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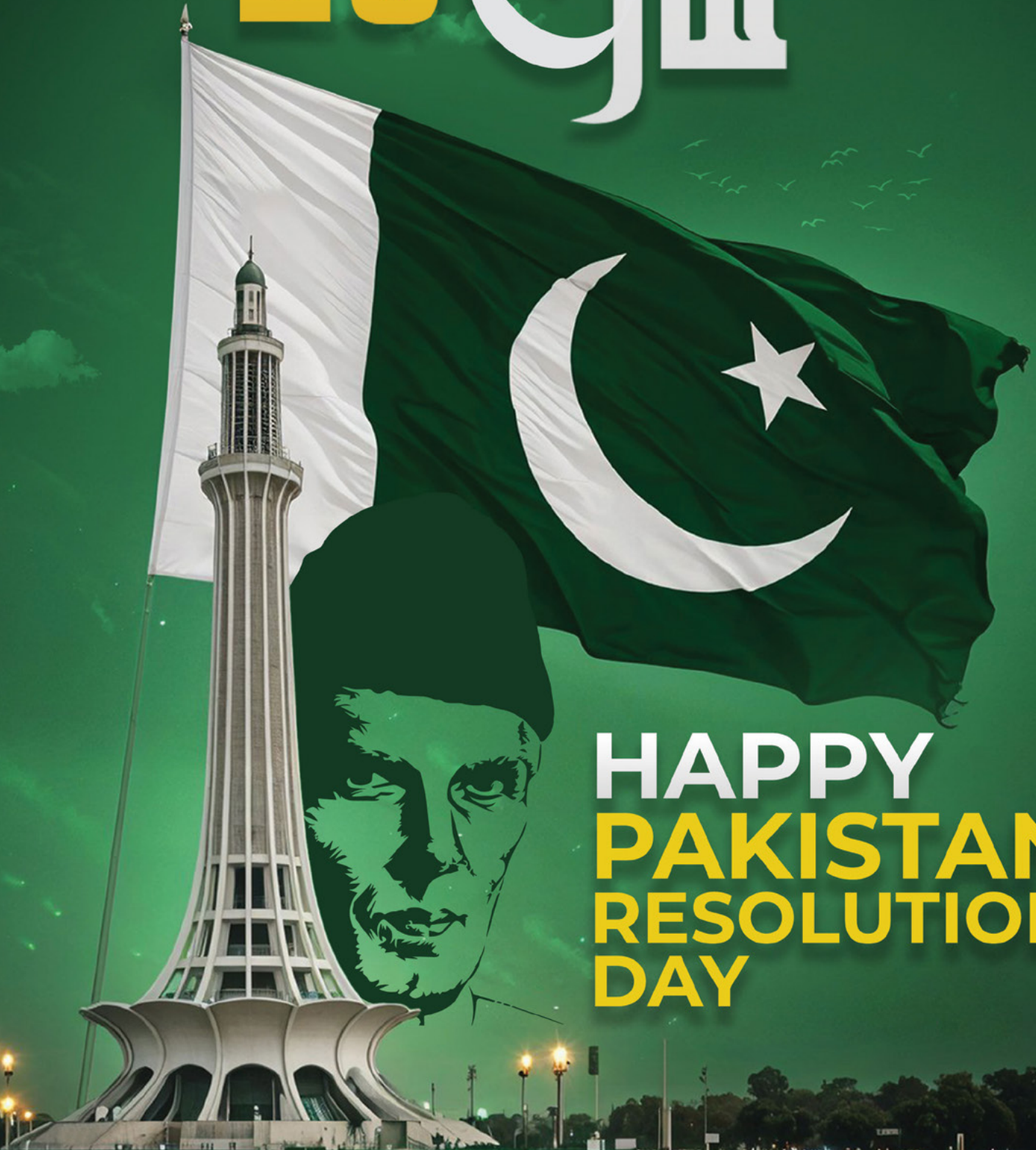




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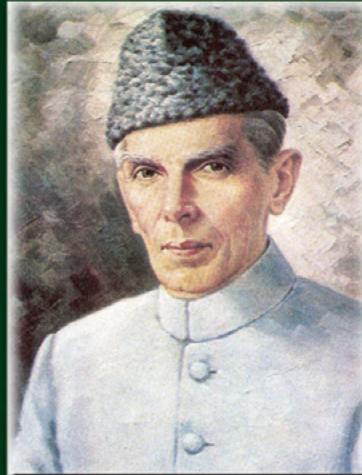
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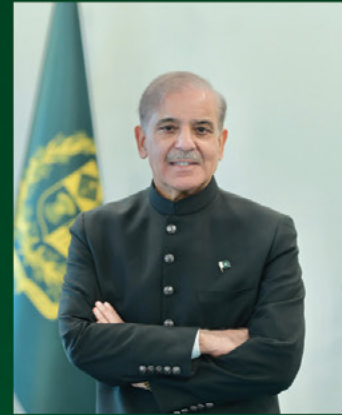
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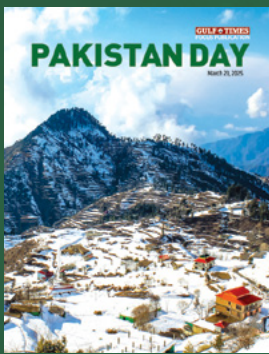
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Ambassador's Message

On the joyous occasion of Pakistan Day, celebrated annually on March 23rd, we come together to honour and remember a momentous chapter in our history-the passing of the Lahore Resolution in 1940. This resolution, which called for the establishment of a separate homeland for Muslims of the Indian subcontinent, paved the way for the creation of Pakistan. It was on this day that the aspirations of millions of Muslims who sought a state where they could freely practice their religion, safeguard their cultural heritage, and live with dignity were transformed into reality.

