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Message

Dear Readers,

It gives me immense pleasure to introduce the latest edition of the Pakistan Embassy's newsletter. This initiative is part of our continuous efforts to enhance communication and engagement with the Pakistani community in the United Arab Emirates, as well as our esteemed Emirati hosts.



Our mission in the UAE is multifaceted, focusing on strengthening bilateral relations, promoting trade and investment, providing consular services, and fostering cultural exchange. The embassy in Abu Dhabi and the consulate in Dubai are committed to serving the Pakistani diaspora with dedication and professionalism.

Through this newsletter, we aim to keep you informed about the various activities and initiatives undertaken by our diplomatic missions. Whether it is facilitating business opportunities, organizing cultural events, or addressing the consular needs of our community, our goal is to ensure that the services we provide are both comprehensive and accessible.

In the coming editions, we will highlight the significant work being done by our teams in Abu Dhabi and Dubai. You will find updates on key events, stories of our community members' achievements, and important information on consular matters. We hope this newsletter will serve as a valuable resource and a bridge between the embassy, the consulate, and the Pakistani community in the UAE.

I encourage you to stay connected with us and share your feedback to help us improve our services. Together, we can continue to build a strong, vibrant, and supportive community.

Warm regards,

(Faisal Niaz Tirmizi)

Ambassador of Pakistan to the UAE

1. DIPLOMATIC OUTREACH

October 23rd, 2024

H.E. Hussain Muhammad, Consul General along with Muhammad Saleh, Press Counsellor met H.E. Mona G. Al Marri, Director General Government of Dubai Media Office. The meeting focussed on strengthening Pakistan-UAE relationship through media collaboration, with a special focus on highlighting bilateral ties.





Ambassador of Pakistan Strengthens Cultural and Literary Collaboration at Sharjah International Book Fair

November 9, 2024

Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi attended the Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF), where he engaged with senior leaders in the literary and publishing sectors, reinforcing the deep cultural ties and shared aspirations between Pakistan and the UAE. During a key meeting with His Excellency Ahmed Bin Rakkad Al Ameri, CEO of the Sharjah Book Authority (SBA), Ambassador Tirmizi expressed his appreciation for SBA's commitment to fostering a global literary community and thanked His Excellency Al Ameri for supporting the inclusion of Pakistani authors and publishers at SIBF.

November 26, 2024

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Her Excellency, Aseefa Bhutto Zardari, First Lady of Pakistan, attended the Global Women's Forum in Dubai. The forum included notable attendees and focused on women's empowerment. Aseefa Bhutto Zardari, participated in a panel discussion and held a bilateral meeting with Dubai officials.



Pakistan's First Lady Discusses Women's Leadership

Hadley Gamble interviewed Pakistan's First Lady Aseefa Bhutto Zardari at the Global Women's Forum Dubai. She emphasized women's leadership, her family's ethos, and the importance of empowering women globally through education and opportunity.



2. ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY

October 03rd, 2024

Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi met H. E. Ahmed Jasim Al Zaabi, the Chairman of UAE Chambers and Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce on 3 October 2024. The meeting discussed collaboration between UAE and Pakistani Chambers of Commerce, exploring investment opportunities in Pakistan. The Ambassador invited a UAE business delegation to visit Pakistan. Both sides agreed to enhance economic cooperation through trade facilitation and participation in trade events.



October 5th, 2024

H. E. Hussain Muhammad, Consul General of Pakistan in Dubai, was the Chief Guest at the Chinar Business Conference held on 5th October 2024 at Pakistan Association Dubai (PAD). The event aimed to connect industry leaders and provide networking for businesses. The Consul General highlighted the importance of Pakistan-UAE relations and encouraged compliance with local laws. He assured support for the business community. Mr. Amjid Kabir, President Pak-Chinar Wing, PAD and other notable figures attended the event.



