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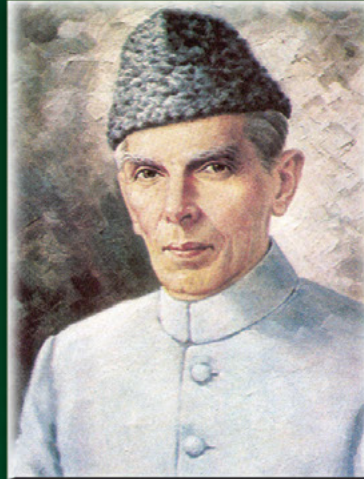
*On this special day, we at Al Wakeel Group would like to take the opportunity to wish all the great people of Pakistan a day filled with joy, pride, patriotism and beautiful Independence Day. May the Almighty shower all the blessings upon Pakistan.*

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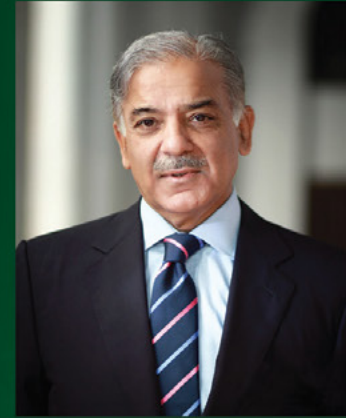
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## Ambassador's Message



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I extend my heartiest felicitations to my Pakistani brothers and sisters, and our friends in the State of Qatar, on the occasion of Pakistan's 78th Independence Day. 14th August marks the culmination of a historic and fearless struggle, symbolizing the countless sacrifices rendered by our nation to secure a homeland aligned to our aspirations and distinct religious, cultural, and social values.

Commemorating Independence Day in a befitting manner strengthens our resolve to work tirelessly towards transforming our great country in accordance with the vision of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Allama Muhammad Iqbal and other leaders of the independence struggle. Today, we pay homage to the Father of the Nation by pledging to adhere to his guiding principles of Unity, Faith, and Discipline in both our individual and collective lives. It is also an occasion for us to rejoice and renew our commitment of carrying forward the legacy and heritage bestowed upon us by the visionaries and leaders of the independence movement, who enjoyed an unwavering determination, discipline, unity, commitment, clarity of thoughts and actions besides their strong faith in Allah.

Over the past seven and a half decades, the Pakistani nation has repeatedly overcome enormous challenges and adversities with unflinching resolve, patriotism, steadfastness, and resilience. Throughout this journey, we have faced and overcome internal and external challenges with unparalleled resilience. The hardworking people of Pakistan, including our overseas compatriots, continue to play their respective roles in the progress and development of our beloved country, driving it towards greater progress as envisioned by the Quaid. Today, we also pay tribute to the sons and daughters of our soil who have laid down their lives generation after generation, defending and protecting the territorial and ideological frontiers of the motherland.

Pakistan and Qatar have historically enjoyed very cordial relations, rooted in a common faith, traditions, cultural affinities, geographic proximity, and a convergence of mutual interests. These fraternal bonds have been strengthened under the guidance of His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, who has consistently shown great support for Pakistan and its people.

In recent times, bilateral relations have been significantly strengthened through frequent leadership contacts and high-level visits. Pakistan proudly hosted His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani in June 2019. This positive engagement at the leadership level has led to a substantial boost in bilateral cooperation across political, defense, and economic spheres.

Under the leadership of His Excellency Mr. Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Government of Pakistan is determined to add new chapters of bilateral collaboration with the State of Qatar in this ever evolving strong friendship. Pakistanis have proudly contributed to the remarkable development of Qatar, with our community acting as a living bridge between our nations. Our workforce has made significant contributions in key Qatari institutions such as the armed forces, police, health, education, banking, and civil aviation. The hospitality extended to Pakistanis in Qatar reflects the affection that binds our two countries. I am confident that the number of Pakistani workers in Qatar will continue to increase in the long term.

I take this opportunity to especially thank all overseas Pakistanis for their contributions to the development and prosperity of our country. For the Pakistani community in Qatar, Independence Day has always been an especially joyous occasion, celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm. This year, the community will once again commemorate Yaum-e-Azadi by paying tribute to the sacrifices of our founding fathers and reaffirming their resolve to continue working for the progress and prosperity of our motherland.

As we celebrate Independence Day today, let us reiterate our commitment towards elevating Pakistan to new heights of greatness, in line with the vision of our independence leaders. May Allah Almighty grant us the ability to serve our beloved homeland sincerely and guide Pakistan on the path to further development and prosperity.

On this 14th of August, we also pay tribute to the struggle and sacrifices of our Kashmiri brethren in their just fight against oppression, striving for their inalienable right to self-determination as enshrined in relevant UN Security Council Resolutions.

Let us also reaffirm our commitment to further strengthening the fraternal bonds between Pakistan and Qatar and dedicate ourselves to bringing our two great nations ever closer.

Pakistan Zindabad  
Long live Pakistan-Qatar friendship

**Muhammed Aejaaz**  
Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Doha, State of Qatar.



## Pakistan-Qatar Bilateral Relations

The brotherly relations between Pakistan and Qatar have flourished over the decades, founded on a profound mutual respect and shared Islamic heritage. These ties have been continuously nurtured through diplomatic engagements, economic cooperation, and cultural exchanges, strengthening the bond between the two nations.

- As strategic partners, Pakistan and Qatar have demonstrated a commitment to enhancing their bilateral relationship, leveraging their synergies to promote regional stability and mutual prosperity. This partnership, deeply rooted in Islamic brotherhood and strategic interests, serves as a cornerstone of their foreign relations, paving the way for a future of increased collaboration and shared successes.

### Early Ties with Qatar

- Since Pakistan's emergence as an independent nation in 1947, it has actively nurtured its historical connections with the Islamic world, including the State of Qatar, which gained its independence in 1971. The establishment of diplomatic relations in 1973 laid a foundation built on mutual respect and Islamic brotherhood, celebrating over fifty years of diplomatic ties by 2023.

