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N the auspicious occasion of the 73rd Independence Day, I extend warmest felicitations to our Pakistanis brothers and sisters and our friends in the State of Qatar. Today, we celebrate the historic 14th day of August 1947 which marked the epic culmination of the heroic democratic struggle of the Muslims of the sub-continent for their right to have a homeland in accordance with their distinct values and aspirations. This day refreshes our enthusiasm and rejuvenates our resolve to work for the progress and prosperity of our motherland. It also inspires us to serve our country and raise our green flag, which symbolises our hopes and aspirations, even higher.

Independence Day, or as we call it, Yaum-e-Azadi, commemorates the extraordinary struggle of the founding fathers who under the able guidance of the Great Leader and the Father of the Nation Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah succeeded in realising the dream of an independent homeland.

The government of Pakistan, under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan, has already demonstrated its strong will to counter all challenges currently confronting the country in the shortest possible time. Various measures have been initiated to overcome challenges, including measures to strengthen the national economy. Welfare of overseas Pakistanis is also high on the agenda of the government. Prime Minister Imran Khan has issued guidelines to all Pakistan Missions abroad stressing upon them to actively pursue economic diplomacy and attract foreign direct investment in various sectors of national economy. We at the Embassy of Pakistan in Doha, have already geared up all our resources in this regard.

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Prime Minister Imran Khan has increased high level visits and strengthened bilateral relations in recent months. Frequent visits have given a boost to bilateral cooperation in all fields including the political, trade, investment and defence spheres. We are grateful to the State of Qatar for its economic support, enhanced investments and greater economic collaboration with Pakistan.

Pakistan has proudly contributed in the progress and development of Qatar and in making it a remarkable success story of our era. Our workforce has made significant contribution in key institutions of Qatar such as the armed forces, police, health, education, banking and civil aviation. The hospitality offered to Pakistanis in Qatar is a reflection of the affection that binds our two countries.

For the Pakistani community in the State of Qatar, Independence Day has always been an especially joyous occasion. They celebrate this day with great zeal and enthusiasm, and this 14th August it will be no different and the community will celebrate Yaum-e-Azadi and pay tributes to the founding fathers in a befitting manner.

Pakistan Zindabad.
Pakistan-Qatar friendship Zindabad.
Pakistan and Qatar enjoy cordial and cooperative relations deeply rooted in common faith, heritage and values. They share similar views on various regional and international issues and cooperate at multilateral forums, especially at the UN and the OIC. The biggest influence has been the presence of a 157,000 strong Pakistani community that is working in various spheres of Qatar and endeavouring for the progress of Qatar.

After the formation of new democratic government last year, there has been an increased warming up of relations with Qatar. Prime Minister of Pakistan Imran Khan paid a landmark visit to Qatar from January 21-22, 2019. The Amir of Qatar His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani paid a return visit to Pakistan from June 22-23, 2019. Besides this, multiple reciprocal ministerial visits also took place over the last one year. These high-level exchanges of visits have further solidified our bilateral relations with Qatar and have opened new vistas of cooperation.

On the invitation of Prime Minister Imran Khan, His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, accompanied by a high-powered delegation comprising key Ministers and Senior Officials, paid a two-day State Visit to Pakistan on June 22-23. His Highness the Amir was received by the Prime Minister, where he was given a 21-gun salute followed by followed by a formal Welcoming Ceremony at the Prime Minister House, where the visiting dignitary was given a tri-services guard of honour. He also witnessed fly past of JF-17 Thunder.

The Prime Minister Imran Khan and HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani held one-on-one meeting, followed by delegation-level talks. The talks were marked by exceptional warmth and cordiality. All aspects of bilateral relations came under review. The two leaders reaffirmed the closeness of Pakistan-Qatar fraternal ties and reiterated the resolve to forge a robust political and economic partnership.

Among other things, it was agreed to take steps to significantly increase bilateral trade; expand collaboration in the agriculture and food sectors; enhance cooperation in the energy sector including in the LNG and LPG fields and exploration and production of oil and gas; promote Qatar’s investments in energy, tourism and hospitality industries; increase...
the number of Pakistani workers employed in Qatar, expand cooperation in the fields of aviation, maritime affairs, higher education, and defence and defence production. It was decided that the respective Ministers would hold further follow-up talks on the areas to give concrete shape to the proposals agreed between the leaders. The two sides also exchanged views on the regional situation and efforts to facilitate the Afghan peace process.