Pakistan Day serves as a reminder of the sacrifices, struggles, and relentless determination of our founding fathers. It is a time to reflect on the vision of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and his leadership, which guided our nation toward independence. Our forefathers' commitment to the values of unity, faith, and discipline is a beacon that continues to light the way forward, even as we face the evolving challenges of the 21st century.

Over the years, Pakistan has made significant progress in a variety of fields. From becoming a nuclear power to making strides in education, technology, and healthcare, we have consistently demonstrated resilience in the face of adversity. The nation has shown remarkable strength, overcoming challenges such as natural disasters, socio-economic obstacles, and international crises. This spirit of perseverance is the hallmark of Pakistan, and it is the foundation upon which we continue to build a future that is promising and prosperous for generations to come.

As we commemorate this special day, it is also an occasion to celebrate the close and growing relationship between Pakistan and Qatar. The bilateral ties between our two nations have flourished over the years, built on a foundation of shared values, mutual respect, and a deep understanding of each other's needs. The strong partnership in trade, investment, and cultural exchange continues to strengthen as both countries work hand-in-hand to enhance regional and global peace and stability.

Qatar has also been a steadfast supporter of Pakistan, both in times of need and in times of peace. The Qatar-Pakistan relationship is one that is not only political and economic but also deeply personal. The vibrant Pakistani community residing in Qatar plays a crucial role in the growth and

development of Qatar, contributing significantly to the nation's economy, infrastructure, and society at large. Pakistanis have been an integral part of Qatar's labor force, and their contributions in various fields, including education, healthcare, engineering, and hospitality, have been invaluable. The bonds of friendship between Pakistan and Qatar are further strengthened by the numerous cultural and social exchanges that take place, creating lasting memories and furthering the ties between our peoples.

On this Pakistan Day, let us reaffirm our commitment to the ideals of our founding fathers. Let us strive to build a Pakistan that is united, prosperous, and a beacon of peace and progress in the region and the world. As we reflect on our achievements, we must also look forward with hope and determination to build a future where our children inherit a country that is just, peaceful, and full of opportunities for all.

Let us also remember that this day is not just a celebration of our past, but a reminder of the immense potential that lies ahead. It is a day to celebrate our national pride, unity, and shared identity. As Pakistanis, whether at home or abroad, it is our collective responsibility to continue to contribute to the growth and prosperity of our nation, and to work together to foster stronger ties with countries like Qatar, who have been our close allies.

As we commemorate this day of national significance, I extend my heartfelt wishes to the leadership and the people of Qatar for continued peace, prosperity, and success. Together, let us work towards a future where our nations grow stronger, hand-in-hand, for the benefit of both peoples and the world.

Happy Pakistan Day!

Pakistan Zindabad
Long live Pakistan-Qatar friendship

Muhammad Aamer

Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the State of Qatar.



PAKISTAN-QATAR BILATERAL RELATIONS

Prime Minister's Visit to Qatar



Pakistan's Prime Minister Mohammad Shehbaz Sharif visited Doha on 31 October 2024. During his visit, he held a talk session with His Highness the Amir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, and together they inaugurated the Manzar Exhibition at the National Museum of Qatar. He also received a delegation of Qatar Business Association (QBA) to discuss the enhancement of trade and avenues opportunities in Pakistan.



Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif met with the Qatar Businessmen Association (QBA), chaired by Sheikh Faisal bin Qassim Al Thani. The meeting focused on enhancing bilateral trade and investment opportunities, with QBA expressing keen interest in sending a business delegation to Pakistan to explore potential collaborations.

MANZAR: Creating Scenes from the past and present, through art and history

By Ghazala Zaman and Sadia Ali

"Magnificent and loss for words" were the sentiments one felt while walking through the corridors of the Manzar Art exhibition, which was held at the National Museum of Qatar.



As the State of Qatar continues to shine as a regional hub for art and culture, Qatar Museums, in collaboration with Pakistan, presented this timeless exhibition under the title Manzar.

Manzar translates to a scene or view, and as aptly named, the exhibition was a masterpiece of memories from the India-Pakistan partition of 1947, offering an immersive experience of art through time.

As one entered the corridors of this elegant display of art, emotions were moved by the stories of the partition that led to one of the most intense migrations in history. The reflections of this migration and the creation of the new state of Pakistan were echoed in the beautiful illustrations made by the artists. The room also resonated with the voices of global leaders of the time, narrating the story of the historical breakup of the country in 1971.

At the time of partition, Pakistan had a population of 33 million, and today, it has an astounding population of over 220 million. The year 1947 saw the advent of a new nation grappling with the struggle to establish its own identity. In 1971, the country faced the challenges of division into East and West Pakistan. Despair seeped into every sphere of life; however, the passion of the artists was not dimmed. Art and culture continued to flourish under the auspices of different art institutions, namely The National College of Arts, and remarkable work was created.

Notable collections of many other artists were on display, bringing together a beautiful medley



of old and new, past and present, and future and hope. Manzar, in itself, resonated with the emotive relationship one has with colours. In doing so, it displayed the rich heritage of Pakistan and showcased the resilient spirit of the people. By cleverly stringing together all forms and mediums of art, featuring artists from the past to the present, Manzar demonstrated that no matter how dark history might get, the colours of hope always prevail.

Manzar left a lasting impression, staying with one's soul long after the visit.

Bravo to the State of Qatar, Pakistan, and the Art Mill Museum for bringing this display of charm and elegance through a highly inspirational exhibition.

Manzar displayed some legendary work from this era to the present, by great artists like Abdur Rehman Chughtai, Syed Sadequain Ahmed Naqvi, Ismail Gulgee, Rashid Rana, and Shazia Sikander, to name a few.



Abdur Rehman Chughtai is an iconic name in Pakistan's art history. Born in 1897, he lived during a time of significant political change in the Indo-Pak subcontinent. His work remains timeless, with an unparalleled choice of colours.



