK-USA cooperation in trade, investment, and healthcare as well as enhancing the cooperation with the state of Kansas. [#Pakistan](#) [#USA](#)



# Congressman Salud Carbajal

*December 04 2024*

The Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh met with Congressman Salud Carbajal [@RepCarbajal](#); discussing existing and emerging avenues towards strengthening PAK-USA relations, while particularly referencing deepening economic and security cooperation. The Ambassador also briefed on Pakistan's political and economic landscape. The meeting further explored opportunities for enhanced collaboration with California in IT and agriculture. [#SirfPakistan](#)



## Congressman Al Green

*December 05 2024*

Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh had a meeting with Congressman Al Green [@RepAlGreen](#) and discussed wide-ranging issues including Pak-US relations, trade, business, investment, and climate change. The enhancement of economic engagement with the state of Texas was also explored. [#SirfPakistan](#)

## Congressman Kevin Kiley

*December 09 2024*

Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh had a meeting with Congressman Kevin Kiley [@RepKiley](#), a rising leader in Congress and discussed strengthening PAK-USA ties, reinforcing shared values, and building a prosperous future together. The Ambassador also explored enhancing collaboration with California on trade, investment, IT, and agriculture. [#SirfPakistan](#)



# Congressman Tom Kean

December 09 2024

Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh met Congressman Tom Kean [@CongressmanKean](#); discussing strengthening bilateral ties, promoting regional security, and enhancing trade & investment links. Highlighted that shared values and interests lend a strong foundation to Pak-US partnership. Also explored deepening collaboration with New Jersey, particularly in pharmaceuticals and IT. [#SirfPakistan](#)



# Congressman Rich McCormick

December 10 2024

Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh met with Congressman Rich McCormick [@RepMcCormick](#) to share perspectives on enhancing PAK-USA bilateral relations. The conversation focused on expanding avenues of economic interaction and security cooperation. Views were also exchanged on issues of regional as well as global significance. [#SirfPakistan](#)

# Congressman Neal Dunn

December 10 2024

Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh met Congressman Neal Dunn [@DrNealDunnFL2](#). They had an engaging discussion on the broad spectrum of PAK-USA bilateral relations. Also discussed enhanced cooperation during the next Congress and engagement on trade, investment, IT, and agriculture with Florida. [#SirfPakistan](#)





# Rep. Earl 'Buddy' Carter

December 10 2024

Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh met Rep. Earl 'Buddy' Carter

[@RepBuddyCarter](#); discussing ways and means of strengthening Pak-US bilateral relations as a source of political and economic stability in South Asia. The possibilities of deeper engagement and collaboration with the state of Georgia in the economic domain was also explored.

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December 10 2024

## Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett

Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh had a meeting with Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett [@RepJasmine](#). Bilateral relations and people-to-people contacts between PAK-USA with particular reference to the enhancement of trade & investment links were discussed. The Ambassador extended an invitation to lead a Texas business delegation to Pakistan in 2025 to which the Congresswoman accorded acceptance to the invitation, in principle.

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## Congressman John Rutherford

The Ambassador had a cordial and productive meeting with Congressman John Rutherford [@RepRutherfordFL](#); exploring avenues of strengthening the PAK-USA relations while appreciating the Congressman's keen interest in bilateral ties with Pakistan. The conversation focused on engagement during the forthcoming Republican Administration seeking mutually rewarding outcomes in trade, investment, IT, and Agriculture.

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*December 11, 2024*

## Congressman Randy Weber

*December 11, 2024*

The Ambassador met Congressman Randy Weber [@TXRandy14](#), a long-standing friend of PAKISTAN and an advocate for stronger PAK-USA ties; discussing the way forward towards further strengthening bilateral relations, focusing on trade, investment, and tech collaboration. Economic interaction between Pakistan and Texas State was identified as an avenue for active engagement. [#SirfPakistan](#)



## Cong Robert B. Aderholt

*December 11, 2024*

The Ambassador met Congressman Robert B. Aderholt (R-Ala.) [@Robert\\_Aderholt](#) and discussed enhancement of PAK-USA ties in trade, investment, climate change, extractive industries, and IT as well as security cooperation, counter-terrorism and defense. The Ambassador Invited Congressman Aderholt to visit Pakistan. [#SirfPakistan](#)







## Congresswoman Maxine Waters

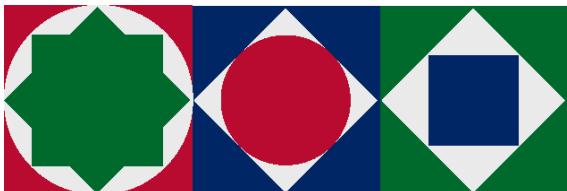
*December 11, 2024*

The Ambassador met Congresswoman Maxine Waters [@RepMaxineWaters](#), Ranking Member of the House Financial Services Committee who has always been a great friend of Pakistan. The Ambassador discussed augmenting PAK-USA bilateral ties with a focus on deepening exposure and linkages with regard to trade and investment, financial services, people-to-people contacts, and defense & security. [#SirfPakistan](#)

## Congresswoman Sylvia R. Garcia

*December 11, 2024*

The Ambassador connected with Congresswoman Sylvia R. Garcia [@LaCongresista](#) and exchanged views on bilateral ties between PAK and USA. The enhancing economic interaction with the State of Texas with a sharp focus on steadily evolving trade, investment, and diaspora linkages formed part of a beneficial and optimistic discussion. [#SirfPakistan](#)