Following the official talks, Pakistan and Qatar signed the following MoUs:
- Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of Pakistan and Qatar Joint Working Group (JWG) on Trade and Investment;
- Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation in the fields of Tourism and Business Events between Government of State of Qatar and Government of Islamic Republic of Pakistan; and

The Prime Minister hosted a Dinner Banquet in honour of His Highness the Amir and his entourage. In a special gesture, His Highness the Amir presented the Qatar National football team jersey to the Prime Minister and received a cricket bat signed by Prime Minister Imran Khan.

His Highness the Amir also held a meeting with the President of Pakistan Dr. Arif Alvi. The President of Pakistan conferred Pakistan’s highest civil award “Nishan-e-Pakistan” on HH the Amir.

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The Amir His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani met President of Pakistan Dr Arif Alvi in Islamabad earlier this year. The meeting dealt with bilateral relations and the means to enhance them in various fields, particularly economy, investment and energy. They also exchanged views on regional and international developments. The Pakistani president granted ‘Nishan-e-Pakistan’, Pakistan’s highest civilian award, to HH the Amir as an expression of the depth of the historical relations between Qatar and Pakistan.
Heartiest congratulations to the Pakistani community in Qatar on the auspicious occasion of Pakistan Independence Day.

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Strengthening Ties With Qatar

Visit of Pakistan’s Prime Minister Imran Khan to Qatar in January this year

The Amir HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani and Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan receiving a guard of honour at the Amiri Diwan in Doha recently.

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Congratulations to Pakistani Community

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Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan paid a two-day official visit to Qatar on January 21 this year. During the visit, Khan held talks with the Amir of Qatar HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani and Prime Minister and Minister of Interior HE Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa al Thani. They discussed ways to promote bilateral relations in various fields, especially in investment, energy, food security and military. They also discussed regional and international issues of common concern. The Pakistani PM also held meetings with leading Qatari businessmen and invited them for investment in Pakistan. Prime Minister Imran Khan also addressed 20,000 members of the Pakistani community at Al Wakra Stadium.

Pakistan Independence Day

Wednesday,
August 14, 2019

Heartiest congratulations to the Pakistani community and the government of Pakistan on the auspicious occasion of Independence Day.

Sohni Dharti Forum
Al-Khor Community

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The Government of Pakistan has announced free tourist/visit visa-on-arrival facility for all Qatari Passport holders including Special Passports, Diplomatic Passports, and Ordinary, with single or multiple entries for a period of 30 days extendable by another 30 days. Visas on arrival shall be provided subject to the following conditions:

- Passport validity for at least six months
- Confirmed return ticket
- Having cash equivalent to $1,500 or a valid credit card

The visa-on-arrival facility for Qatari nationals will further enhance people to people contacts between the two countries.
At present, there are 157,000 Pakistanis living in Qatar and serving the state in different capacities. Pakistani workforce in Qatar is increasing by at a very fast pace in the light of the decision made by the Amir HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani to recruit additional 100,000 Pakistani workers.

In the last three years, three successful joint committee meetings of the technical representatives of labour ministries of both the countries have taken place and two joint ministerial commission meetings were also concluded. These culminated in the establishment of two Qatar Visa Centres in Islamabad and Karachi on December 27 and 29, 2018 and recruitment of more than 50,000 workers from Pakistan.

The total workers remittances in Fiscal Year 2018-19 reached $385.97 million, an increase of 4.01 percent as compared to 2017-18 FY. The welfare of the Pakistani community has remained the epicentre of the Embassy of Pakistan. Channels of interaction with the community have been enhanced especially with the blue collar workers who have contributed enormously in developing the infrastructure of the upcoming FIFA World Cup.

Close liaison has been established with the authorities concerned in Qatar to ensure the well-being of the Pakistani community. The third meeting of the joint committee along with a roadshow of Pakistani manpower exporting agencies was organised in May 2018. Special focus is being given to the overseas Pakistanis for redressal of their grievances through Prime Minister Complaint Cell. Overseas Pakistanis Foundation is launching different welfare schemes in the areas of housing and education for the families of Overseas Pakistanis in order to protect their families.