### Political Engagements and Diplomatic Exchanges:

- The bilateral relationship has been significantly enriched by high-level visits and diplomatic exchanges. Notable visits by Qatar's leadership in 1999, 2015, and 2019, along with reciprocal visits by Pakistan's leadership, have solidified this bond. Successive visits by Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif to Qatar in 2022 and 2023 opened new opportunities for cooperation. During Prime Minister's visit to Doha in August 2022, Amir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani endorsed an initial investment of US \$ 3 billion in Pakistan, enhancing political and economic cooperation.
- The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar, Dr. Mohammed bin Abdulaziz Al-Khulaifi visited Pakistan on 9 May 2024, as a special envoy of the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of the State of Qatar Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrehman bin Jassim Al Thani. In Islamabad, the Minister of State called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar.
- Pakistan has consistently been an active participant in Qatar's multilateral initiatives. This includes regular involvement in the UN-convened meetings of Special Envoys on Afghanistan. The Pakistani delegation played a prominent role not only in the 2023 sessions but also in both the Doha-II and Doha-III meetings in 2024. Additionally, Pakistan has significantly contributed to other platforms such as the Doha Forum and the Qatar Economic Forum.
- Over the years, Pakistan and Qatar have signed more than 40 agreements and Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) to enhance cooperation across various sectors including politics, economy, defense, culture, media, and more.

### Defense:

- Defense relations have been robust, characterized by joint military exercises, personnel training, and strategic military engagements. The collaboration was notably visible during the FIFA World Cup 2022, where Pakistan played a pivotal role by deploying over 4,050 personnel to support the event.
- Last year, Pakistan had three major visits to Qatar: Chief of Army Staff General Asim Munir, Chairman Joint Chief of Staff Committee Gen Sahir Shamshad Mirza and Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed. From Qatar's side, Chief of Staff, Lt Gen (Pilot) Salem Hamad Eqail Al-Nabet, visited Pakistan on 10 October 2023. During his stay, he was conferred with Nishan-e-Imtiaz (military) by the President of Pakistan, in recognition of his services to enhancing cooperation between the armed forces of the two countries.
- This year, Admiral Naveed Ashraf NI(M) TBt, Chief of the Naval Staff Pakistan Navy visited Qatar. During the visit, CNS met with Chief of Staff Qatar Armed Forces, Lt Gen (Pilot) Salem Hamad Eqail Al-Nabet, Commander Qatar Emiri Naval Forces, Staff Maj Gen (Sea) Abdullah

Hassan Al Sulaiti, and Commander Joint Forces Maj General (Staff) Jassim bin Ali Al Attiyah. CNS also visited Mohammed Bin Ghanem Al Ghanem Naval Academy.

- In keeping with the traditional cooperation between the Armed Forces of the two brotherly nations, Pakistan Air Force participated in bilateral exercise ZILZAL-II with JF-17 thunder aircrafts under the title "Brothers in arms train together" in January 2024, while Pakistan Navy Ship TABUK and Submarine KHALID participated in DIMDEX 2024 held in March this year.

### Economic Ties and Trade Relations

- Economically, Qatar is a vital partner in Pakistan's energy sector, with significant trade in LNG since 2015. In addition to cooperation in the LNG sector, the two countries have been exploring investment opportunities in food security, renewable energy, aviation, ports and shipping, media, tourism sectors, as well as IT, minerals and mining, further diversifying their economic interactions
- The bilateral total trade volume stands at US \$ 3.689 billion in FY 2023-24 with exports at US \$ 158.1million and imports at US \$ 3.5billion. Balance of trade is in Qatar's favor due to import of LNG and some petroleum products by Pakistan. Pakistan has been exporting fruits, vegetables, fresh and frozen fish and other food items to Qatar.

### Mango Festival

- This year, the Embassy of Pakistan and the Celebrations Organizing Committee of the Private Engineering Office (PEO) jointly organized The Al Hamba Festival of Pakistani mangoes, from 27 June to 6 July 2024, at Souq Waqif, Doha. The event was part of the Embassy's initiatives in economic diplomacy, with a special focus on introducing quality fresh fruits and products to the Qatari market. The first-of-its-kind event brought together 50 Pakistani and local companies, presenting around 100 outlets. The exhibition received an overwhelming response from residents and visitors alike who had the opportunity to acquire the finest of Pakistani mangoes which were shipped daily via air freight.
- The festival recorded unprecedented sales of more than 225,000 kg of Pakistani mangoes during the 10-day exhibition. The mango fiesta gained immense popularity in Doha and was widely covered by the local print and electronic media.
- Pakistan has also been an active participant in Qatar's economic, trade and other events, including Agritech, Project Qatar Cityscape, Hunting Exhibitions etc.

### Diaspora and Human Resource Exchange:

- Qatar is home to a significant Pakistani expatriate community of almost 300,000. The substantial Pakistani diaspora in Qatar acts as a vital bridge between the two nations, contributing significantly to Qatar's development and forming a crucial link in bilateral relations. This community is pivotal in sectors ranging from construction to finance, underscoring the deep interpersonal connections that complement formal diplomatic ties.
- Pakistanis have been coming to Qatar in large numbers, touching the historical high figures of 37,987 (2021), 58,000 (2022). According to the Bureau of Emigration & Overseas Employment, in 2023, around 55,112 Pakistanis came to Qatar for work opportunities. The presence of a large diaspora in Qatar has made the country an important source of remittances for Pakistan. In the FY 2022-23, Pakistani community in Qatar sent almost USD 1 billion of remittances back to Pakistan.

### Education Cooperation & Development Assistance:

- Qatar's commitment to development in Pakistan, particularly in education, has been a significant component of bilateral cooperation. Through the Doha-based Education Above All (EAA) foundation and the Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD), Qatar has launched multiple initiatives aimed at improving educational access for out-of-school children in Pakistan. Since 2012, EAA has impacted the lives of approximately 1.33 million out-of-

school children and has allocated over \$36 million to various educational projects.