## Rep. Brian Mast

Pleased to meet with Rep. Brian Mast [@RepBrianMast](#) – an energetic leader - recently selected as Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. We had an optimistic discussion on strengthening bilateral ties through deeper economic engagement. Explored prospects and avenues of furthering Pak-US cooperation and partnership in the evolving global scenario. Recognizing the geo-political and geo-economic significance of Pakistan, the Hon. Congressman said, “Cooperation is the best way forward.” Wished him all the best every step of the way in this important new role. [#SirfPakistan](#)



*December 12 2024*

## Congressman Glenn Ivey

The Ambassador met Congressman Glenn Ivey [@RepGlennIvey](#) and had a good discussion on strengthening PAK-USA bilateral ties by leveraging diaspora linkages while exploring avenues of collaboration in mutually rewarding sectors. They resolved to take concrete steps towards a broad-based partnership. [#SirfPakistan](#)



*December 13 2024*

## Congressman Bill Foster

The Ambassador met Congressman Bill Foster [@RepBillFoster](#) and discussed strengthening Pak-US bilateral ties through enhanced economic interaction while exchanging views on politics, regional and global developments. [#SirfPakistan](#)

*December 13, 2024*





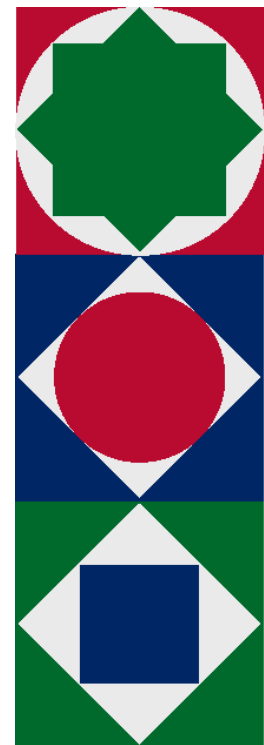
## Congressman Jim Baird

The Ambassador met Congressman Jim Baird [@RepJimBaird](#) and exchanged views on enhancing PAK-USA interaction in trade, investment, defense, security, and counterterrorism. They agreed to continue engagement geared to diversifying PAK-USA longstanding bilateral ties. [#SirfPakistan](#)



## Congresswoman Beth Van Duyne

*December 17 2024*



The Ambassador met with Congresswoman [@BethVanDuyne](#) from Texas and discussed the situation and prospects with regard to PAK-USA relations. The Ambassador assured the Congresswoman of Pakistan's commitment to working with the new Congress towards a mutually rewarding bilateral relationship.

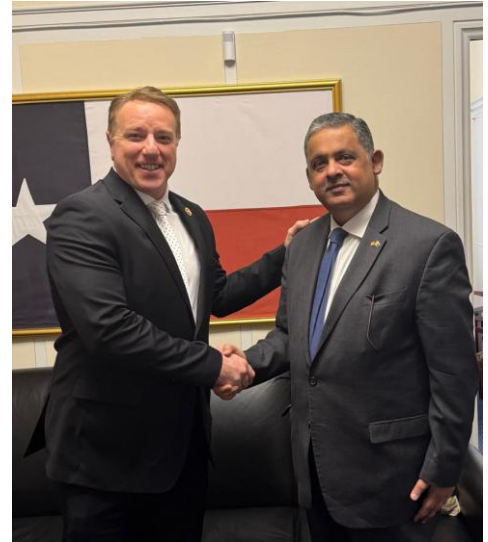
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# Congressman Pat Fallon

December 19, 2024

The Ambassador met with Congressman Pat Fallon [@RepPatFallon](#), serving Armed Services and Oversight and Accountability Committees. The discussion focused on further strengthening PAK-USA bilateral engagement in defense and security, trade and investment, education, and diaspora linkages. They also exchanged ideas on cooperation with Texas in IT, health, textile and, agriculture. [#SirfPakistan](#)



# Congresswoman Judy Chu

December 19, 2024

The Ambassador met with Congresswoman Judy Chu [@RepJudyChu](#). There was an Important exchange of views on strengthening economic ties between PAK and USA, particularly the State of California, with a focus on enhancing trade, investment, IT and, diaspora linkages. [#SirfPakistan](#)



# Congressman Ami Bera

The Ambassador met Congressman Ami Bera [@RepBera](#) and had an engaging conversation on wide ranging issues of bilateral, regional, and global significance. They shared ideas on enhancing economic, IT and, climate change interaction as well as promoting people-to-people contact. *December 21, 2024*



# Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan

December 21, 2024

The Ambassador met Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan [@RepHoulahan](#) and discussed PAK-USA bilateral relations as well as regional and global developments. Also explored avenues for collaboration with Pennsylvania in trade, investment, IT, agriculture and, healthcare. [#SirfPakistan](#)



# CULTURE AND MEDIA



**Interaction  
with DC  
based  
Pakistani  
media**

*August 23, 2024*



**Meeting with Josh Rogin, Columnist, Washington Post**

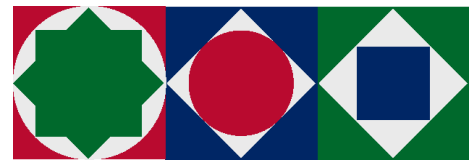
*August 27, 2024*





# Ambassador Rizwan Sheikh meeting with Anwar Iqbal, Journalist, Dawn

September 11, 2024



## Stall of Embassy of Pakistan

September 12, 2024

The Embassy of Pakistan proudly participated in the “Colors of the Silk Road” at the George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum in Washington DC, showcasing vibrant textiles, gemstones, jewelry, literature, & artifacts from Pakistan. Visitors, including children, were captivated by the stunning colors and rich heritage on display.





## Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh speaking at OPF event held at the Embassy of Pakistan, Washington DC

*October 1, 2024*

Speaking at an event organized by the Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF) at the Jamshed Marker Hall in the Embassy of Pakistan Washington D.C, Rizwan Saeed Sheikh, reaffirmed that the doors of the Embassy of Pakistan would remain open to positive community initiatives aimed at advancing the motherland's development and progress. He stressed that the embassy's full resources, both infrastructure and manpower, were available to support the community. Citing past examples where minority Pakistani community members were facilitated in organizing successful events at the embassy, he assured that such efforts would continue.

## Meeting with Eric Martin, Economic Reporter, and Michael Shephard, Senior Editor, Bloomberg



*October 7, 2024*

# Meeting with Mazhar Barlas, Journalist, Jang Group

*October 15, 2024*



## Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh with NY State Deputy Speaker Phil Ramos and Assemblyman Brook- Krasny.

*October 31, 2024*

The documentary highlighted the landmark visit led by Deputy Speaker, Phil Ramos to Pakistan earlier in the year, which forged historic ties between the New York State and the provinces of Punjab and Sindh. This bipartisan initiative aims to create new avenues of collaboration with a lasting impact for both New Yorkers and the people of Pakistan.

The event was hosted by Deputy Speaker of the New York State Assembly Phil Ramos, in collaboration with Assemblyman Alec Brook-Krasny and the American Pakistani Public Affairs Committee (APPAC).





## Lunch meeting with Idrees Kahloon, Bureau Chief of the Economist

*November 13 2024*

## Meeting with Kim Dozier, CNN

*November 18 2024*



## Meeting with visiting IVLP Cohort of Pakistan culture and heritage experts

*November 18 2024*





## Event on Islamic Calligraphy by Ayesha Kamal

*November 24, 2024*

The Embassy of Pakistan hosted an exhibition dedicated to the art of Islamic calligraphy. The exhibition formed the inaugural event in the "Pakistan Arts, Crafts, and Literature Series" featuring the acclaimed calligrapher, Ayesha Kamal. The exhibition was attended by diplomats, US government officials, cultural enthusiasts, media representatives and the Pakistani American community.

[#Pakistan](#) [#Calligraphy](#) [#CulturalHeritage](#)



## Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh's message on Thanksgiving

*November 28, 2024*

"Have a Happy Thanksgiving! Hoping your Thanksgiving is filled with blessings and joy!"

Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh

[#Thanksgiving](#) [#ThanksgivingDay2024](#)



## Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh attended Winternational event at the Ronald Reagan Building

*December 06 2024*



## Meeting with Anwar Iqbal, Senior Journalist DAWN

*December 18, 2024*



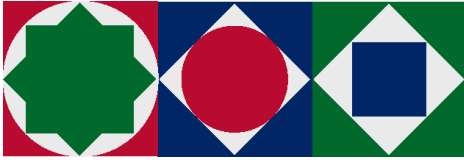
# ECONOMIC AND TRADE DIPLOMACY



## Meeting with Mr. Obaid Ahmed P21 Businessman, Pakistan Community

*August 29, 2024*





## Met with the delegation of Alvarez & Marsal

*October 21, 2024*



Pakistan delegation met with the delegation of Alvarez & Marsal led by Dr. Reza Baqir, former Governor, State Bank of Pakistan, in Washington DC. The meeting deliberated on the ways to restore access to internal international capital markets and external creditors.



## Meeting with Mr. Jihad Azour, Director MCD at the IMF today.

*October 21, 2024*

Pakistan delegation held a meeting with Mr. Jihad Azour, Director MCD at the IMF today and thanking the IMF for continued support to Pakistan, especially for the recently approved US\$7 billion Extended Fund Facility.

The delegation outlined Govt's efforts toward fiscal consolidation, revenue expansion, and energy and SOE reforms which moved Pakistan from stabilization to growth. They also congratulated Pakistan on the successful start of the Fund Programme but emphasized the need to stay the course of reforms.

# G-24 Ministers and Governors Meeting

October 22, 2024



Addressing the G-24 Ministers & Governors Meeting, Finance Minister M. Aurangzeb, urged all development partners to work closely together to resolve the pressing issues of climate change, population growth and child stunting faced by developing countries, especially Pakistan.



## Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb, met with a delegation of CitiBank

October 21, 2024

Finance Minister, Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb, met with a delegation of CitiBank led by Mr. Jay Collins, Vice Chair of Public Sector to brief about Pakistan's economic stabilization and reforms being undertaken in the areas of taxation, energy, and SEOs.

## Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb and Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh at Bloomberg



October 21, 2024



## Mr. M. Aurangzeb participated in the V20 Dialogue on “Climate Prosperity through Financial Reform

*October 22, 2024*



Finance Minister, Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb, participated in the V20 Ministerial Dialogue on the theme “Realizing Climate Prosperity through Financial Reform, Debt Solutions, and Affordable Capital”. He stated that Pakistan was developing its Climate Prosperity Plan and emphasized the need to reform global finance to “make debt work for the climate.” He further called upon MDBs to expand grant opportunities and concessional financing windows and endorsed the official recognition of the V20 by the IMF as an official intergovernmental group



## Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb, met with his Saudi counterpart, H.E Mohammed Aljadaan

*October 22, 2024*

Finance Minister Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb, met with his Saudi counterpart, H.E Mohammed Aljadaan, on the sidelines of the World Bank-IMF Annual Meetings in Washington DC, today and appreciated the historical, fraternal bonds between Pakistan and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

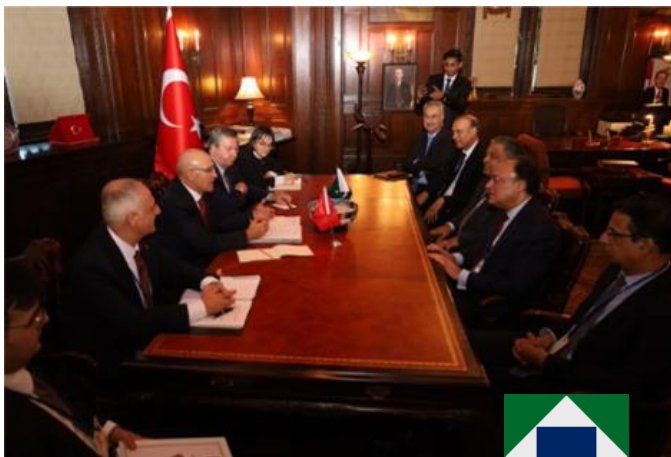
The two Ministers resolved to further deepen mutually beneficial economic ties, enhance bilateral trade, and facilitate investment in key sectors. The Saudi Minister shared his experience of reforms in the energy sector and both sides agreed to advance cooperation in areas of mutual interest.

# Governor Talks–Pakistan from Stabilization to Sustainable Growth via Structural Reforms

*October 22, 2024*



Speaking at the forum “Governor Talks–Pakistan from Stabilization to Sustainable Growth via Structural Reforms” moderated by Mr. Jihad Azour, Director IMF, Finance Minister Highlighted policy actions taken by the government to regain economic stability, increase tax revenues, make taxation in Pakistan fairer and more efficient and tackle deep-seated structural distortions to move the country from stabilization to growth.



## Muhammad Aurangzeb and Ambassador Rizwan Sheikh met H.E. Mehmet Simsek.

*October 22, 2024*

Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb along with Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh held a meeting with H.E. Mr. Mehmet Simsek, Türkiye’s Treasury and Finance Minister. Recalling the historical, Fraternal bonds and multifaceted cooperation between Pakistan and Türkiye.

Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb stated that there existed great potential to enhance the current volume of bilateral trade and that Pakistan could learn from Türkiye’s experience of power sector reforms. He also invited Turkish firms to enter into mutually beneficial JVs with Pakistani counterparts.



# Finance Minister Talks on Pakistan's Economic Outlook at Wilson Center

*October 23, 2024*

The Finance Minister gave a talk on Pakistan's economic outlook at the Wilson Center in Washington DC and highlighted the performance of the economy over the last one year. He talked about major reforms including an increase in the tax-to-GDP ratio through broadening the tax base, expenditure control through subsidy rationalization, reforms in the energy sector, and SOE governance reforms. He also discussed providing a level playing field to businesses and building climate resilience before concluding the talk with a Q&A session.



## Finance Minister Invites UAE Investment in Key Sectors

*October 23, 2024*

In his meeting with His Excellency Mohamed bin Hadi Al Hussaini, Minister of State for Financial Affairs of the United Arab Emirates, the Finance Minister appreciated the UAE's continued support to the external account, especially the role played by the UAE banks. He also highlighted the investment potential in the agriculture, IT, Mines and Minerals sectors and invited UAE companies to invest in them.

## Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb talking about Pakistan's Economic and Monetary Policy Outlook by JP Morgan

*October 25, 2024*



## Meeting with the President, Islamic Development Bank

*October 24, 2024*



## Luncheon Meeting with US-Pakistan Business Council

*October 24, 2024*



The Finance Minister held a luncheon with the US-Pakistan Business Council (USPBC), acknowledging its role in strengthening trade ties. He highlighted Pakistan's 240M-strong market and invited US firms to leverage investment-friendly policies and SIFC's one-window facility. He also recalled the Prime Minister's invitation for a USPBC delegation to Pakistan and assured full support to US companies operating in the country.



## Finance Minister Mr. M. Aurangzeb Meets Mashreq Bank Leadership

*October 24, 2024*



Finance Minister, Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb, held a meeting with the leadership of Mashreq Bank. He appreciated the Bank's longstanding partnership with Pakistan and highlighted the performance of the economy over the last year while briefing on the reforms committed under the recently-concluded EFF with IMF and expressed the intent to tap into international capital markets in due course. The Minister expressed satisfaction that Mashreq Bank was expanding its operations in Pakistan and would launch a new office soon. He also hoped that the approval of its digital banking license would be accelerated..