The Embassy of Pakistan welcomes the recent labour reforms announced by Qatar to protect the rights of workers. The Technical Cooperation Agreement signed between Qatar and International Labour Organization primarily focuses on wage protection, labour inspection, employment contracts, forced labour and promotion of workers voice. Recent establishment of Qatar Visa Centres in Pakistan will greatly benefit the workers as they will be able to complete their resident permit formalities in Pakistan. Facilities like biometrics, medical, fingerprints, document scrutiny, contract signing and visa issuance will be provided in these centres.

The recent launch of Pakistan Banao Certificates is another step taken by the recent government to facilitate overseas Pakistanis. The Technical Cooperation Agreement signed between Qatar and International Labour Organization primarily focuses on wage protection, labour inspection, employment contracts, forced labour and promotion of workers voice. Recent establishment of Qatar Visa Centres in Pakistan will greatly benefit the workers as they will be able to complete their resident permit formalities in Pakistan. Facilities like biometrics, medical, fingerprints, document scrutiny, contract signing and visa issuance will be provided in these centres.

A lot of effort is being made to enhance visa quota for Pakistani nationals so that maximum number of Pakistanis can be employed in Qatar.

Syed Zulfiqar Abbas Bukhari, Minister of State for Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development (OP&HRD) recently attended the 108th Session (Centenary) of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva on June 10-21. He also had a meeting with Qatar’s Minister of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs HE Yousef Mohamed al Othaman Fakhroo.

In the meeting, bilateral relationship with special reference to export of manpower was discussed and both sides agreed to revamp the relationship through active engagement at all levels. The Qatari side assured that Pakistani manpower will be given priority and the Amir’s decision for recruitment of additional 100,000 workforce from Pakistan will be materialised in due course of time.
Public Events By The Embassy of Pakistan

The flag hoisting ceremony at the Embassy of Pakistan on March 23, 2019.

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People gathered at the Embassy of Pakistan for the flag hoisting ceremony on March 23, 2019.

The Embassy of Pakistan organised an event in connection with the Easter Day celebrations.

Members of the Pakistan Army with the Ambassador of Pakistan to Qatar HE Syed Ahsan Raza Shah on the occasion of National Day in Doha on March 23, 2019.

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Minister of State for Interior of Pakistan HE Shafryar Afridi addressing a gathering on the occasion of Kashmir Black Day.

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Ambassador of Pakistan HE Syed Ahsan Raza Shah addressing a gathering during the flag hoisting ceremony on March 23, 2019.

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Cake cutting ceremony on the occasion of National Day.

Each of the images mentioned in the text has a corresponding visual representation, enhancing the description of the events and activities.
Pakistani IT industry is now growing faster than the Indian industry. It is expected to be every 4th dollar in services exports in 2018. Every fifth dollar in 2019.

Local application developers, freelancers, and IT companies are the major driving force behind the success of the computer software sector in Pakistan. There are approximately 1,500 registered local companies involved in a variety of applications development for domestic and corporate use.

Pakistan has the potential to capitalise on this opportunity. The New York Times in 2015 carried an article calling Pakistan “the next software hub.” In the same year, upwork.com, a freelance job portal providing portal with 26 million registered users, reported that Pakistanis accounted for the fifth largest number of software freelancers. Annually, about 10,000 IT graduates enter the job market of Pakistan which has around 150,000 mainstream IT professionals and 150,000 to 200,000 freelancers who have a better record in the international IT market. Pakistanis freelancers have gained better credibility than those in any other country in South Asia according to one opinion. Pakistani freelancers may be slightly expensive, but they complete the job as per agreements with their clients, so they have earned a good name.

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In addition, there is a growing interest from local companies and freelancers to enter the online space, especially after the launch of 3G and 4G cellular spectrums in Pakistan. The majority of these development activities involve consumer applications based on Android or Apple platforms, website development, e-wallets/payments, e-commerce, and online gaming. Most foreign firms operate either through their appointed local distributor or by having their own office where local technical and support teams to cater to their customers’ needs.

The Government of Pakistan on both federal and provincial levels places a high priority on the development of the IT industry, including the software development sector. According to PSEB, the government has launched several policies to encourage local and foreign companies to invest in Pakistan.

Some of these incentives include:
1. 100 percent ownership of equity;
2. Income tax exemption on IT exports revenue until June 2019;
3. 100 percent repatriation of profits;
4. Tax holiday for venture capital funds until June 2024;
5. Accelerated depreciation of 30 percent on computer equipment;
6. The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has allowed banks to open Internet Merchant Accounts;
7. Availability of instant, reliable and high-speed internet connectivity.