October 08th, 2024

The Embassy of Pakistan along with Bank of Punjab, held a webinar on the Roshan Digital Account (RDA). The RDA helps citizens abroad access banking and offer investment opportunities in Pakistan, supporting economic growth. UAE accounts represent over 25% of total RDAs, with significant investments.



14th October, 2024

Pakistan Pavilion Inaugurated at GITEX Global 2024 by H.E. Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, Pakistan Ambassador to UAE

Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, Pakistan's Envoy to the UAE inaugurated the Pakistan Pavilion at GITEX Global 2024 at the Dubai World Trade Centre. He praised GITEX Global for naming Pakistan the "Tech Destination of the Year 2024" and noted a 34% growth in IT exports to the UAE, reaching \$265 million.



October 14, 2024

Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi met H.E. Helal Saeed Al Marri, Director General of Dubai's Department of Economy and Tourism. He is a member of the Executive Council of Dubai and Director General of the Dubai World Trade Centre Authority (DWTCA).

**October 14, 2024**

Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi met Mr. Kaan Terzioğlu, Group CEO of VEON and Mr. Aamir Ibrahim CEO of Jazz Pakistan during his visit to VEON's stall at @gitex_global held at Dubai World Trade Centre on October 14, 2024.



October 15, 2024

A special networking event, "Pakistan Night," took place at the Pakistan Association Dubai during GITEX Global 2024, bringing together tech professionals and business leaders from various countries. H. H Sheikh Mana Bin Muhammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum attended as Chief Guest alongside other dignitaries. Pakistan's Ambassador to the UAE, Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, thanked the UAE for supporting Pakistan's tech industry. Ali Zeb Khan welcomed foreign delegates and encouraged visits to the Pakistan Pavilion at GITEX.



October 16, 2024

Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi chaired a meeting at the Dubai World Trade Centre to review the performance of Pakistani exhibitors at GITEX Global 2024. Ambassador Tirmizi noted positive responses from companies interested in Pakistan's IT products and promised support for business ventures. He stressed the need for cooperation among IT firms and proposed organizing events focused on digital transformation, cybersecurity, and artificial intelligence to strengthen international partnerships.



October 16, 2024

Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi visited Pakistan based information technology company Systems Limited's booth at @gitex_global at Dubai World Trade Centre.



October 16, 2024

Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi along with visiting delegates from Pakistan and local students visitors standing in front of monument highlighting "Tech Destination Pakistan 2024" displayed at @gitex_global at Dubai World Trade Centre.



October 28, 2024

BEAUTY WORLD MIDDLE EAST, 2024

H.E. Hussain Muhammad, Consul General inaugurated Pakistan Pavillion at Beauty World Middle East 2024. Pakistani companies participated in the Beauty World Middle East 2024, a major beauty trade exhibition held from October 28-30 in Dubai. Sixteen exhibitors from Pakistan showcased various beauty products. During his visit Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi praised the exhibitors for their innovation and quality. The event aims to promote Pakistani products globally and enhance exports.



29 October 2024

ICAP's CFO Conference Emphasizes Inclusive Growth

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP) held the 4th CFO Conference Middle East 2024 in Dubai, focusing on AI, ESG standards, and regional collaboration. The theme was "Inclusive Growth: Reconfiguring Business Strategies," with over 400 financial leaders and policymakers gathering to discuss current economic, technological, and environmental challenges in the region. H. E. Aarefa Al Falahi, member Board of Directors Ras Al Khaimah Chamber of Commerce talked about the crucial role of women in finance. Ambassador Faisal Tirmizi emphasized the importance of collaboration between Pakistan and the UAE for shared prosperity. Mr. Farrukh Rehman, President of ICAP, highlighted the conference's role in preparing finance leaders for the future.



December 18th, 2024

Mr. Ali Zeb Khan, Trade & Investment Counselor, Pakistan Consulate Dubai, met H. E. Muhammad Ali Musabbah Al Nuaimi Chairman Ras Al Khaimah (RAK) Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Dr. Ahmed Al Shameili, Director General RAK Chamber of Commerce & Industry on 18-12-2024 to discuss improving trade relations. They discussed organizing B2B meetings and inviting Pakistani businessmen to invest in RAK Free Zones. The Chairman promised to work with the Consulate for a delegation level visit from RAK to Pakistan.