Syed Sadequain Ahmed Naqvi, recipient of four civilian awards in Pakistan, is a name synonymous with the beautiful art of calligraphy. Having lived through the partition era, his work reflected the struggles of the common man at that time. He created magnificent murals depicting man's quest to reach perfection through his endowed potentials.



Rashid Rana, a contemporary artist, has drawn many enthusiasts to his work through his unique perspective on art and mastery in curatorship.



His Highness the Amir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani received the credentials of Ambassador Muhammad Aamer at the Amiri Diwan. The Amir warmly welcomed the ambassador, wishing him success and expressed hope for stronger ties between Qatar and Pakistan.



HE Mohammed Aamer, Pakistan's Ambassador to Qatar, visited the farm of Al Sulaiteen Group of Companies and met with Chairman Abdullah Salem Al Sulaiteen on February 27, 2025, to discuss agricultural cooperation and business opportunities.



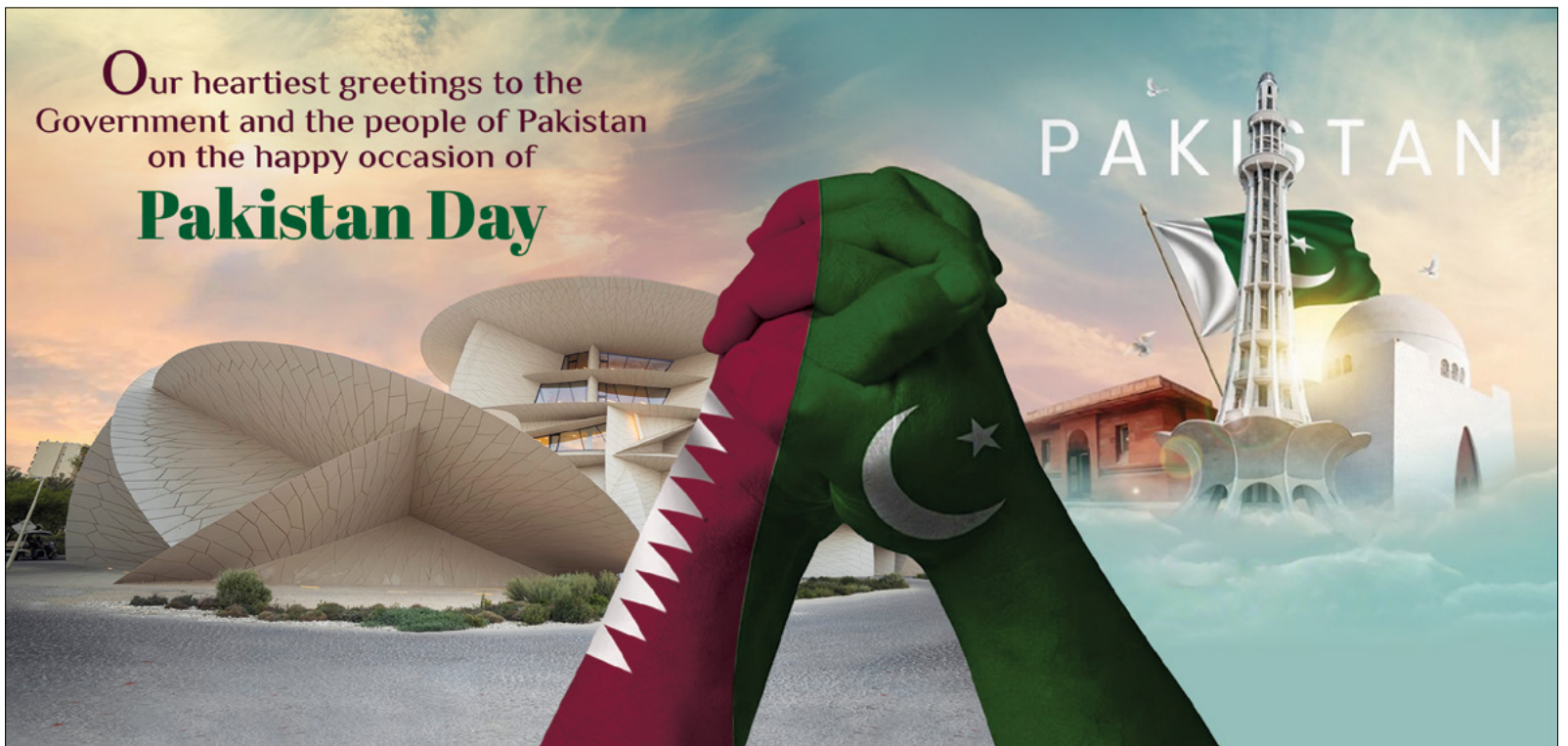
Rana Ihsaan Afzal Khan, Coordinator to the Prime Minister of Pakistan, met with HE Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad bin Qassim Al-Thani, Qatar's Minister of Commerce and Industry, to discuss economic collaboration and bilateral trade opportunities.



Federal Minister for Law & Justice and Human Rights, Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar represented Pakistan at the OIC Anti-Corruption Ministerial Meeting in Qatar and signed the historic Makkah Convention.



The 2nd Round of Bilateral Political Consultations between Pakistan and Qatar was held in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Qatar, in Doha. The Pakistan delegation was led by Foreign Secretary Amna Baloch, and the Qatari delegation was led by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, HE Soltan bin Saad Al-Muraikhi.





Rana Ihsaan Afzal Khan, Coordinator to the Prime Minister of Pakistan, met with HE Mohamed bin Ahmed bin Twar Al Kuwari, First Vice-Chairman of the Qatar Chamber, to strengthen B2B engagement between Pakistani and Qatari businesses. Discussions centered on expanding investment opportunities and fostering stronger bilateral trade relations.



HE Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani, Chairman of QBA, met with HE Mohammed Aamer, Pakistan's Ambassador to Qatar, at the QBA office to discuss economic cooperation and investment opportunities.