The government of Pakistan is promoting growth of only 7-8 percent.

The jobs that have been shifted to Pakistan from India are low-end ones at present. India is the biggest market of data operators and business process outsourcing (BPO) call centres. Experts suggest Pakistan does not need to necessarily mirror the Indian strategy because the needs have changed. The next wave of jobs would be in the Fourth Industrial Revolution, which would need people in areas such as robotics, artificial intelligence, nanotechnology, quantum computing, biotechnology, blockchain, The Internet of Things, 3D printing, augmented reality and autonomous vehicles.

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Pakistani socio-cultural forums and community institutions regularly organise functions to raise awareness about important issues and celebrate different occasions. Here is a glimpse of few events held recently:

PAS-Q organises presentation on heart ailments
Pakistan Arts Society-Qatar (PAS-Q) organised a function to raise awareness among the community members regarding the risks and prevention for heart attack at Pak Shamaa School auditorium. Hamad Medical Corporation cardiologist Dr Tahir Hamid gave a detailed presentation. Community Welfare Attaché at Pakistan Embassy Hafiz Junaid Sial attended the event as the chief guest.

Farewell reception in honour of Defence Attaché Commodore Irfan Taj
The Pakistan Association Qatar (PAQ) organised a function to bid farewell to the outgoing Defence Attaché Commodore Irfan Taj at Golden Tulip Hotel recently. Community Welfare Attaché Junaid Amir Sial and representatives of Pakistan defence institutes were also present on the occasion.

Qatar-based Pakistanis offered to invest in Serenity housing project in Galiyat area
After the success story of Mall of Multan, prominent Pakistani entrepreneur Malik Asrar Ahmad Awan has recently launched Serenity, a five-star apartment project of Khaira Gali in the Galiyat area of north Pakistan with breathtaking views of the mountainous Kashmir valley, surrounded by the dense and pristine pine forest. AAM developer’s team Nadeem Akbar Shaikh and Amir Liaqat recently visited Qatar and invited members of the Pakistani community to invest in the luxurious project and own state-of-the-art properties with all modern facilities.

PMG organises iftar get-together
The Punjab Music Group (PMG) recently organised an iftar get-together at Modern Asian Restaurant. The event was attended by notable personalities, including Bushra Eman, Shaukat Ali Naz, Rana Anwar Ali, Ch Ajmal, Adeel Akbar and Atiq Ur Rehman. Chief Organiser Nazakat Ali Khan invited the guests.

OSindhis organises 5th annual iftar dinner at Al Khor
O Sindhis, a social forum of Pakistan’s Sindhi community in Qatar, organised its 5th annual iftar dinner at Al Waha Club, Al Khor. The event brought together Sindhi community and other Pakistani communities’ representatives at the event to enhance intercommunity unity for the national development and prosperity of Pakistan besides upholding the prestige of Pakistan globally and strengthen Pak-Qatar relationship.

Rich tributes paid to Dr Allama Mohammad Iqbal
Pakistan Women Forum Qatar (PWFQ), in collaboration with Pakistan Association Qatar (PAQ), has organised an event in memory of great philosopher Dr Allama Mohammad Iqbal at Sapphire Plaza Hotel. Justice (ret’d) Nasira Iqbal daughter-in-law and a prominent law expert was the chief guest. Chairperson of PWFQ Shahida Atiq Khan said the purpose of the event was to pay tributes to Dr Allama Mohammad Iqbal and pass on his concept of Khudi to the youngsters.
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Sohni Dharti: Moving Upwards

Gholam Farid
(Export Secretary SD)

Sohni Dharti is a social organisation which represents Pakistani community living in Al Khor. The organisation was established many years ago. If we peep into its past then many individual names come across the mind who have put their energies to make it a top-level social organisation. One prominent name worth to mention is Rana Anwar Ali. Many individuals will agree to the point that Sohni Dharti witnessed significant change under his chairmanship which lasted for four years.

There were many talking points about the transformation Rana Anwar brought to the organisation. I will attempt to put icing on the cake.