November 21, 2024

Sharjah-Pakistan Business Roundtable Highlights Shared Vision for Economic Growth

The Sharjah FDI Office and the Pakistan Business Council hosted the Sharjah-Pakistan Business Roundtable in Sharjah, gathering over 200 investors and entrepreneurs to discuss boosting economic ties and investments. Consul General H. E. Hussain Muhammad highlighted the strong relationship between Pakistan and the UAE, emphasizing collaboration opportunities in agriculture, textiles, IT, and renewable energy. Sheikh Fahim Al Qasimi, Chairman of the Department of Government Relations, Sharjah and H. E. Mohamed Juma Al Musharrkh, CEO Invest in Sharjah also spoke about the importance of this partnership, with a panel discussion featuring key leaders from both sides.





26 November 2024

**Ambassador of Pakistan Meets Group CEO of
Abu Dhabi Ports**

Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi met H. E. Mohammed Juma Al Shamsi, Group CEO of Abu Dhabi Ports to discuss progress on recent agreements and future collaboration in trade, logistics, and infrastructure. They agreed to maintain regular engagements for joint initiatives.

3. PAKISTAN IMAGE BUILDING

October 3, 2024

SESSION ON FEMALE SAINTS FROM PESHAWAR TO BUKHARA

The Embassy of Pakistan in Abu Dhabi held a session with Professor Dr. Waleed Ziad from Georgetown University, discussing the lives of female scholars of the Afghan Empire. The session was attended by ambassadors, diplomats, and the Pakistani community members. Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi praised Dr. Ziad for his research on Muslim female scholars. Dr. Ziad thanked supporters for his book "Sufi Masters of the Afghan Empire: Bibi Sahiba and Her Sacred Networks," focusing on Bibi Sahiba Kalan, a key Sufi figure. He highlighted the contributions of female saints in Central.



October 7th, 2024

Ambassador Explores Educational Collaboration Opportunities with Synergy University

Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi visited Synergy University Dubai to explore opportunities for Pakistani students and discuss the university's expansion into Pakistan. He met with faculty, management, and students, and interacted with Pakistani students. A formal agreement for a partnership ensuring future collaboration was discussed during the visit.



10 November 2024

The Embassy of Pakistan in Abu Dhabi hosted Dr. Osama Siddique, a respected literary figure, who previously taught law at LUMS, Pakistan. The session, moderated by Ms. Sabah Karim Khan, was attended by Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi and various Pakistani professionals. Dr. Siddique discussed his background, the importance of early reading for children, and recognized the value of Pakistani literature.



November 6th, 2024

CONSUL GENERAL PARTICIPATES IN ARAB CLASSIC DUBAI-2024 LAUNCH.

H. E. Hussain Muhammad, Consul General, attended the Arab Classic Dubai-2024 baseball tournament opening at Dubai Sports Council. The tournament, held from November 7 to 10, included Pakistan's team and eight others. The Consul General expressed excitement about promoting baseball in the Middle East and emphasized the event's role in enhancing connections between people.



11 November 2024

Pakistan's baseball team delivered an outstanding performance at the Arab Classic Dubai 2024, clinching victory in all five of its matches and remaining undefeated throughout the nine-team tournament. Pakistan emerged as champions, marking a historic moment in the nation's sports achievements during the final match played in Dubai. Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, extended his heartfelt congratulations to the team. Hussain Muhammad, Consul General along with other diplomats of Pakistan Consulate in Dubai were present at the stadium.

12 December 2024

Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi held a meeting with Prof. Mohamed-Vall M. Salem ZEIN, President of the University of Wollongong in Dubai at the University campus. The Ambassador appreciated the efforts of the University for delivering quality education as per international standards. Linkages with Pakistani Universities and student exchange programs were discussed during the meeting.