- Additionally, EAA has invested \$124 million into its "Educate a Child" program, significantly enhancing educational opportunities for these children. In terms of development aid, Qatar has been actively involved in several impactful projects across Pakistan, facilitated by Qatar Charity and the Qatar Fund for Development. During the International Conference on Climate Resilient Pakistan, held in Geneva on January 9, 2023, Qatar committed \$25 million to aid flood relief efforts in Pakistan. Furthermore, in partnership with UNICEF, Qatar Charity has implemented various water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) projects in Punjab's Rajanpur district, benefiting over 55,000 individuals affected by the catastrophic floods of 2022.

## Cultural Cooperation

- The cultural relationship between Pakistan and Qatar has been characterized by vibrant exchanges. Qatar has displayed a strong interest



in Pakistani arts, crafts, and culinary traditions, collaborating with Pakistan's Ministry of Culture and local organizations to organize a variety of cultural events that celebrate this shared heritage. This year, Qatar Museums is set to host a grand three-month exhibition on Pakistani Art and Architecture.

## Conclusion

- As the relationship between Pakistan and Qatar continues to evolve, it promises even greater collaboration and mutual growth in the future. Rooted in a shared historical and cultural legacy and strengthened by strategic mutual interests, this relationship is poised to reach new heights, offering a model of international partnership and cooperation.

This year, Qatar Museums is set to host a grand three-month exhibition on Pakistani Art and Architecture, showcasing a diverse collection of Pakistani artworks and artists from across the nation. The exhibition is not only a celebration of Pakistani culture but also symbolic of the cultural



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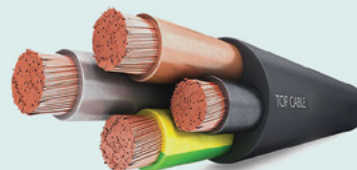


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affinities and commonalities shared between Qatar and Pakistan. It serves as a testament to the longstanding cultural ties and mutual respect between the two nations.

The exhibition will be complemented by a variety of side events, including food festivals and concerts that celebrate Pakistan's rich culinary and musical traditions from all its provinces and territories. Additionally, the event will feature literary gatherings, workshops, and lectures, providing a comprehensive cultural experience.



To prepare for the exhibition, a Qatar Museums delegation led by Sheikh Abdulaziz Hamad A.H. Al-Thani, Director of the NMO Qatar, embarked on a four-day cultural journey to Islamabad and Lahore, Pakistan. During their visit, the delegation engaged in important discussions at the Pakistan National Council of Arts in Islamabad, aiming to enhance cultural cooperation between Qatar and Pakistan. They were also treated to a special musical program that highlighted the rich musical traditions of Pakistan.



The delegation visited the Taxila Museum, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where they explored the region's rich archaeological heritage and learned about the ancient Gandhara Civilization. The tour included a visit to the Alhamra Arts Council, guided by the renowned artist Professor Salima Hashmi, providing the delegation with an in-depth understanding of Pakistan's vibrant artistic landscape.

As the delegation concluded their enriching cultural visit, there is a renewed commitment to deepening cultural ties, embarking on collaborative projects, and building enduring cultural bridges between Qatar and Pakistan. This exhibition promises to be a landmark event, celebrating the artistic and cultural heritage of Pakistan while fostering international cultural exchange. It is a unique opportunity to highlight the shared history, values, and cultural richness that unite Qatar and Pakistan, reinforcing the bond between the two countries through the universal language of art and culture.





Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf NI(M) T Bt visited Qatar and met with the military and naval leadership of Qatar. During the meeting with His Excellency Chief of Staff of the Qatar Armed Forces, Lieutenant-General (Pilot) Salem bin Hamad bin Aqeel Al Nabit, and His Excellency Commander of the Qatari Emiri Naval Forces, Major General (Navy) Abdullah Hassan Al Sulaiti, discussions were held on defense ties, bilateral naval collaboration, and regional maritime security.



Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf NI (M) TBT meeting with HE Chief of Staff of Qatar Armed Forces, Staff Lieutenant-General (Pilot) Salem bin Hamad bin Aqeel Al Nabit.

Importance of enhancing the interaction between the forces of both the countries through exercises and training exchange programs was discussed. Chief of Naval Staff Pakistan Navy underscored the notable contribution of Pakistan Navy towards regional maritime peace and stability through its initiative of Regional Maritime Security Patrols (RMSP) and participation in Combined Maritime Force. The military leadership of Qatar appreciated the invaluable role of Pakistan Navy in maintaining maritime security in the region and acknowledged significance of strong bilateral Defence collaboration.

Chief of the Naval Staff visited Mohammad bin Ghanem Al Ghanim Maritime Academy, Naval Base Umm Al Houli and Ships of Qatar Emiri Navy. During his visit to Doha Naval Base, CNS was given a detailed briefing on roles and tasks of Qatar Emiri Naval Forces.

Pakistan and Qatar historically enjoy brotherly relations and the visit of Naval Chief will further strengthen and expand Defence ties between the two countries in general and navies in particular.



Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf NI (M) TBT honored with a Guard of Honour at HQs of Qatari Emiri Naval Forces.



HE Commander of the Qatari Emiri Naval Forces Staff Maj. Gen. (Navy) Abdullah Hassan Al Sulaiti received Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf NI (M) TBT at HQ of Qatari Emiri Naval Forces.



Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf NI (M) TBT's visit to HQ Special Forces (Navy).



## Al Hamba Festival for Pakistani Mangoes



The first edition of the Mango Festival was attended by dignitaries, including HE the Director of Protocol Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ibrahim Yousif Fakhroo; Private Engineering Office managing director Nasser Rashid al-Naimi; Pakistani Ambassador Muhemmed Aejez; several ambassadors from various missions in Doha; and other guests.