Sohni Dharti organises cultural shows on particular days such as Pakistan Independence Day, Pakistan Defence Day and Pakistan Resolution Day to showcase the love and the passion to the beloved country. Special dresses fitting to the thematic tableaux to represent different areas of the country provide a good opportunity for our young generation, to know about the history and the diversities of the culture and custom Pakistan possesses. Ambassadors of friendly countries, dignitaries and a large number of Pakistani community members attended the events to experience the rich Pakistani culture.

Sohni Dharti structured many sporting events for children as well as adults which brought kids to the actual playing field rather than playing on their smart phones and tablets. Cricket and football tournaments arranged quite often for the kids which got attraction and popularity not only among the children but among their parents as well.

Bearing in mind the importance of physical fitness of the community members, Sohni Dharti organised cricket, volleyball and football tournaments. A large number of community members participated in the games which not only brought good effect to fitness but maintain good relations among the community members as well.

Many exciting prizes, coloured uniforms, media coverage, refreshments and extraordinary facilities attract more and more individuals to the games.

Proper arrangement of food stalls at sporting events fetched a lot of audience in the form of kids and families. Sohni Dharti observed many religious programmes like Salam Ramzan where Naat and Qirat competition were held. Seerat e Mustafa in which the qualities of Holy Prophet PBuH were highlighted, Quranic education with Ta-jweed and Arabic learning were held on regular basis.

Apart from spiritual lineups, Sohni Dharti arranged science club and Urdu club as well. Children were trained about science and Urdu language learning, especially to make them read and write the national language at least. Sohni Dharti organised many intra-community events as well. Pakistani Mango festival is one of the major events that is equally popular among the Pakistanis as well as other nationalities. The event can be described as Made in Pakistan which offered a variety of Pakistani mangoes, fruits, vegetables, clothes, shoes, desi food and much more. Jashn-e-Baharan (spring festival), one of the other widespread events where almost all Pakistani hotels and restaurants participate and showcase the Pakistani cuisine.

Eid Bazar has been another successful event which is held during the last week of Ramadan. This event gives opportunities to the ladies to engage in Eid related shopping.

Sohni Dharti, under the chairmanship of Rana Anwar Ali, raised the Pakistani flag high by representing Pakistan on many different levels and junctures. Kids from Sohni Dharti signified Pakistan by performing at Baladna Park, an event organised by Qatar Cancer Society.

Sohni Dharti kids represented Pakistan and performed in Entertainment Village during Pakistan week celebration. Sohni Dharti kids frequently performed at the Pakistan Embassy.

Sohni Dharti organised events to mark Qatar National Day and Qatar National Sports Day. Sohni Dharti helped community members in many embassy-related as well as other common issues and matters.

Rana Anwar Ali worked with four executive committees as Chairman of the organisation and handed over the baton to new executive committee but he has built the association on very strong nitty-gritty and foothold.

The organisation has been taken to the next level. I dare to say at the moment, this organisation is well established, widely known, glowing, reliable, effective and leading social forum.

Saleem Balouch has taken up the role of Chairman of Sohni Dharti. He is leading a very dedicated and professional team. I wish the new chairman and the members of executive committee good luck and a lot of success.

Long Live Sohni Dharti, Long Live Pakistan!
Pakistan International School-Qatar (PIS-Q), which once started its humble beginnings as “Pakistan Education Centre”, has now grown into one of the best schools in Doha. Its constant and consistent growth in the recent past has earned it immense pride at home and credibility in the educational scene of Doha. Being a community school, it has not only strived to provide the best quality education to Pakistani expatriates but to numerous other nations as well. It is this sense of community and shared welfare along with a competent and dedicated administrative team that Pakistan International School has been able to show – case tangible and measurable growth made over recent years.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS

a) Results

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(b) Admissions

Since the past seven years, there is a drastic increase in the number of admissions and we are now high in demand, which is evident due to the long waiting list that consists of Pakistanis and other Nationals.

Total no of students: 3,971, Pakistanis students: 90 percent
Other nationalities: 10 percent

Academic and Professional Achievements

Every academic year we use different techniques to make the teaching more interesting and effective for our students. This year as an international school, we are taking a step forward with an effective leadership and management plan for sustained improvement. Our “School Improvement Plan” (SIP) will be vigorously implemented through the reviewed School Improvement Groups (SIGs), which will include teaching and support staff groups.