## Meeting with Ms. Anna Bjerde, Managing Director, World Bank

*October 24, 2024*

The Finance Minister met with Ms. Anna Bjerde, MD of Operations at the World Bank and discussed Pakistan's development priorities supported by the Country Partnership Framework (CPF). He briefed MD about the Joint Domestic Resource Mobilization Initiative (JDRMI) being launched with the support of World Bank and IMF. He also welcomed the decision of the Board not to levy any commitment fee for four years for PforR and Investment Project Financing (IPF) instruments, appreciated that the Bank was considering a grant facility for project preparation and noted that IDA replenishment was proceeding satisfactorily. While appreciating the recent improvements in the disbursements, it was agreed that efforts would persist to sustain the continued improvements. Furthermore, he requested to organize capacity-building workshops for implementing agencies, in the quest to ensure better project preparation that will lead to improved implementation.



## Small Talks Symposium by Bofa Securities

The Finance Minister participated in the Small Talks Forum hosted by the Bank of America (BofA) Securities and provided a comprehensive picture of Government's macroeconomic stabilization efforts and performance of the economy over the last year. He affirmed that government was committed to all reforms under the EFF including in taxation, energy, privatization, and SOEs. He also stated that reforms were underway in the FBR in all three areas of people, process, and technology while resolving that the government would tap into international capital markets in due course. He then invited partnerships in Pakistan's agriculture, IT, mining, and renewable energy sectors.

*October 24, 2024*



## Meeting with Moody's

October 24, 2024



## Ms Deemah Al Yahya Sec Gen DCO

October 24, 2024



## Event titled "Growing Stronger An Urgent Call to improve Child Nutrition" By the World Bank

October 24, 2024



The Finance Minister participated in the high-level event "Growing Stronger: An Urgent Call to Improve Child Nutrition" organized by the World Bank and highlighted high incidence of child stunting in Pakistan especially in rural areas. He called for a multisectoral and whole-of-government approach to rectify the situation while emphasizing the need for reforms in taxation, reduction in energy subsidies and improvement in the management of SOEs to create more fiscal space for increased investment in climate change, population control and child stunting.



## Meeting with Mr. Masatsugu Asakawa, President Asian Development Bank

*October 25, 2024*



## Meeting with Ms. Reta Jo Lewis, Chair President, Exim Bank of the US

The Finance Minister met with Ms. Reta Jo Lewis, President of the Export-Import (EXIM) Bank of the US and urged closer collaboration between the Exim Banks of the two countries. He welcomed Exim Bank's interest in the energy, minerals, and IT sectors in Pakistan and assured data sharing to enable the Bank to evaluate its entry into Pakistan's market. He also sought clarification on the US nexus requirements for the goods and services financed or insured by the Exim.

*October 25, 2024*



## Meeting with Mr. Andrew Torre, Regional President for VISA

Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb, met with Mr. Andrew Torre, Regional President for VISA and appreciated Visa's commitment to modernizing Pakistan's payments ecosystem, which included supporting domestic payment players such as ILink. He commended Visa's work on financial inclusion and supporting entrepreneurs and expressed satisfaction that Visa was launching the Financial Inclusion Card with Meezan Bank. He also agreed that clients should have more routing choices and there should be a level playing field for the processing of domestic transactions.

*October 26, 2024*

## Meeting with Mr. Liao Min, Vice Minister of Finance, China

The Finance Minister met Mr. Liao Min, Vice Minister of Finance, China, reaffirming the strong Pakistan-China partnership. He thanked China for its support, including securing the IMF EFF, and expressed interest in learning from China's economic reforms. The Minister welcomed BYD's decision to introduce electric vehicles in Pakistan and discussed launching a Panda bond. He assured security for Chinese workers and requested an increase in the Currency Swap Agreement to CNY 40 billion. Both sides highlighted the need for online payment settlement and system integration.



*October 26, 2024*





## Mr. M. Kallala Global Head Natixis

*October 26, 2024*

Mr. Mohammad Kallala, Global Head of Corporate and Investment Banking at Natixis, met with the Finance Minister to discuss the bank's operations and its presence in key sectors. They explored opportunities to partner with Gulf investors, especially from Saudi Arabia, for financing and advisory in Pakistan. The bank expressed interest in collaborating with top Pakistani companies and both sides agreed to continue future engagements.

## Brunch with Select Leaders of Pakistani Diaspora Community

*October 26, 2024*



*October 26, 2024*

## Meeting with Delegation from Silicon Valley

The Finance Minister met Pakistani-American tech entrepreneurs, highlighting IT's growth and Pakistan's top freelancing ranking. He discussed the sector's export contribution and ongoing digital ecosystem initiatives. The session concluded with a Q&A.



## Meeting with Mr. Jin Liqun, President (AIIB)

*October 26, 2024*



## Interaction with Pakistani Media



*October 26, 224*



# Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh's meeting with the PAK-US community in New York

Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh met with the PAK-US community in NY. He shared PAK's positive economic outlook, trade and investment opportunities and government initiatives to facilitate community abroad. He welcomed valuable insights from community members on strengthening PAK-US ties. [#SirfPakistan](#)  
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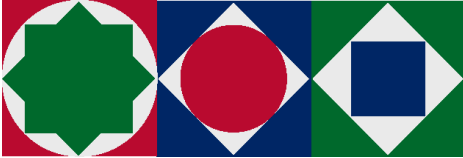
# Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh visited Googleplex in Silicon Valley