HE Muhammad Aamer, Ambassador of Pakistan, met with HE Mohammed bin Ali bin Mohammed Al-Mannai, Qatar's Minister of Communications and Information Technology, along with HE Syed Mustafa Rabbani, Deputy Head of Mission, and Ms. Serein Asad, Trade & Investment Attaché. They discussed strengthening IT and tech collaboration, IT HR opportunities, and avenues for Pakistani IT professionals and startups in Qatar through the Talent Visa, Startup Qatar, and the Fund of Funds program.

Pakistan Showcases Tech Prowess at Web Summit Qatar 2025

Web Summit Qatar 2025, held at the Doha Exhibition and Convention Center (DECC) from February 23-26, was a record-breaking success, bringing together 25,747 attendees from 124 countries. Pakistan made a remarkable impact at Web Summit Qatar 2025, presenting its thriving tech ecosystem, innovative startups, and expanding IT sector. With 11 exhibitors, 16 startups, and a strong delegation, the country positioned itself as a key player in the global technology landscape. The event served as a platform to foster international collaborations, attract investors, and strengthen ties within the industry.



Pakistani exhibitors included Excellence Delivered ExD (Pvt) Ltd, Business Line Solutions Pvt Ltd, Focustech, Contrive Solutions (Pvt) Ltd, ARBISOFT LTD, TEAMO SMC PRIVATE LIMITED, Techtiz, Digital Arrays, Ingenious Zone, CARE, and Social Champ. Startups showcasing their solutions included PakistaniLaws.com Private Limited, Blinq Solutions, AlifLaila Kids Digital Library, Butter, CarbonCede, Code Huddle, Handpik.AI, Hemaayah, Hero Monkey Game, Routify, StacksOps, Sumshare (by Toptech Team), Synked.GG, Whims Tech, Yarn Guru, and Zumar. Bing Solutions also pitched at the event.

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Pakistan Software Exports Association, P@SHA, also organized a delegation, including Covalent Private Limited, Humantek, and TAK Devs Pvt. Ltd.



The Pakistan Pavilion was officially inaugurated by Ambassador Muhammad Aamer, alongside Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB) CEO Abu Bakar and Vice Chairman of P@SHA, Muhammad Umair Nizam. A panel discussion, "Bridging Borders: Building Collaborative Tech Ecosystems for Economic Growth," featured PSEB CEO Abu Bakar, who discussed investment strategies and



global partnerships. PSEB also hosted Pakistan @ Web Summit Meetup, bringing together tech professionals, entrepreneurs, and investors.

Pakistan's participation at Web Summit Qatar 2025 was further amplified through the Think Tech, Think Pakistan campaign, which aimed to showcase the country's technological strengths and innovation potential. The campaign was featured in multiple media outlets, including a special article in Gulf Times, highlighting Pakistan's advancements in the technology sector.

To further strengthen ties, the Embassy of Pakistan in Qatar hosted Pakistan Night on February 25, 2025. Ambassador Muhammad Aamer welcomed 140 exhibitors and members of the Pakistani diaspora working in the tech

industry. The networking event provided invaluable opportunities for discussions on collaboration, investment, and potential partnerships between Pakistani and Qatari tech professionals and investors.



Pakistan showcases agricultural excellence at AgriteQ 2025 in Qatar

AgriteQ 2025, the 12th Qatar International Agricultural Exhibition, was held from February 4 to 8, 2025, at Katara Cultural Village in Doha, Qatar. The event played a crucial role in promoting advancements in agricultural technologies, sustainability, and global collaboration, in line with Qatar National Vision 2030. With the participation of over 120 international and local companies from 29 countries, AgriteQ 2025 attracted approximately 97,000 visitors, including government officials, industry professionals, investors, and students. The exhibition featured 356 exhibitors and entities, 114 local farms, 1,069 school students, 22 embassies, 50 speakers, and 46 discussion panels. Despite being announced only 50 days in advance, the event successfully brought together





industry leaders, traders, and innovators, creating a vibrant and engaging atmosphere for business and knowledge exchange.

Pakistan's participation in AgriteQ 2025 was marked by a strong presence of leading companies showcasing a diverse range of agricultural and food products. Among the key exhibitors, SMZ Industries Private Limited presented its premium Non-Basmati and Basmati Rice, drawing significant interest from buyers. K.K. Rice Mills (Pvt.) Ltd. exhibited high-quality rice, maize, and sesame seeds, highlighting Pakistan's expertise in grain and seed production. Hamza Foods Private Limited introduced a variety of frozen ready-to-cook and ready-to-eat chicken and vegetable products, catering to the growing demand for convenient food solutions in the region. Meanwhile, LactobakeSpeciality (Private) Limited showcased an extensive range of chocolate blocks, chocolate spreads, chocolate drink powders,

fruit preparations, fruit syrups, premium coffee syrups, flavours, bread improvers, and seasoning powders, targeting both retail and foodservice sectors.

The Pakistani exhibitors leveraged AgriteQ 2025 as a strategic platform to explore business opportunities in Qatar's agricultural and food industry. Through B2B meetings and networking sessions, they engaged with potential buyers, industry experts, and investors, strengthening trade ties between Pakistan and Qatar. Their participation underscored Pakistan's commitment to contributing to global agricultural development and food security while expanding its footprint in the international market. AgriteQ 2025 not only highlighted Pakistan's agricultural capabilities but also reinforced the country's position as a reliable supplier of high-quality food and agricultural products in the Middle East.





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Pakistan Food Festival showcases culinary and cultural richness in Qatar

The Pakistan Food Festival 2025, held from January 26 to 28, 2025, brought the rich flavours, vibrant heritage, and cultural brilliance of Pakistan to the heart of Doha. Organized by the Embassy of Pakistan in collaboration with Qatar Museums, the three-day event attracted thousands of visitors from diverse backgrounds, celebrating Pakistan's culinary and cultural excellence. Held alongside the 'Manzar: Arts and Architecture from Pakistan (1940-Present Day)' exhibition, the festival seamlessly combined food, art, and tradition, creating an immersive cultural experience.