It is also vital for our students to participate on global platforms, which is why we take part in the following programmes:

- International Youth Leadership Programme, run by the Supreme Committee of Delivery and Legacy.
- Model United Nation (MUN), participate in Qatar since 2014 and upon invitation attended a conference in Barcelona Spain in April 2019.
- TEDx Projects. (First Pakistani school in Gulf with the license to hold TEDx projects.)
- iEARN Qatar (for the first time our teachers won international trips to Morocco and USA to attend iEARN open houses.)
- IGCSCE CAMPUS AT PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Initiation of IGCSCE along with conventional education system at Pakistan International School is yet another milestone in its progress towards excellence. PIS-Q has already proved its high academic standards in Federal Board exams; IGCSCE project will now help PIS-Q to provide its students with internationally accepted education. To make this dream come true, a separate building has been constructed at PIS-Q, which will accommodate up to 390 students; highly experienced teachers have been hired and admission tests have already been conducted.

The syllabi from class VI to VII has also been changed to prepare our students for Cambridge curricula ahead. The overwhelming demand in admission tests has proven the trust the community puts in PIS-Q and its educational standards. The IGCSCE classes will commence from September 2019.

EVENING SCHOOL

Evening school project has been successfully completed by PIS-Q and hundreds of students have benefitted from this programme. We identified the need to educate our Pakistani over-aged children. These children due to being over-aged were unable to acquire admission in any school in Doha. PIS-Q provided these children with an opportunity to get education when no other institution would take them. In 2015, with permission from the Ministry of Education and Higher Education we started the evening school. This initiative has been widely appreciated, as it is a great service to our community. We began the evening school with 17 students and the number is increasing every year. About 312 students are currently enrolled in our evening school.
Beautiful Karakorams

The Karakorams which means ‘black mountains’, lying to the north of the western Himalayas, stretch for nearly 300 miles from the easternmost part of Afghanistan in a south-easterly direction. Having a width of 150 miles, the Karakorams 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 Karakorams are one of the highest mountain systems of 24,000 feet (7,320 metres) or above, and four of them are above 26,000 feet (7,920 metres). No other mountain system has such a large number of high peaks above 7,000 feet. Craggy peaks and steep slopes are characteristic of the range.

The Karakorams serve as the watershed between the two river basins of the Indus and the Tarim, the Indus, after an initial westerly direction, flowing south and the Khotan tributary of the Tarim flowing north to join the Tarim. These mountains also form the boundary between China and the Northern Areas of Gilgit and Baltistan controlled by Pakistan.

Mountains of Pakistan

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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 the 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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Gasherbrum-I was designated K5 (meaning the 5th peak of the Karakoram) by TG Montgomerie in 1856 when he first spotted the peaks of the Karakoram from more than 200 km away during the Great Trigonometric Survey of India. In 1892, William Martin Conway provided the alternate name, Hidden Peak, in reference to its extreme remoteness. Gasherbrum-I was first climbed on July 5, 1958 by Pete Schoening and Andy Kaufman of an eight-man American expedition.

Nanga Parbat

Nanga Parbat literally, Naked Mountain is the ninth highest mountain in the world at 8,126 metres (26,660 ft) above sea level. It is the western anchor of the Himalayas 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’.

Nanga Parbat is one of the eight-thousander peaks, with a summit elevation of 8,126 metres (26,660 ft). An immense, dramatic peak rising far above its surrounding terrain, Nanga. Nanga Parbat forms the western anchor of the Himalayan range and is the westernmost eight-thousander. It lies just south of the Indus River in the Diamir District of Gilgit-Baltistan in Pakistan. Not far to the north is the western end of the Karakoram range.
Massive Steps To Promote Tourism In Pakistan

Effective branding, building the country’s soft image and strong provincial coordination are vital to flourish the tourism industry. Keeping in view, the present government recently constituted National Tourism Coordination Board (NTCB) with an aim to promote the pluralistic image of country across the globe and synchronise all the regional tourism departments since tourism was a provincial subject after 18th amendment.

The basic component of NTCB’s strategy is to lure the foreign tourists. NTCB would also work out various initiatives to create tourist-friendly environment in the country and ensure provision of quality services to the travellers and tourists. The Law Enforcement Agencies would also taken on board to provide the tourists foolproof security during their stay here.

The development of infrastructure is also imperative to increase tourist activities in the country and the board would only facilitate the provinces in this regard. Protection of environment, culture and heritage would also be ensured as the provincial authorities had been asked to strictly follow government’s guideline in this regard.