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The Ambassador of Pakistan to the United States, Mr. Rizwan Saeed Sheikh, visited Googleplex in Silicon Valley, where he held an informal exchange of views with Pakistani tech professionals working at Google. The Ambassador highlighted Pakistan's rapidly growing IT market's immense potential, the country's strategic objectives in Silicon Valley and the broader U.S. tech ecosystem. The discussion also focused on strategies for enhancing Pakistan's participation in Silicon Valley's innovation ecosystem. Ambassador Sheikh elaborated on how the Embassy and Consulates can serve as platforms and conduits to foster collaboration between Pakistani and U.S. tech companies. The Ambassador also briefed the attendees about the upcoming Pak-U.S. Tech Investment Conference, jointly organized by the Embassy and the Consulate General of Pakistan, at Stanford University on November 10, 2024. [#Pakistan](#) [#USA](#)

# Series of meetings in Silicon Valley



The Ambassador of Pakistan to the United States, H.E. Rizwan Saeed Sheikh, accompanied by the Consul General of Pakistan in Los Angeles, engaged in a series of meetings in Silicon Valley, focusing on enhancing trade and investment in Pakistan's rapidly expanding IT sector. The Ambassador encouraged U.S.-based investors and entrepreneurs of Pakistani origin to explore Pakistan as an investment destination. He highlighted the long-standing Pakistan-U.S. bilateral relationship as a strong foundation for expanding economic ties. By leveraging these historic ties, he urged the diaspora and business leaders to contribute to Pakistan's economic progress and technological advancement.

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## Visit to the San Francisco Bay Area

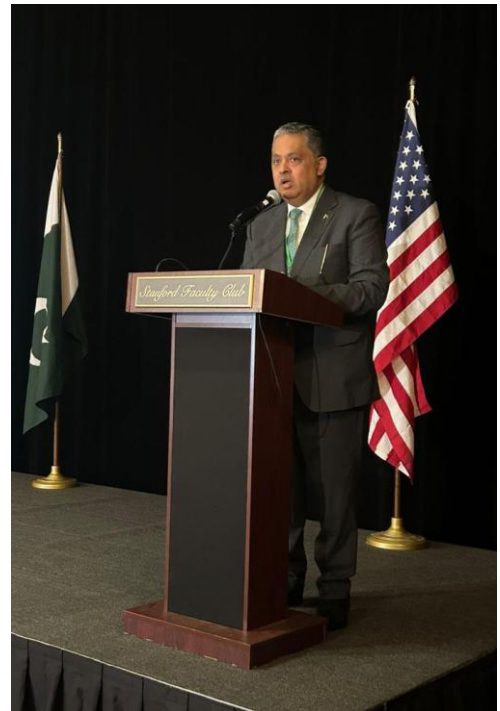


The Ambassador of Pakistan to the United States, Mr. Rizwan Saeed Sheikh, conducted a series of public engagements on November 9th, 2024. He was accompanied by the Consul General of Pakistan in Los Angeles during his visit to the San Francisco Bay Area, aimed at reinforcing constructive ties between Pakistan and its vibrant diaspora on the U.S. West Coast. Over the course of the day, the Ambassador met with three key community organizations, emphasizing the vital role of Pakistan's diplomatic missions in facilitating their initiatives and strengthening Pakistan-U.S. relations. Through these engagements, Ambassador Sheikh reiterated the commitment of Pakistan's diplomatic missions in the U.S. to serve as a conduit and facilitator between the diaspora and Pakistan, fostering partnerships that drive progress, prosperity, and mutual understanding. [#Pakistan](#) [#USA](#)

*November 10 2024*



# Pakistan-U.S. Tech Investment Conference



Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh inaugurated the Pakistan-U.S. Tech Investment Conference, marking a pivotal moment for Pakistan's IT sector with an initial commitment of over \$20 million by American companies led by Pakistani-American entrepreneurs. The event, led and organized by the Consulate General of Pakistan in Los Angeles, was supported by the Ministry of IT & Telecom, Ministry of Commerce, Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB), and Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP). Local partners included OPEN-SV and the Pakistan-American Tech Council (PTC) based in California. Ambassador Rizwan Sheikh highlighted Pakistan's geo-strategic environment, emphasizing its cost-effectiveness and competitive quality in the IT sector. He also unveiled the "Digital Trinity" concept, proposing a synergistic partnership leveraging U.S. technology, Saudi investment, and Pakistan's skilled workforce in the IT sector to achieve shared growth. [#Pakistan](#) [#USA](#) [#PAKUSTechConference](#)  
*November 11, 2024*

# President of the Greater NY Chamber of Commerce



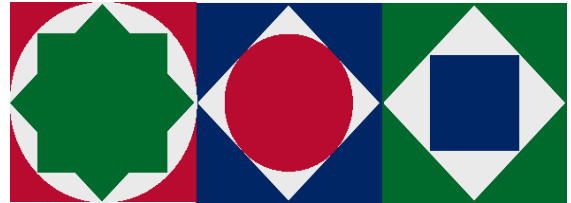
Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh met Mark Jaffe, President of the Greater NY Chamber of Commerce, to discuss boosting PAK-USA trade and investment ties. Key topics included SIFC, TEXPO 2024, and Pakistan's liberal investment regime. Collaboration continues for stronger economic relations! #PakUSTRade

*November 15 2024*



## Meeting with Mr. Lodhi, NBP Manager

*November 21 2024*



## Meeting with Michael Daly III, CEO Amaramco Limited

*November 27 2024*



## Meeting with Asad Ur Rehman, Oceanic Group of Companies

*December 13 2024*



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## DPM/FM Ishaq Dar's video message played on Youm-e-Istehsal at Pakistan Embassy, Washington DC.