The event, organized to highlight the exquisite variety of Pakistani mangoes, attracted a significant number of visitors and generated impressive sales figures. The festival drew a diverse crowd of local residents, expatriates, and tourists, all eager to experience the flavors of Pakistan's premium mango varieties. Over the ten-day festival, more than 225,000 kilograms of mangoes were sold. The festival featured an array of mango varieties,



**T**he Al Hamba Festival for Pakistani mangoes delighted mango enthusiasts and food lovers alike with a vibrant celebration of the Pakistani mango season. The 10-day exhibition, which started on June 27 and ran until July 6, featured a wide range of products from 50 companies and 100 stalls.

Organized by the Embassy of Pakistan in Doha, in collaboration with the Celebrations Organizing Committee of the Private Engineering Office (PEO), this highly anticipated event showcased the rich variety and diverse flavors of Pakistani mangoes.

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including Chaunsa, Sindhri, Anwar Ratol, and Langra, each known for its unique taste and texture. These varieties were highly appreciated by attendees, contributing to the high sales volume.

In addition to mango sales, the festival also included culinary demonstrations, offering a holistic experience of Pakistani culture. The festival provided an excellent platform for Pakistani mango exporters to establish and strengthen their presence in the Qatari market. Numerous business inquiries and potential partnerships were initiated, paving the way for future trade opportunities.

The festival received extensive media coverage, with reports highlighting the overwhelming response and the high quality of mangoes on offer. Notable print media and social outlets shared articles and posts praising the festival's success and its contribution to strengthening Pakistan-Qatar trade relations. General Supervisor of the festival Khalid Saif Al Suwaidi said: "Thanks to Allah and then to those in charge of this exhibition, we were able to achieve great success, as witnessed with a record number of 225,929 kilograms sold. The attendees were diverse and from different nationalities, including citizens, residents, and tourists from Arab Gulf countries as well as from European countries. The audience lived a unique experience purchasing the finest types of Pakistani mangoes that were supplied daily via air freight specifically for the exhibition."

Ambassador Muhemmed Aejez said: "Pakistani mangoes are famous worldwide, with more than 300 varieties available in Pakistan. This event attracted Qatari residents from all walks of life and provided an opportunity to showcase the vast variety of fruits and rich culinary cuisine of Pakistan, while also offering a unique environment to bring Pakistani community closer to the Qatari people."



The Pakistani Mango Festival at Souq Waqif was a significant achievement, not only in terms of sales but also in fostering cultural exchange and enhancing bilateral trade relations between Pakistan and Qatar. The positive response from attendees and the media underscores the potential for future editions of the festival, with plans to expand and include more varieties and cultural elements. This successful event has laid a strong foundation for promoting Pakistani mangoes and other agricultural products in the Qatari market.




# Activities of The Ambassador of Pakistan to the State of Qatar



Ambassador of Pakistan HE Muhemmed Aejaz called on the Speaker of the Shura Council of Qatar, HE Hassan bin Abdullah Al Ghanim. The meeting, which was also attended by Deputy Speaker Dr. Hamda bint Hassan Al-Sulaiti, involved discussions on ways to enhance parliamentary collaboration between Pakistan and Qatar.




Ambassador Muhemmed Aejaz received Mr. Khalid Saif Al Suwaidi, Acting General Manager Souq Waqif, at the embassy of Pakistan Doha, Qatar, to discuss preparations for the Al Hamba Festival of Pakistani mangoes.



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### Asking the Right Questions: TNG Teach Students the Power of Inquiry



**B**orn with a natural curiosity, children love asking questions to satiate their inquisitiveness but as they grow this act of asking questions is often repressed on account of being too daunting. However, as educators of the next generation of leaders and thinkers, we recognise that asking questions should be promoted and, more importantly, the art of asking the right questions should be practised to unlock higher learning.

At The Next Generation School, this inquisitiveness is encouraged and nurtured by creating an environment where questions are a powerful tool to build a solid foundation for learning.

The key lies in asking the right questions that stem from genuine curiosity and unlock knowledge. Teachers at TNG encourage students to ask the right questions as the first step in honing their critical thinking skills, creating space for learners to reflect on bigger ideas and their assumptions to analyse and gain a deeper understanding of the world around them.



Asking questions is the pursuit of knowledge and wisdom


For pupils in the modern age, mastering the art of asking the right questions allows them to bridge and cross the gap between simply accepting information and critical analysis and synthesis. Across all lessons, critical thought is encouraged by unpacking and identifying the core components of an argument as well as its salient features such as manipulations, biases and fallacies, which equips students with the ability to adapt and respond to issues in life at work by intelligently analysing the data they are presented with.



Preparing students for the fast-paced and ever-changing real world starts with nurturing their curiosity, pushing them to master the art of asking the right questions and become critical thinkers that identify real world problems, engage with big picture ideas and are adept problem solvers.

Through research projects that students take on at TNG during the annual Youth Leadership Programme, they engage in research as a precursor to asking open ended questions that foster dialogue and discourse at all levels. Through asking the right questions which emerge from a place of honest curiosity, students are able to engage in the lower levels of Bloom's taxonomy to fill in gaps in their knowledge and are also able to attain higher educational learning objectives of evaluation and creation putting forward creative solutions to the problems that they observe around them.

Questions are beneficial tools in the learning process and when optimised they become uniquely powerful, enabling students to think critically, engage with issues and spur action benefiting them, their communities and the world at large and ultimately embodying the spirit of leadership championed at TNG.



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Ambassador Muhammed Aejaaz met with H.E. Mohammed bin Hassan Al Malki, Undersecretary to Ministry of Commerce and Industry Qatar on 6 May 2024. They discussed in detail proposals to enhance bilateral trade & investment relations between Pakistan and Qatar.



Ambassador Muhammed Aejaaz met Dr Jack Lou, President of the Qatar Science & Technology Park, and Director Engr Ahmad Al Said, to discuss bilateral cooperation in IT sector.