Visa-on-arrival facility has been extended to 155 countries, which was limited to only 24 countries in the past, with a view to give a clear message to the world that Pakistan has opened up to the investors, businessmen and tourists.

The Kalash, also called Wazgi or Wai, are a Dardic Indo-Aryan indigenous people residing in the Chitral District of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan.

Ramnik Fort is a historical Talpur fort near Sann, Jamshoro District, Sindh, Pakistan.

A view of the Lahore Fort’s iconic Alamigiri Gate.
Pakistanis in Qatar: Partners in Progress And Prosperity

ARSHAD HUSSAIN

THE Pakistani community provides a tremendous contribution to the development of Qatar. More than 125,000 men and women tirelessly work to enhance and enriching all sectors of Qatar. From adding to social welfare to being an open and shared hub of connectivity with local communities. Pakistani expatriates with the patronage of the Embassy of Pakistan in Qatar are always expanding expertise in every sphere – from intellectual, social, financial, cultural, gastronomic to security and construction. The eminent and influential Pakistani community in Qatar plays a vital role in the development of this beacon of progress in the Middle East.

Pakistanis living in Qatar are an epitome of the freedom which their great leaders envisaged. The freedom where they strive for is betterment of the great host country and their own homeland. I take this opportunity to congratulate Pakistani community living in Qatar on Independence Day and hope that they will continue playing their role to ensure this ideology of freedom is achieved and maintained in good spirit. I wish best of luck to this great nation of great people, in contributing their share to make the world a better place to live for all fellow human beings.

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Anwar Shah

We as professionals in Qatar are proud Pakistanis. I have worked in many countries and have found Pakistanis in all walks of life including the highest management of organisations. The Pakistanis diaspora in every country are thorough professionals serving other nations. At this special occasion I would like to congratulate every Pakistani for playing effective role in your professional career. Together we stand strong. Pakistan Zindabad.

Best wishes to all Pakistanis living abroad, especially in Qatar. It's a good time to emerge our new image as a soft spoken, well mannered, strong and courageous nation serving with highly qualified engineers, doctors, businessmen and all fields of life to the entire world as well as Qatar. We all being Pakistanis should promote our culture, our attire, our language and our high moral values. Pakistan Zindabad.

Javed Iqbal

Being a visual artist and active community member, I am dedicated to raising awareness how art enhances the well-being of individuals, society and environment. On this special occasion, I would like to say thank you to our Pakistani community living in Qatar and Pakistan Embassy to Qatar for playing constant supportive role to promote Pakistani visual artists during their visits to Katara art exhibitions. I would also like to extend a message to Katara, providing continuous patronage for art scene and creating platform for Qatar residents. I congratulate and wish all the very best to the Pakistani community and Pakistani artists living in Qatar for their constant efforts and fortitude.

Mala Waseem

On this great occasion, my warm wishes to all Pakistanis across the globe especially the one living in Qatar. The success of a state is measured by how well it protects its weakest. So it is not only the responsibility of state, but also the people of Pakistan to bring change in society while taking good care of the weakest. We are the nation built on harmony, development, prosperity and peace, achieving milestone for a better future. Happy Independence Day Pakistan Zindabad!

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Anwar Ali, Rana

Happy Independence Day!

It is with great pleasure that on the auspicious occasion of Pakistan’s 72nd anniversary of Independence, I share my thoughts through the courtesy of QT, which plays an important role in highlighting the history and culture of countries represented in the Qatar. Despite several challenges, Pakistan has steadily geared up the path of progress and development. Prime Minister Imran Khan’s government, cognizant of our enormous national potential, has charted a course of growth and development through an elaborate social and economic development.

Fahad Ismail

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Pakistani experts in the public and private sector play a leading role in Qatar. Their contributions are most visible in leading construction projects and the petrochemical industry – both areas considered the quintessential crown jewel of Qatar’s economy. Countless Pakistani scholars and researchers render an amazing service for academia such as Qatar University and Qatar Foundation. A diverse and vibrant Pakistani community actively participates in all cultural programmes. Those include initiatives led by prestigious departments such as the MOL Olympic Committee, Supreme Committee for Legacy and Delivery and many others.