The festival was inaugurated by prominent figures including Dr. Atiya Bashir, consultant pediatrician at Al-Ahli Hospital; Dr. Javed Sheikh, Dean of Weill Cornell in Qatar; Muhammad Khan, a senior member of Qatar's Pakistani business community; and renowned Pakistani artist Salima Hashmi. Their participation underscored the festival's significance in fostering cultural and diplomatic ties between Pakistan and Qatar. The event was further graced by the presence of Ambassador Muhammad Aamer, the Embassy of Pakistan staff, and members of the Pakistan Business Council Qatar, as well as a large segment of the Pakistani community in Doha.

In his address, Ambassador Muhammad Aamer expressed gratitude to Qatar Museums for their support and emphasized the global appeal of Pakistani cuisine, known for its rich diversity and exquisite flavours. He highlighted the role of such events in strengthening cultural connections and promoting Pakistan's heritage internationally.



The festival provided a dynamic platform for showcasing Pakistan's soft image, fostering trade opportunities, and celebrating the country's gastronomic traditions.

The event featured an extensive selection of traditional Pakistani dishes presented by some of Doha's most esteemed Pakistani restaurants and food vendors. Renowned eateries such as MianJee, Peshawar One, New Shan-E-Lahore, Sarhad Premium, Modern Asia Restaurant, Hemaliya Mart and Restaurant, Kababbq Tonight, Punjab Restaurant, and New Royal Kashmir participated, offering a variety of mouthwatering delicacies ranging from fragrant biryanis to sizzling kebabs. Adding a cultural dimension,

Today's Fashion displayed Pakistani dresses and handicrafts, while Parfait Café provided a family-friendly atmosphere with interactive games for children.



In addition to well-established restaurants, independent entrepreneurs contributed to the festival's success. Vendors such as AbeerGhulam Akbar, ZahedaAbdulstattarYaqoob, AimanRiaz, SameenaAamirJavedKhera, and Shanila Noor showcased an impressive array of homemade delicacies, traditional clothing, jewelry, and henna artistry. Their participation reflected the creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of the Pakistani community in Qatar, further enriching the festival's cultural offerings.

A highlight of the festival was the presentation of 'Virsa: A Culinary Journey from Agra to Karachi,' a book by SheherBano Rizvi that explores the depth and evolution of Pakistani cuisine. Through this literary contribution, visitors gained insight into the historical and cultural context of Pakistan's food heritage, adding an intellectual dimension to the event.





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With a footfall of over 30,000 visitors, the Pakistan Food Festival 2025 successfully strengthened cultural bonds between Pakistan and Qatar while showcasing Pakistan's export potential in key industries. The event garnered significant media attention and served as an effective tool for cultural diplomacy, reinforcing

trade and investment opportunities between the two nations. By integrating culinary, artistic, and entrepreneurial elements, the Festival left a lasting impact, celebrating Pakistan's traditions while building stronger bilateral relations with Qatar.

Pakistan showcases premium honey at Souq Waqif International Honey Exhibition



Pakistan participated in the Souq Waqif International Honey Exhibition 2025 in Doha from January 31 to February 8, highlighting its high-quality honey products. The event attracted honey producers, traders, and buyers from around the world, providing an opportunity to promote Pakistani honey in the international market.

Pakistani companies Pak Honey Trading, Al Saudia Enterprises, IhsanMuzamil Enterprises, and Hemroc Trading showcased their honey varieties, emphasizing natural quality and purity. The exhibition



helped Pakistani businesses connect with international buyers and expand their reach in the global honey industry.



S'hail 2024 – Katara International Hunting and Falcons Exhibition:

Showcasing global excellence in falconry and hunting



The participation of Pakistani exhibitors not only enhanced the diversity of the exhibition but also strengthened Pakistan's position as a key player in the global hunting and falconry market. As anticipation builds for the next edition, the event remains a testament to the enduring cultural significance and economic potential of falconry and hunting worldwide.



The 8th edition of the S'hail – Katara International Hunting and Falcons Exhibition took place from September 10 to 14, 2024, at the prestigious Katara Cultural Village in Doha, Qatar. This annual event, renowned for its dedication to preserving the heritage of falconry and hunting, attracted an impressive lineup of exhibitors, enthusiasts, and industry professionals from around the world.

This year's exhibition featured participation from over 300 companies representing 21 countries, further cementing its status as a premier global platform for the hunting and falconry industry. Among the international exhibitors, Pakistan made a significant impact with the presence of 18 distinguished companies showcasing their expertise and craftsmanship in hunting supplies, falconry gear, camping equipment, and steel products.

Pakistani exhibitors included SSU Falconry, Imperial Knives, Ironman Steel, Danesh Steel, Khokhar Enterprises, New Light Steel, Musa Cheema & Co., Navid Enterprises, Pak Consortium, and Munir Enterprises. These companies garnered substantial attention from international buyers and industry professionals, reinforcing Pakistan's growing reputation in the global hunting and falconry market. Their showcased products reflected the high standards of quality and precision that Pakistani manufacturers bring to the sector.

The S'hail exhibition serves as a crucial hub for trade, networking, and knowledge exchange, fostering collaborations and business opportunities for companies across the globe. The event featured various activities, including live falconry demonstrations, hunting equipment showcases, and expert discussions on sustainable hunting practices.