Ambassador Muhammed Aejaaz met with Mr. Mansour Ajraan Al-Boeinin, General Director of Doha Municipality. They discussed the contribution of Pakistani engineers to the development of Qatar.





The Ambassador of Pakistan to Qatar HE Muhemmed Aejaz hosted a dinner for all Asian Ambassadors based in Doha. The event was attended by 22 Ambassadors and their spouses.



Honorable Justice Mansoor Ali Shah addressed the Standing International Forum of Commercial Courts (SIFoCC) in Doha on the topic "Climate Change and Commercial Courts".



The Embassy of Pakistan held an interactive session between a group of bright female scholars participating in the Pakistan 'Future of Women in Energy Program' and Pakistani graduates/ professionals working in different sectors of Qatar's economy.



Ambassador met renowned international biker Muhammad Iqbal from Pakistan, who was touring GCC countries to promote the soft image of Pakistan.



The Chairman of Red Crescent Society of Pakistan, Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari, visited the Embassy of Pakistan, Doha and met with the Deputy Head of Mission and Community Welfare Attache.



A Flag-hoisting ceremony with the participation of Pakistani community was organized at the Embassy on 23 March 2024 to commemorate the Pakistan National Day.

# Pakistani Companies Achieve Major Milestones at Project Qatar 2024

Project Qatar 2024 took place from 27 to 30 May 2024 at the Doha Exhibition and Convention Centre. This marked the 20th anniversary of the event, making it a significant milestone. It was organized by IFP Qatar Ltd. in collaboration with the Qatar Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The event saw the participation of 240 exhibitors from 22 countries, attracting 17,113 unique visitors.



Dr. Jack Lau, President of Qatar Science and Technology Park, visited office of Pakistan Software Export Board and met with the team and CEO of, Mr. Zeeshan Rehman.

Pakistani companies M/s Wahid Industries Ltd (Pak Fans) and M/s Newage Cables made significant strides at Project Qatar 2024. Newage Cables, already approved by Kahramaa for one of their cable products, and Wahid Industries, working towards metrology department approval for their fans, demonstrated thorough preparation and market research prior to the exhibition.

The highlight of their participation was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Pak Fans and Unique Trading Company, a leading player in Qatar's building material supply sector. Yaser Ihsan, Director and Head of Sales & Marketing at Wahid Industries Ltd, and Imran Rafique, General Manager of Unique Trading Company, formalized the agreement. Ambassador HE Muhammad Aejaz and Trade and Investment Attaché Serein Asad, and distinguished guests, witnessed the signing. This strategic partnership aims to introduce and market Pak Fans' products in Qatar.



Dr. Jack Lau, President of Qatar Science and Technology Park, visited Pakistan from 11-12 July 2024. During his visit, he met with the Minister for IT&T, Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja to discuss mutual interests in startups and innovation. They explored future collaborations, including a startups exchange program and student visits to Qatar.

The Embassy also organized a B2B networking event on the final day of the exhibition, chaired by Ambassador Muhemmed Aejaz, where local companies briefed exhibitors on market dynamics, post-FIFA opportunities in the Qatari construction sector.



This participation underscores the growing bilateral trade relations between Pakistan and Qatar. The successful engagement of Pakistani companies at Project Qatar 2024 not only opens new avenues for business but also strengthens economic ties, fostering mutual growth and collaboration in the construction sector.

Pakistani companies Newage Cables and Wahid Industries (manufacturers of Pak Fan) are actively participating in Project Qatar in Doha. They've received a positive response from buyers and are engaged in exhibitions & B2B meetings with stakeholders



# ACTIVITIES OF PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, QATAR (PISQ)

## Celebrating Forty Years of Excellence at Pakistan International School Qatar

As Pakistan International School Qatar (PISQ) commemorates 40 years since its inception, it is a moment to reflect on its journey from humble beginnings to an institution that now serves nearly 5000 students. Over the decades, PISQ has grown into a center of educational excellence, dedicated to helping students achieve their full potential and thrive in an increasingly interconnected world.



### A Year of Remarkable Achievements

The academic year 2023-24 marks a significant milestone in PISQ's history, highlighted by outstanding accomplishments. Our students excelled academically, achieving exceptional results in the SSC-I and SSC-II exams administered by the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (FBISE), Pakistan. This year, PISQ recorded the highest number of A1 grades ever, with 49 in SSC-I and 40 in SSC-II. Two students also ranked first among all FBISE-affiliated schools in Qatar. Additionally, three of our top performers were recognized by Cambridge officials for their outstanding achievements in English as a Second Language (ESL), Urdu as a Second Language (USL), and Global Perspectives in the IGCSE Cambridge International Examinations.



### Expanding Opportunities and Collaborations

During this period, PISQ celebrated the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Simon Fraser University-Fraser International College, creating more avenues for higher education for our students. Furthermore, Pearson-Edexcel awarded PISQ an illustrious plaque, confirming our status as an accredited

Pearson Edexcel Centre. These affiliations underscore our commitment to providing our students with access to premier international educational systems.



### Dedication to Holistic Education

The successes of PISQ are a testament to the unwavering dedication of the school's management team, the support of the Embassy of Pakistan, and the commitment of our teachers. Their hard work has fostered an environment where both Conventional and Cambridge branches thrive academically and personally. Our teachers not only impart knowledge but also instill critical thinking, creativity, and ethical values in our students, preparing them for life's challenges.



### Excellence Beyond Academics

Our students have continued to excel in extracurricular activities such as the Model United Nations (MUN) and various inter-school competitions. Recently, the management has enhanced our support system by recruiting a clinical psychologist, a guidance counselor, and an environmental manager, all aimed at fostering student leadership development. These initiatives reflect our commitment to holistic education by expanding infrastructural facilities



in both branches due to increased enrollments. Additionally, we are developing modern facilities and resources to enhance the learning experience and cater to the individual needs of all students.