Every year the tens of thousands of Pakistani students in Qatar participate in Qatar’s National Day celebrations. A leading philanthropic initiative called Pakistani Welfare Forum (under the patronage of Pakistani Embassy) works to look after the less privileged in Qatar. Their efforts have been supported and lauded by leading public and private organisations including Qatar Gas, Qatar Charity, Ministry of Education, Education Above All and the Ministry of Awqaf. It was a dream come true for the education loving Pakistani community to establish the first Pakistani university in Qatar and the pride of Pakistanis to be caring for out of school children in Qatar, who come from all communities, ethnicities, nationalities and religions. Being set up as the model for other universities and organisations, in Qatar gas, Qatar Charity, Ministry of Education, Education Above All and the Ministry of Awqaf. It was a dream come true for the education loving Pakistani community to establish the first Pakistani university in Qatar and the pride of Pakistanis to be caring for out of school children in Qatar, who come from all communities, ethnicities, nationalities and religions. Being set up as the model for other universities and organisations.

As a social network called Pakistani Professionals Community (PPC) is a non-political, non-commercial group of professionals and entrepreneurs working together for the community services. PPC was created for interaction with other professionals, to help each other, develop harmony, love and care. In this group, every member has equal rights to express themselves.

This group is meant to connect all Pakistani professionals serving other nations. To provide information about community gatherings and useful information to community members. To create awareness about rules and regulations and useful information to community members. To connect Pakistani expatriates in Qatar and provide a digital platform for communication in the community. To connect Pakistani expatriates in Qatar and provide a digital platform for communication in the community. To connect Pakistani expatriates in Qatar and provide a digital platform for communication in the community. To connect Pakistani expatriates in Qatar and provide a digital platform for communication in the community.

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Promote Pakistani products and create harmony among various community forums.

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For outreach and to introduce new professionals and interact with them on various community forums.
The Assets Declaration Scheme does not make it mandatory for overseas Pakistanis to make declaration of all their assets in Pakistan or elsewhere. The purpose of the scheme is to provide an opportunity to everybody to regularise their tax and other regulatory matters in relation to their assets where any omissions or non-compliances have been made in the past.

To understand the purpose of the scheme and its applicability on overseas Pakistanis, one has to keep in mind following concepts:

- Pakistan income tax liability depends upon the tax residential status of a person irrespective of his nationality. If a person was a tax resident in Pakistan in any particular year (i.e. his stay in Pakistan during a fiscal year was 183 days or more), he is ordinarily taxed on his worldwide income (i.e. includes both Pakistan and foreign source income) subject to certain exceptions. Such person is obliged to declare his worldwide assets in his wealth statement along with the return of income for such year.

- In case of non-resident persons, their tax liability in Pakistan is limited to such income which is sourced in Pakistan. They are only required to file an income tax return for Pakistan sourced income with no obligation to file a wealth statement nor any declaration of their assets is required.

- If an asset in Pakistan has been created out of foreign income, it is expected that such funds are remitted from outside Pakistan through official channels allowed by the State Bank of Pakistan so that their relationship with foreign income can be established.

- Pakistan tax authorities are empowered to ask any person to explain the source of his asset or expenditure if the same was not declared in his tax records in Pakistan. In case of domestic assets, such powers have a time limitation of six years from the end of the year in which the asset was created and in case of foreign assets there is no time limitation.

In the context of overseas Pakistanis, the scheme is relevant to the extent of following:

1. Assets or expenditure (whether in Pakistan or abroad) which were created out of income which was taxable in Pakistan due to the fact that in such year, an individual was tax resident in Pakistan and hence liable to world income taxation which was not declared in Pakistan tax return;

2. Assets in Pakistan or abroad which were created by overseas Pakistanis when they were non-resident but the source of such assets was Pakistan sourced income and the same was not declared in Pakistan tax return;

3. Assets in Pakistan which were created by overseas Pakistanis when they were non-resident but the source of such assets was foreign income and there is no evidence available to substantiate the remittance of funds through official channel of State Bank of Pakistan.

In addition to the above, the scheme is also applicable on 'benami assets' which are generally those assets where the source was provided by one person but the asset created through such funds was being held in the name of another person except in case of close relatives and subject to certain conditions. In case, any overseas Pakistani has a benami asset in Pakistan he is required to disclose the same under the Asset Declaration Scheme.

The details about the scheme and manner in which the filings and payments are to be made is available on FBR website (www.fbr.gov.pk) where the entire procedure is written in a layman language with clear guidance.
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