*August 05, 2024*

The Embassy of Pakistan in Washington DC organized a solemn event to mark the fifth year of India's illegal and unilateral actions of August 5, 2019, in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). The event, known as "Youm-e-Istehsal" (Day of Exploitation), was attended by a diverse group of individuals, including academics, human rights activists, civil society representatives, diplomats, think tank members, Pakistani Americans, and members of the media.

Special messages from The President and Prime Minister were read out on and a photo exhibition at the embassy showcased the human rights atrocities committed by Indian occupation forces against innocent Kashmiris followed by a documentary titled "Unheard: The Invisible Trauma of Kashmiris" highlighting the ongoing struggle for freedom.





## Charge d'affaires Dr. Fariha Bugti speaking to UGRAD students in Embassy of Pakistan, Washington DC

*August 06, 2024*

The Embassy of Pakistan hosted a reception to welcome the 54 Pakistani students selected for the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (Global UGRAD) for the fall 2024 semester. The program provided full scholarships for outstanding students from underrepresented sectors in Pakistan to pursue undergraduate studies at U.S. universities.

Chargé d'Affaires (CDA) Dr. Fareha Bugti extended a warm welcome to the students and highlighted the strong bilateral relations between Pakistan and the United States. She emphasized the importance of education in fostering mutual understanding and cooperation between the two countries. She also stated that the program had supported over 2,500 young leaders since its inception and played a vital role in building people-to-people connections.

The Global UGRAD program is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State and implemented by the United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP) and the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX).



# Independence Day Flag Hoisting Ceremony held at Embassy of Pakistan Washington DC

*August 14, 2024*

Charge d'Affaires Dr. Fareha Bugti hoisted the Pakistani flag at the Embassy courtyard to celebrate 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of Pakistan. The flag hoisting ceremony was attended by a large number of Pakistani Diaspora.

Special messages of President and the Prime Minister were read out. In their messages, both leaders paid homage to the immense sacrifices of the forefathers and heroes of the Pakistan Movement, who fought tirelessly for an independent country.

Charge d'Affaires Dr. Fareha Bugti along with the officers of the Embassy and other guests cut the cake to mark 78th anniversary of Independence of Pakistan.





## Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh addresses Supreme Court and Auditor General delegation at Pakistan Embassy.



*August 30, 2024*

Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh received a high-level delegation led by Justice Shahid Waheed, Senior Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan. The delegation, focused on strengthening dispute settlement, improving contract enforcement, and enhancing access to justice. Ambassador Sheikh welcomed the delegation, highlighting the importance of high-level exchanges in strengthening Pak-US relations and enhancing justice systems. The delegation included judges from various Pakistani courts, along with officials from ICSID and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

## Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh speaks at Pakistan Defense and Martyrs' Day commemoration.



*Sept 6, 2024*

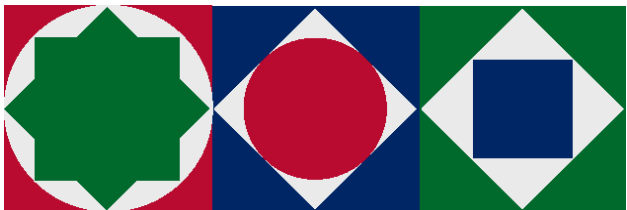
In his keynote address on Pakistan Defense and Martyrs' Day, Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh praised the Armed Forces for their prompt response to threats and challenges, highlighting the bravery of soldiers in the 1965 war. The event, attended by diplomats, US officials, and the Pakistani community, honored those who defended the country.

# Meeting with Rita Akhtar, Fulbright

November 06 2024



**Delivered a talk on the Role of Pakistan Diaspora in Pak-US Relations**



The Ambassador of Pakistan to the US, Mr. Rizwan Saeed Sheikh, delivered a talk on Pakistan-US Relations at UC Berkeley, focusing on the role of the Pakistani diaspora. He highlighted key areas of bilateral cooperation, including trade, education, health, climate change, and regional stability; while emphasizing the vital role of the Pakistani-American community in fostering people-to-people connections and cultural exchanges. #PAKUSRelations





## Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh met with brilliant Pakistani students at Stanford

November 08 2024

Ambassador Rizwan Sheikh met with brilliant Pakistani students at [#Stanford](#), commending their talent and potential to serve the country. He encouraged them to strive for excellence and foster stronger ties between [#Pakistan](#) and the United States. [@PkPublicDiplo](#) [@ForeignOfficePk](#)



## San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

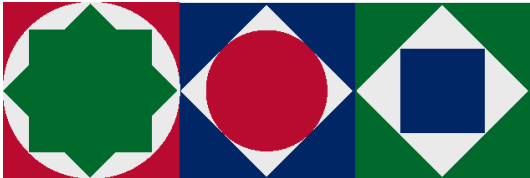
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The Ambassador of Pakistan to the US, Mr. Rizwan Saeed Sheikh, met with San Francisco Chamber of Commerce officials to enhance business ties between Pakistan and the Bay Area. Joined by the Consul General of Pakistan in Los Angeles, they discussed supporting Pakistani businesses and exploring new collaboration opportunities, focusing on technology, IT, and trade. The Ambassador highlighted the Pakistani-American community's role in fostering economic, educational, and cultural exchanges. [#Pakistan](#) [#USA](#)