### Strategic Growth to Meet Community Demands

To meet the growing demands of the community for admissions, the school management is actively working on both horizontal and vertical growth. This strategic approach ensures that we can accommodate more students while maintaining the high standards of education and support services that PISQ is known for.



### A Community of Collaboration and Respect

PISQ is a vibrant community characterized by collaboration and mutual respect, where everyone has the opportunity to contribute to the institution's success. As we celebrate Pakistan's Independence Day, we take pride in PISQ's legacy and look forward to many more years of educational excellence and student success. Our future goals include sustained academic achievements, innovative educational practices, and an enabling environment where every learner can reach their full potential.

On this great day, we sincerely thank all those who have been part of PISQ's journey – our students, guardians, teachers, support groups, and alumni. The success of our institution is owed to your consistent encouragement and loyalty. Together, we will continue striving for excellence, adhering to established norms, and making a positive impact both within our society and beyond.



Our heartiest greetings to the Government and the people of Pakistan on the happy occasion of

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# KARACHI SHIPYARD & ENGINEERING WORKS

*A Symbol of Excellence in Shipbuilding*



**K**arachi Shipyard & Engineering Works (KS&EW) is a Public Limited Company established in 1956, operating under the administrative control of the Ministry of Defence Production (MoDP), Government of Pakistan. The vision of KS&EW is to make Pakistan a leading shipbuilding country in the region, aligning with its true potential and ideal geographical location.

KS&EW is a dynamic and adaptive organization with extensive technical and professional capabilities. It is the sole shipyard in Pakistan and one of the largest industrial engineering complexes in the country, situated at West Wharf, Karachi, and spanning an area of 71 acres. In addition to shipbuilding, KS&EW possesses the necessary infrastructure and facilities for Submarine Construction, Ship Repairs/Refurbishment, Ship Lift & Transfer System (SLTS), and Heavy General Engineering works.

The management of KS&EW is focused on delivering quality products and services with 100% customer satisfaction, ensuring compliance with all domestic and international standards. KS&EW is International Management System (IMS) certified by Lloyd's Register, UK, including ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, and ISO 45001:2018. Furthermore, all shipbuilding projects are certified by Classification Societies at various stages of construction (e.g., CCS,



Lloyd's Register, BV, and Türk Loydu), according to customer requirements.

KS&EW has built over 500 ships of various designs, sizes, and capacities for esteemed



domestic customers, including the Pakistan Navy, Pakistan National Shipping Corporation, Karachi Port Trust, Port Qasim Authority, Gwadar Port Authority, Pakistan Customs, Pakistan Maritime Security Agency, Pakistan Army, as well as several international clients from countries such as Saudi Arabia, Belgium, China, Iran, and the UAE.

The Shipbuilding Division is capable of constructing all types of commercial and naval platforms up to 26,000 DWT, including marine crafts, large ocean-going vessels, container ships, oil tankers, ferries, bulk carriers, corvettes, frigates, fast attack crafts, fleet tankers, gunboats, tugs, pilot boats, and more.



Recently, KS&EW has completed several key projects for valued customers such as the Pakistan Navy, Pakistan Army, and Pakistan

Maritime Security Agency, including:

- PNS MOAWIN (17,000 Tons Fleet Tanker).
- PMSS KOLACHI (1,500 Tons Maritime Petrol Vessel).
- PNS HAIBAT, PNS DEHSHAT & PNS HIMMAT (Fast Attack Craft Missile FAC(M)).
- PMSS ZHOBPN Fleet Tanker
- 01 x 48 Tons BP Tug.
- 03 x 16 Tons BP Tugs.
- 02 x 9 Tons BP Harbour Tugs/ Mooring Boats.



Recent significant achievements in shipbuilding include:

KS&EW has delivered to the Pakistan Navy the first-ever indigenously designed and constructed Fast Attack Craft (Missile) without any foreign collaboration. The vessel, known as KoM, was procured by KS&EW and comprises several locally developed components. It is also equipped with the state-of-the-art, indigenously developed Harbah Weapon System.



The launching of two MILGEM Class Corvettes, PNS TARIQ (DESIG) and PNS KHAIBAR (DESIG). These ships are fully equipped with modern weapons and sensors, capable of responding to maritime threats. The delivery of these ships is scheduled for 2025 and 2026, respectively.



Keel laying of 1st indigenously designed Gun Boat by Platform Design Wing of Pakistan Navy has been completed, construction is in full swing and this boat will be delivered in 2025.

KS&EW has achieved another landmark of technical expertise with the massive infrastructural up gradation for Submarine Construction facility in accordance with the service line and has been entrusted to undertake the construction of submarines for Pakistan Navy. As a part of Pakistan's largest defense



contract, Pakistan and China are simultaneously undertaking the construction of 08 Hangor Class AIP Submarines, 04 in China and 04 in Pakistan. KS&EW has successfully completed the Keel Laying of 02 x Submarines and production work is being undertaken as per schedule.



Ship Repair division also has a comprehensive setup for the repairing, rebuilding and overhauling of naval and commercial vessels in compliance with high quality standards. These integrated services are provided through highly qualified and trained workforce. Facilities include 02 Dry docks, 02 Quay Walls and luffing cranes / lifting equipment along-with modern tools for the above and under water repairs.



KS&EW also undertakes steel renewal, major structural repairs, machinery overhauls and repairs for our domestic customers i.e., Pakistan Navy, Pakistan Maritime Security Agency, Karachi Port Trust, Port Qasim Authority and various international customers including China, Turkey, Singapore, Korea and UAE. To date, KS&EW has repaired over 5000 vessels including more than 250 foreign flag carriers as well.

In order to enhance ship repair and refurbishment capacity to cater the regional demands, a state-of-the-art Ship Lift & Transfer System (SLTS) has been commissioned at KS&EW by M/s Syncrolift (OEM), Norway. This system is fully operational and capable to lift ships up to 7300 tons on 12 dedicated parking stations for under-water repairs.