STRENGTHENING BUSINESS TIES:



Meeting between Pakistan Business Council Qatar (PBCQ) and government representative

Ranalhsaan Afzal Khan, Coordinator to the Prime Minister of Pakistan, met with the Pakistan Business Council Qatar (PBCQ) to discuss avenues for expanding trade and investment ties between Pakistan and Qatar. The meeting brought together key business leaders, including Mohammad Khan (UNIPLAST Trading & Contracting), G.D. Khan Bangash (Prime Logistics), IsrarMalazai (Today's Fashion), Nadeem Malik (Al Eyadi), SobiaSarmad (Amazteq Solutions), Riyaz Ahmed Bakali (The Next Generation School), and Imran Rafique (Unique Trading). Also present were Deputy Head of Mission Syed Mustafa Rabbani and Trade and Investment Attaché Serein Asad.



The meeting began with an introduction to the businesses represented by each attendee, providing an overview of their operations and contributions to Pakistan-Qatar trade. Rabbani elaborated on PBCQ's background, its registration with the Qatar Financial Centre

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(QFC), and its mandate to support Pakistani businesses in Qatar. He also highlighted the council's past activities, including the Round Table Conference during the Prime Minister's visit in August 2022 and the Pakistan-Qatar IT Conference in December 2023, underscoring its role in fostering business collaborations.

Discussions focused on enhancing business facilitation, workforce development, and investment opportunities between the two nations. PBC-Q shared insights into potential areas for expansion, particularly in trade, logistics, and skilled workforce deployment. The need for specialized training programs was emphasized to equip Pakistani professionals with skills that align with Qatar's evolving market demands.

Ranalhsaan Afzal Khan assured attendees of the Pakistani government's commitment to strengthening trade relations and supporting business ventures. He highlighted the role of the Strategic Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) in streamlining coordination between various agencies to facilitate smoother operations for businesses. He encouraged business leaders to engage with his office for continued support and collaboration.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to furthering Pakistan-Qatar economic ties, expanding business opportunities, and enhancing trade relations to benefit both economies.



Dr. Jack Lau visits Pakistan to strengthen tech collaboration



Dr. Jack Lau, President of the Qatar Science and Technology Park (QSTP), visited Pakistan to explore avenues for collaboration between Pakistani technology firms and QSTP. The visit focused on fostering ties through Qatar's Global Link Program, aiming to provide Pakistani IT companies and startups with international exposure.

During his visit, Dr. Lau engaged with key stakeholders, including Minister for IT & Telecom, Shaza Fatima Khawaja, and met with leaders from Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB), IGNITE, Special Technology Zones Authority (STZA), Cybervision (NIC Islamabad & Faisalabad), and P@SHA. These discussions centered on Pakistan's growing tech ecosystem and potential opportunities for collaboration.



A significant outcome of the visit was the agreement by PSEB and IGNITE to send Pakistani IT startups and companies to participate in



QSTP's Global Link Program and AI Week. This initiative is set to be an ongoing exchange, allowing Pakistani innovators to benefit from QSTP's advanced infrastructure, mentorship, and global networking opportunities.



Pakistan and Qatar Naval Special Forces Strengthen Ties in Muharib Al Bahr 7 Drill

Pakistan Navy SSG and Qatar Naval Special Forces conducted bilateral exercise Muharib Al Bahr 7. The exercise included training on marine invasion, piracy combat, tactical diving (Frogman), Fast rope descending and rubber boat drop from helicopter. The exercise aimed at



enhancing bilateral cooperation and exchanging of experience between the two special forces. HE Vice Admiral Ovais



Ahmed Bilgrami HI(M), Vice Chief of Naval Staff Pakistan, witnessed the FTX of exercise.



Pakistani IT companies shine at QSTP's Global Innovation Link Program 2024



As a testament to Pakistan's growing engagement with Qatar's tech sector, five leading Pakistani IT companies participated in the Global Innovation Link Program, hosted by Qatar Science & Technology Park (QSTP) from September 15 to 26, 2024. The delegation, comprising Adlytic AI, Aridian Technologies, Digifloat, Shispare, and Bilytica, gained invaluable access to QSTP's thriving ecosystem and established connections with key stakeholders from academia, industry, and government.



The program encompassed a series of strategic engagements, including site visits to prestigious academic institutions such as Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), the University of Doha,

and Weill Cornell Medical College, where the delegation explored Qatar's strengths in research and innovation. Additionally, visits to advanced research facilities provided insights into cutting-edge projects, including the Arabic Large Language Model (LLM) at the HBKU Research Lab and the Qatar Computing Research Institute (QCRI). Delegates also engaged with prominent tech startups such as GPTBots.ai, Tashan, UISEE, Fatora, Avey, and MICETribe, fostering discussions on potential partnerships and innovative business strategies.

Meetings with organizations like the TASMU Accelerator, Innovation Café, and Invest Qatar offered a deeper understanding of Qatar's resources for startups and entrepreneurs.

Furthermore, Pakistani IT firms showcased their technologies and business models in a lecture series, presenting their innovations to potential investors and industry partners, enhancing their visibility in Qatar's expanding tech ecosystem.



The participation of Pakistani IT firms in the Global Innovation Link Program underscores Pakistan's emerging role as a key player in the global technology landscape. By forging new partnerships and leveraging Qatar's advanced innovation ecosystem, these companies have paved the way for future growth and cross-border collaborations, strengthening ties between Pakistan and Qatar's thriving tech industries.



ACTIVITIES OF THE AMBASSADOR OF PAKISTAN TO THE STATE OF QATAR

Pakistan House Dinner Event for the Curators of Manzar Exhibition

Ambassador Muhammad Aamer hosted a dinner at the Pakistan House to honour the curators of Manzar Exhibition as well as the distinguished artists from Pakistan who visited Doha to participate in the exhibition's associated events. The dinner was also attended by Salima Hashmi and the jury of the Agha Khan Music Awards.