## Ambassador Visited BioDesign Lab at Stanford University



November 08 2024

Ambassador Rizwan Sheikh visited BioDesign Lab at [#Stanford](#) University, exploring collaborative opportunities to strengthen Pakistan's healthcare system and drive [#innovation](#) and improve healthcare delivery through research and [#entrepreneurship](#). [@SUBiodesign](#) [@nhsrcofficial](#)

Dr. Najeeba Arif, Chairperson of the Pakistan Academy of Letters

Meeting with Lt Gen. Rehmat Khan, President Al Shifa eye hospital Rawalpindi



## Meeting with Mr. Mehrabadi, Director Iranian Interest Section

November 12 2024



# Meeting with Azhar Kazmi

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# Meeting with Hasnain Aslam

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# Pakistani-origin students in New York

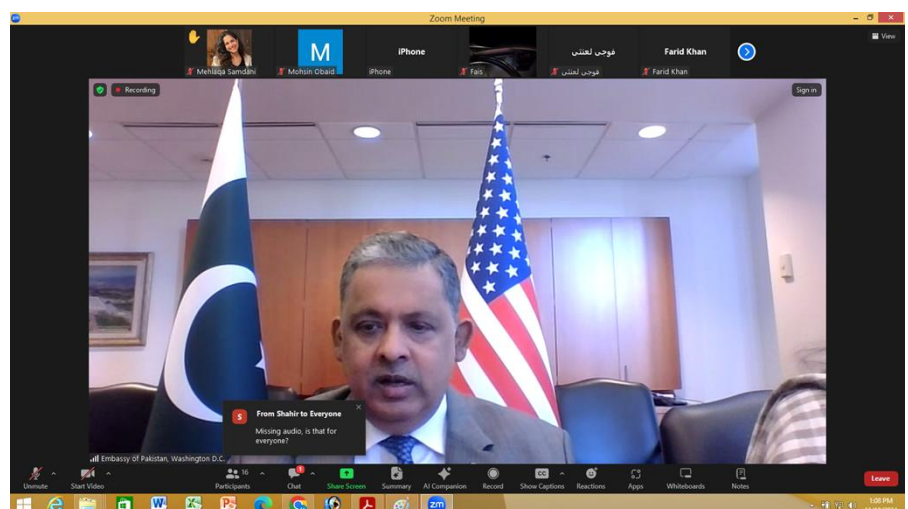
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Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh met with Pakistani-origin students in New York, highlighting their vital role in shaping Pakistan's future and strengthening PAK-US ties. Discussions focused on academic excellence, cultural heritage, and enhancing Pakistan's global image. #SirfPakistan

# E. Kachehry

November 18 2024







## Meeting with Ikram Sehgal

*November 19 2024*



## Meeting with Mr. Noor Naghmi

*November 19 2024*



## Lunch with Pakistan US Chamber

*November 20 2024*





# Visit of ISOI Students

*November 22 2024*



## Meeting with the Digital Revamp Team

*November 26 2024*



## Meeting with Pir. Syed Moin Ul Haq Gilani – Golra Sharif

*November 28 2024*



## Meeting with Dr. Nasim Ashraf

*November 28 2024*

# Meeting with Mian Tariq Javaid

December 03 2024



## Meeting with Andrew Parasiliti, President, Al-Monitor

December 05 2024



## YES, Students visit the Embassy and interaction with the Ambassador

December 06 2024

The Embassy hosted 17 exchange students from ten countries, including Pakistan, as part of the State Department's Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program. Joined by AFS-USA President Tara Hoffman and Department of State representatives, the event projected Pakistan's diverse culture, history, cuisine, and tourism; fostering global understanding and collaboration. Ambassador Rizwan Saeed characterized the participants as "young Ambassadors," underscoring the significance of youth connectivity and shared aspirations. He emphasized the need to bequeath a peaceful world to future generations. [#SirfPakistan](#)





Meeting with the Head of the Islamic Group

Meeting with SHIA Group



Meeting with Dr. Tariq Butt

*December 10 2024*

Meeting with Dr. Imran Sharief, LA

Meeting with Najeeb Ghauri

*December 13 2024*



Meeting with Mr Jamal Khawaja, Friends of Pakistan (FOP), California

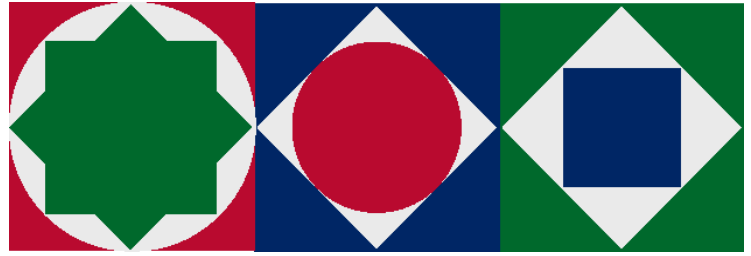
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Lunch with Think Tank members

*December 17 2024*





## Meeting with Mr. Bash Qazi and Meeting with Mr. Ghulam Nabi Fai

*December 20 2024*



## Chargé d'affaires Batool Kazim cutting cake on Christmas Event organized by Embassy of Pakistan

*December 21 2024*



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