General Engineering Division is capable to undertake marine structural fabrication projects (Dams/ Barrage Gates), cranes and lifting equipment (Electric overhead, Luffing and Gantry cranes etc.), stadiums flood light towers (football / cricket / hockey) and wind turbine towers. Also machining works includes forged steel shafts, sugar rollers and hoisting mechanism for dams

/ barrages, rollers for sugar plants and foundry products from GE includes steel billets sugar rollers and alloys casting.

One of the biggest milestone achievements of General Engineering Division is the installation and commissioning of 06 River Barrage Gates at Sukkur Barrage for M/s Sindh Barrage Improvement Projects, Sindh Irrigation Dept. (Govt. of Sindh); with Project Consultant M/s ACE-NDC (JV) Australia; under the overall project management by World Bank.

Recently KS&EW installed 01 x River Barrage Gate on emergent basis which included complete 50 tons gate new fabrication, dismantling of damaged gate from Bay 47 at Sukkur Barrage and installation and commissioning of new gate in less than one month. This proves the capability of KS&EW to react and response during national emergencies amicably.

Material testing laboratory of KS&EW was established in 1959, offering services of metallurgical analysis, mechanical, physical, chemical, welding tests, chemical composition, testing of metals, ferrous and non-ferrous, alloys, refractory and cement etc. All tests are carried out in accordance with BSS/ASTM standards and/ or any other classification / standard to comply customer's specific requirement.

Shipyards Training School (STS) was established in 1957 as an apprentice training school for Marine Engineers. STS is also contributing for the skill development programs. Currently, STS is offering various diplomas and vocational courses in electrical, mechanical and ship construction technologies. STS has so far trained more than 25,000 young entrants and also offering internship programs like MTOs and MTSs for fresh graduates and associates. STS is also certified / authorized by Saudi authority to conduct TAKAMOL - skill verification program by Saudi Government (trades includes welding, crane operator, building & industrial electrician, machinist, moulding/casting & plumbing) and German's authority TUV Rhineland's program (Level 1: Metal fabrication).

KS&EW can offer customized training from basics to advance level to HR of marine organization/ shipyard, as per requirements at STS and/ or at their yards. Furthermore, hands on training may also be arranged on vessels under construction at KS&EW.



### Recently signed contracts:

Contract for construction of 01 x Jinnah Class Frigate for Pakistan Navy has been awarded to KS&EW. This will be the first totally indigenously designed and constructed platform of this size. Presently our design team is engaged with M/s ASFAT for joint design effort. The construction time of this vessel is 52 months.

Contract for construction and delivery of 02 x Fast Response Boats for Pakistan Maritime Security Agency was awarded in January 2024. Construction has commenced and delivery of 1st and 2nd boat is planned after 8 and 11 months respectively from start of aluminum cutting.

## Activities of Pakistani Community



Ambassador of Pakistan spoke at a gathering of top medical & dental professionals working in Qatar. The Ambassador appreciated their contributions to Qatar's health sector and spotlighted the Embassy's efforts to make use of the many emerging opportunities for Pakistani health professionals in Qatar's budding healthcare sector.



The event organized by Sohni Dharti Organization on 22-03-2024 on the eve of Pakistan National Day.



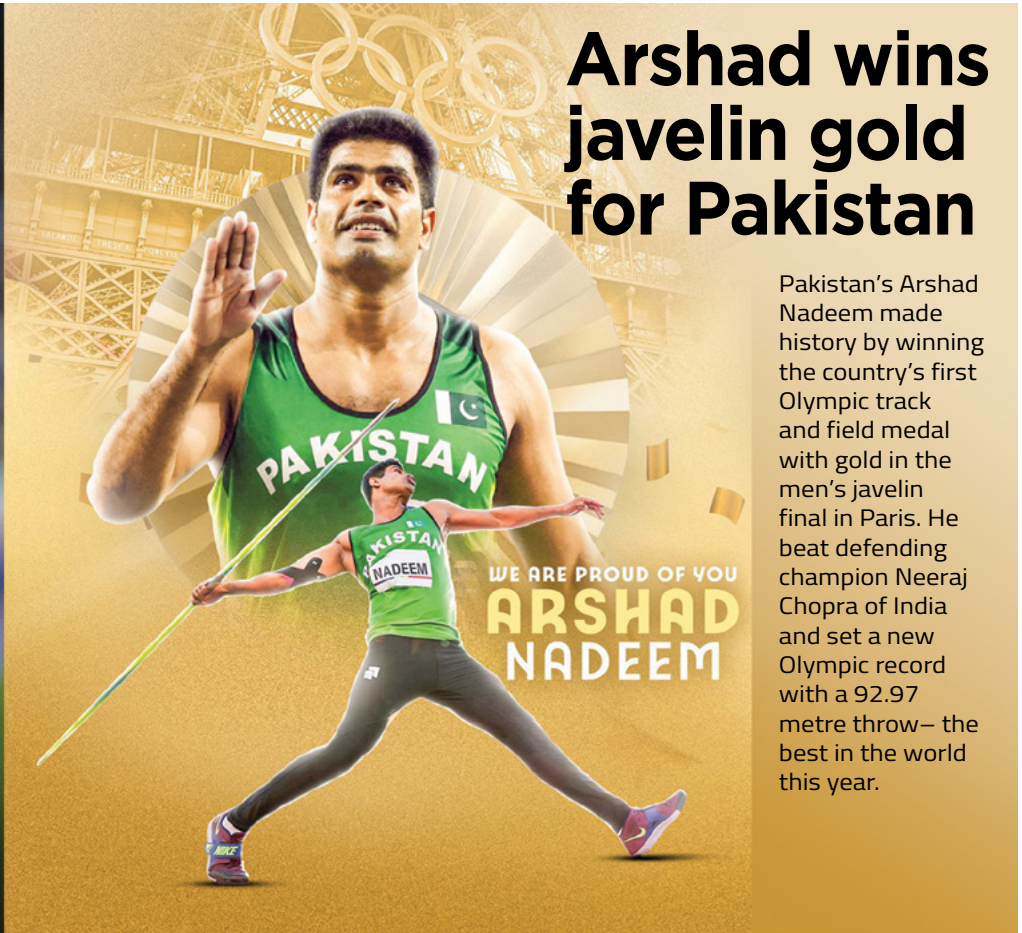
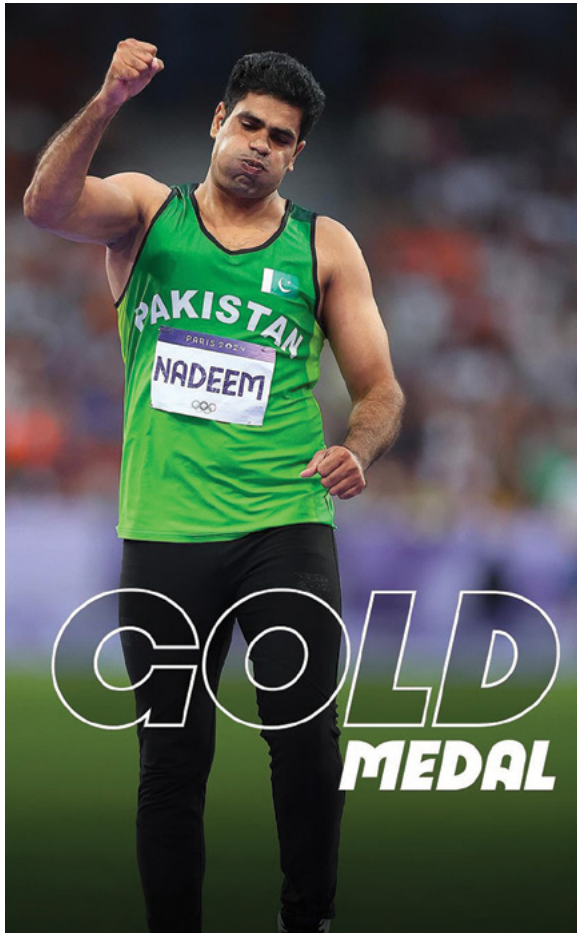
An event organized in collaboration with Pakistan Professional Community Qatar on 02-04-2024.