Ambassador Muhammad Aamer received a promising young artist Aoun Ali from Pakistan who is making his mark in the world of anime and abstract art. The ambassador appreciated his hard work and talent and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

Ambassadors and Diplomatic Staff Tour at the Manzar Exhibition



The embassy of Pakistan hosted a distinguished group of ambassadors and diplomatic staff for a tour of the Manzar Exhibition at the National Museum of Qatar. Ambassador Muhammad Aamer provided insights into the iconic works on display, celebrating Pakistani art and architecture.

Ambassadors and Diplomatic Staff Tour at the Manzar Exhibition



Ambassador Muhammad Aamer met with Sufi living legend Abida Parveen during her visit to Doha at the invitation of Qatar Museums for her musical performance at the Raag event at the Museum of Islamic Art.



Ambassador Muhammad Aamer met with the CEO of Qatar Museums, Mohammad Saad Al Rumaihi, to discuss bilateral cooperation in the field of culture. They expressed satisfaction with the resounding success of the Manzar Exhibition and explored potential projects for collaboration in art and culture.



Ambassador Muhammad Aamer met with the CEO of Education Above All, Mohammad Saad Al Kubaisi, at the EAA office to explore collaborative opportunities in the field of education. The ambassador appreciated EAA's ongoing initiatives in Pakistan, which focus on education and creating employment opportunities for Pakistani youth.



HE Sheikh Abdulaziz bin Faisal bin Mohammed Al Thani, Minister of State for Interior Affairs, met with Muhammad Aamer, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the State of Qatar. During the meetings, they discussed various topics of mutual interest and reviewed cooperation in security fields, exploring ways to strengthen and develop it.



Ambassador Muhammad Aamer presented a copy of his credentials to HE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sultan bin Saad Al Muraikhi. The minister wished the ambassador success in his duties and assured him of support in advancing bilateral relations.



Ambassador Muhammad Aamer met with Dr. Mohammad Omar Al-Ansari, President of Qatar University, and discussed potential collaboration in the field of higher education. They also discussed the welfare of Pakistani students at Qatar University and explored further opportunities for them.



Ambassador Muhammad Aamer met with the ambassador of South Korea at the embassy of Korea.



Ambassador Muhammad Aamer met with Dr. Majed Al Ansari, Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They discussed the regional situation and matters of mutual interest.



Ambassador Muhammad Aamer visited the UN House in Doha and met with the Chief of UN Office of Counter terrorism Fahad Jaham Al Kuwari.

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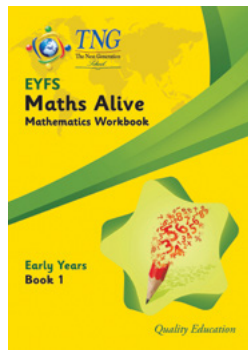
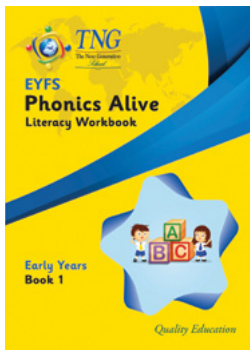


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Data-Driven Development: Closing Gaps with Precision



As students of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) transitioned from Reception to Year 1, data analysis of baseline assessments revealed a proficiency gap in literacy and numeracy. To bridge this gap, a multidisciplinary team of EYFS specialists, literacy coaches, and numeracy advisors designed Literacy and Numeracy resources aligned with the EYFS Framework. Focusing on structured learning goals outlined by the EYFS Framework, these educational resources ensured a smooth transition from EYFS to Key Stage 1, improving academic performance and building a strong foundation.

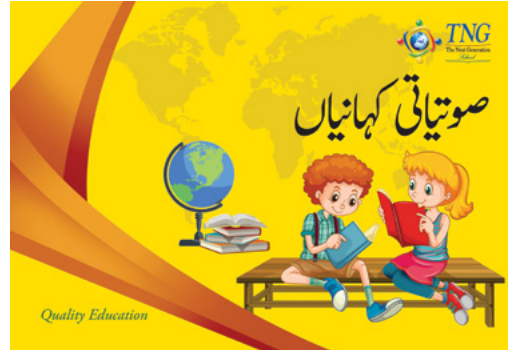


Cultural and Linguistic Innovation: The Urdu Phonics Revolution

Born and brought up in Qatar, Pakistani students often struggle with the Urdu language due to the lack of structured phonics-based learning resources that build a strong literary foundation. TNG's Research and Development Team, comprising of Urdu



linguists and EYFS experts, developed an Urdu Sotiati Qaida, the Urdu Phonics Book, using a systematic synthetic phonics approach, including phoneme-grapheme correspondence drills.



Culturally resonant Urdu Storybooks, featuring folktales from Punjab and Sindh, were developed to complement the Urdu Sotiati Qaida, utilizing a phonics-based pedagogical framework. Baseline assessments showed an increase in Urdu literacy scores among students, with increased confidence and enjoyment in reading Urdu.



Central to this success is the emphasis on thinking directly in Urdu, fostering fluency and a deeper connection to the language, rather than relying on translation from the English language. This principle is woven into their programmes, encouraging students to form thoughts and express themselves naturally in the target language, a core strategy for true language mastery.



Curriculum Adaptability: Preparing Students for Global Success

Following revisions to the Cambridge curriculum, Year 7 learners experienced a significant decline in Urdu proficiency, struggling with the increased rigor and syllabus depth. Recognizing this challenge, the team at TNG designed Shahpara, a comprehensive bridge resource designed to prepare students for the IGCSE Urdu exam. Shahpara aligns with the updated Cambridge Urdu IGCSE standards, seamlessly integrating literary analysis frameworks, thematic essay structures, and engaging multimodal projects



on Urdu poetry. Since its introduction, Shahpara has improved student results and focused on restoring student confidence for IGCSE Urdu Examination and fostering a deeper appreciation for Urdu literature.