4. COMMUNITY OUTREACH

October 11, 2024

Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi received the students of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Arab Pakistani School (SKBZAPS), representing the Student Council, on 11 October 2024. The students interviewed Ambassador Tirmizi.



27th October, 2024 Kashmir Black Day Observed

An event to observe Kashmir Black Day was held at the Consulate General of Pakistan, attended by members of the Kashmiri and Pakistani communities. H. E. Hussain Muhammad, the Consul General, thanked attendees for showing support and highlighted the long-standing issues faced by the people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK). He urged the youth to raise awareness about Kashmir issue.



Messages from Pakistan's leaders reaffirming support for Kashmir were shared, along with screening special documentary on the struggle of IIOJK.





30 October 2024

Inauguration of Newly Constructed Consular Halls at the Pakistan Embassy, Abu Dhabi

The newly constructed Consular Halls at the Pakistan Embassy in Abu Dhabi was inaugurated on 30 October 2024, constructed through a partnership between the Government of Pakistan and Al-Ansari Exchange. Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi and Rashed Al Ansari, CEO Al-Ansari Exchange unveiled the plaque and toured the facilities. Ambassador Tirmizi emphasized the government's commitment to providing effective consular services and noted improvements including a Queue Management System and increased seating capacity. He thanked Al Ansari Exchange for their support. Mr. Rashed Al Ansari praised the collaborative effort and acknowledged the Pakistani community's contributions to UAE institutions and bilateral relations.



04 November, 2024

Consul General attends Pakistan Association Dubai's Future Fest Education and Career Expo

H. E. Hussain Muhammad, Consul General, was the Chief Guest at the Future Fest Education and Career Expo organized by the Pakistan Association Dubai (PAD). He highlighted the importance of making thoughtful career choices and encouraged collaboration to enrol out-of-school Pakistani children. He advised students to view careers as a journey focused on purpose and societal impact, while also supporting personal growth. He praised PAD's efforts and encouraged students to take advantage of the opportunities at the Expo.





PAKISTANI EXHIBITORS PARTICIPATE IN GULFOOD MANUFACTURING 2024

Mr. Zubair Motiwala, Chief Executive of TDAP, and Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi inaugurated the Pakistan Pavilion at Gulfood Manufacturing 2024 in Dubai. Pakistan is participated for the first time with 21 exhibitors under TDAP and 8 companies attending independently. The event featured over 1,200 suppliers from 60 countries.



22 November 2024**CONSUL GENERAL CONGRATULATES "PAKISTANIS IN DUBAI" ON ACHIEVING 200,000 MEMBERSHIPS**

H. E. Hussain Muhammad, Consul General, was the Chief Guest at the Pakistanis in Dubai (PID)'s Business Summit in Ajman, celebrating 200,000 members of the digital platform Pakistanis in Dubai. He praised the platform's growth and suggested creating a data bank for the diaspora. He acknowledged the community's contributions, recent initiatives, and emphasized collaboration for development. He congratulated the members and encouraged continued teamwork to promote Pakistan globally.

**December 11, 2024**

Dr. Ghulam Ali Mallah, Executive Director, Inter Boards Coordination Commission (IBCC) called on Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi at the Embassy of Pakistan. During the meeting issues relating to timely documentation of educational certificates were discussed.



20 December 2024

The Pakistan Embassy in the UAE held a Christmas celebration for the Pakistani Christian community in Abu Dhabi. Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi emphasized love, peace, and interfaith harmony in his speech. He thanked the community for their contributions to Pakistan. The event included prayers, music, and a cake-cutting ceremony, showcasing the festive spirit.



27 December 2024

H.E. Hussain Muhammad, Consul General, along with Mr. John Qadir, Pastor, and members of the Pakistani Christian community, come together for a joyful Christmas cake-cutting ceremony held at the Pakistan Consulate in Dubai, UAE.





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