The embassy of Pakistan, in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture of Qatar and Bazm-e-Urdu Qatar, organized a literary and musical night to pay tribute to the timeless works of the late poetess Ada Jafarey.



An event was organized in collaboration with Qatar Charity and Pakistan Welfare Forum on 04-04-2024, to raise funds for destitute Pakistanis through Qatar Charity.



Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem made history by winning the country's first Olympic track and field medal with gold in the men's javelin final in Paris. He beat defending champion Neeraj Chopra of India and set a new Olympic record with a 92.97 metre throw – the best in the world this year.



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# Welcome to the Land of Beauty



## BEAUTIFUL KARAKORAMS

The Karakoram which means 'black mountains'; lying to the north of the western Himalays, stretch for nearly 300 miles from the eastern most part of Afghanistan in a south eastern direction. Having a width of 150 miles, the Karakoram consist of a group of parallel ranges with several spurs. Only the central part is a monolithic range. Sprawling nearly over 35 and 33 N latitude and lying roughly between 74 and 78 E longitude, the Karakoram are one of the highest mountain systems of 24,000 feet (7320 metres) or above, and four of them are above 26,000 feet (7930 meters). No other mountain system has such a large number of high peaks above 7000 meters. Craggy peaks and steep slopes are characteristic of the range. These mountains also form the boundary between China and the Northern Areas of Gilgit and Baltistan controlled by Pakistan.

## ALTAR PEAK HUNZA VALLEY



### Broad Peak

Broad peak is the 12th highest mountain in the world at 8,075 meters above sea level. Broad peak is part of the Gasherbrum massif in Baltistan on the border of Pakistan and China. It is located in the Karakoram mountain range about 8 kilometers (5.0 mi) from K2. It has a summit over 1.5 kilometers (0.93 mi) long. The mountain has several summits: Broad Peak (8047 m), Rocky Summit (8028 m), Broad Peak central (8011 m), Broad Peak North (7490 m), and Kharut Kangri (6942 m).

### Gasherbrum-I

Gasherbrum-I is part of the Gasherbrum massif, located in the Karakoram region of the Himalaya. Gasherbrum is often claimed to mean "Shining Wall"; presumably a reference to the highly visible face of the neighboring peak Gasherbrum IV; but in fact it comes from "rgasha" (beautiful) + "brum" (mountain) in Balti, hence it actually means "beautiful mountain."



### Nanga Parbat

Nanga Parbat literally, Naked Mountain is the ninth highest mountain in the world at 8,126 meters (26,660 ft) above sea level. It is the western anchor of the Himalays around which the Indus river skirts into the plains of Pakistan. It is located in the Gilgit-Baltistan region of Pakistan and is locally known as 'Deo Mir' 'Deo' meaning 'huge' 'mir' meaning 'mountain'.

### K2

K2, also known as Mount Godwin-Austen or Chhogori is the second highest mountain in the world, after Mount Everest, at 8,611 metres above sea level. It is located on the China-Pakistan border between Baltistan, in the Gilgit-Baltistan region of northern Pakistan.

Fosco Mariani, the Italian mountaineer, describes K2 as "the very Patriarch of Mountains, regal, serene, a mountain conceived on a giant scale, given the space and setting that are meet and right for a giant. In the mighty mass of the whole, each single part seems so finely wrought, each one a telling note in a mighty chord, and in the patterning of ridge, colour, rock face and ice fall, thrusting inexorably upwards to the peak, there is the logic of Bach fugue."





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We extend our heartfelt congratulations and felicitations to the Government and people of Pakistan on the auspicious occasion of Independence Day.

## Happy Independence Day

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