Alignment with Qatar's Vision 2030: Cultivating Global Citizens



As an educational institute in the State of Qatar, TNG School supports the Human Capital Development goals of Qatar's National Vision 2030. This development promotes multilingualism through Urdu and English



Literacy, preserving cultural heritage via locally authored storybooks. TNG collaborates with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Qatar, on curriculum alignment and teacher training, facilitating access to national resources and shared best practices. Supporting Pillar 3 of Qatar National Vision 2030, TNG participates in the international PIRLS, TIMSS, and PISA examinations with the Ministry, achieving outstanding scores, to standardize and enhance overall teaching and learning practices.





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Activities of the Pakistan Community



An event organized by the Pakistan Embassy on 14 August 2024 to celebrate the Independence Day of Pakistan.



The Embassy of Pakistan, led by CWA-II, participated in the Qatar National Day event held at the Museum of Islamic Art (MIA Park) under the slogan "History, Culture, and Art." The display of Pakistani culture and the vibrant performance by Pakistani students reinforced the historical relations between Qatar and Pakistan, based on mutual goodwill.



The Independence Day event organized by the Pakistan Pakhtoon community.

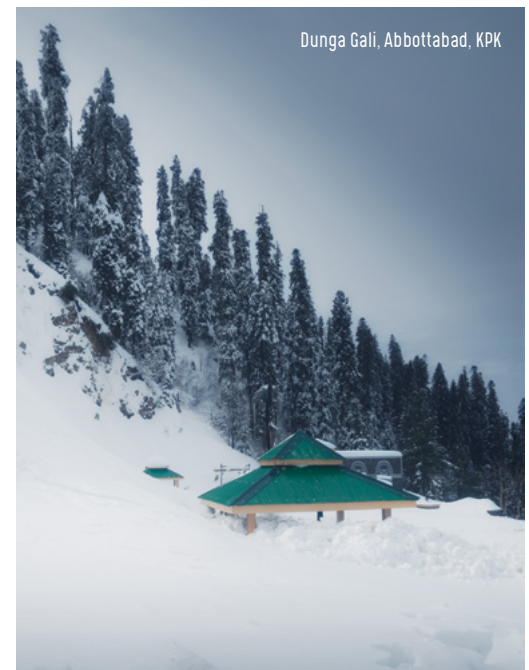


An event organized by the QSindhi Community in Qatar to celebrate Sindhi Culture Day at Al Waha Club, Al Khor, Qatar.



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Pakistan is a beautiful country that is rich in culture and history, as well as natural beauty. With shining deserts and some of the world's highest peaks, the country has myriad attractions for sightseers, skiers, trekkers and mountaineers.



PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, QATAR (PISQ)



Students of primary wing showcasing their activities on Qatar Environment Day.

With a legacy spanning four decades, Pakistan International School Qatar stands as a beacon of academic excellence and cultural heritage, proudly serving a student body of nearly 5,000. As we commemorate Pakistan Day on March 23rd, we honour not only our nation's journey but also the contributions of Pakistanis in Qatar who continue to uphold its values and traditions.



Principal Chaudhary Muhammad Afzal planting olive tree with Primary Wing students as an initiative for "PISQ Kitchen Gardening" on Qatar Environment Day.

PISQ remains steadfast in its mission to promote the essence of Pakistan's rich cultural identity. The school played a pivotal role in the Manzar Gallery Exhibition at Qatar National Museum, one of the largest showcases of Pakistani culture in Qatar, where students and staff had the privilege of experiencing the artistic brilliance of contemporary and classical painters. Events such as Defence Day and Kashmir Day, held across all wings, instill patriotism and a deep sense of solidarity among students. Our commitment to global awareness extends to community-driven initiatives, including our participation in Qatar Environment Day, where students embraced sustainable practices through a kitchen



Principal of PISQ, Chaudhary Muhammad Afzal, with the vice principals of the Girls Wing, Boys Wing, and Evening School during the Graduation Ceremony at PISQ.

gardening project across all wings.

Strengthening ties between Pakistan and Qatar remains central to PISQ's vision. The school actively participates in Qatar National Day celebrations, fostering a spirit of unity between both nations. Our dedication to social responsibility is reflected in initiatives like the cancer awareness campaign and charity fundraising for Qatar Cancer Hospital, where students and faculty come together in the service of humanity. Furthermore, Pakistani students have made their mark by collaborating with the Ministry of Education's "My Value Shapes My Identity" project, reflecting the importance of character-building in youth development.

In the realm of academics and leadership, PISQ has proudly hosted the PISQ Model United Nations (PISQMUN) for the second consecutive year, providing a platform for students to engage in global discourse. As a recognized IELTS and SAT registration center, College Board and UCAS registered institute, and a Pearson Edexcel exam center, the school continues to equip students with resources that pave the way for international academic

success. Through partnerships with esteemed institutions, including Simon Fraser University, Fraser International College, Riphah International University, LUMS, and Qatar Foundation, we ensure students have access to quality education beyond secondary school. Additionally, Turnitin evaluation software has been integrated into our academic framework to enhance students' research capabilities, reinforcing a commitment to academic integrity and excellence.



Deputy Head of Mission Mustafa Rabbani, the chief guest of the Sports Event 2025, being escorted by the PISQ Guard of Honour for the inaugural ceremony at the PISQ cricket ground.

In an effort to expand educational opportunities, PISQ is preparing to launch an evening school program for Kindergarten, catering to the growing needs of the community. Our MoU with the British Council further strengthens our academic standing, providing students with internationally recognized opportunities for growth.

As we celebrate Pakistan Day, we extend our gratitude to the Embassy of Pakistan in Qatar for their unwavering support and collaboration. PISQ remains dedicated to preserving the values of Pakistan while embracing new opportunities for progress. With a vision rooted in tradition and a future driven by innovation, we look forward to many more milestones in strengthening the bond between Pakistan and Qatar.

Long live Pakistan!



Students of Boys Wing attending Stock Exchange.



Pakistan International School, Qatar



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