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Message from
Mr. Asim Ali Khan
Consul General of Pakistan
to the
Western United States

I am delighted to share with you the annual Year in Review-2023 of the Consulate General of Pakistan, Los Angeles during year 2023. It is with a great sense of accomplishment that I share with you the highlights of our endeavors throughout the past year and outline the priorities that have steered our focus during this period.

Our commitment to providing exceptional consular services remained unwavering that stemmed from the recognition of the importance of ensuring the well-being and satisfaction of our citizens within the Consulate General's jurisdiction. Throughout the year, the Consulate General made its top priority to enhance the quality of consular services with the aim of serving the Pakistani-American community.

The Pakistani-American community is at the heart of our mission. This past year, we have actively engaged in initiatives to better understand and address the needs of our community members. Our community outreach programs and services have been designed to foster a stronger bond between the Consulate General and our community, ensuring that we stand united and supportive of one another. The Consulate General supported the community's efforts to foster unity and harmony and actively participated in various events and initiatives led by the community.

Promoting a positive image of Pakistan in the United States has remained our key focus. We have engaged in various programs and events aiming at cultural promotion and positive image building. We have strived to showcase the rich heritage and vibrant diversity that Pakistan possesses. By fostering better understanding, we aim to dispel misconceptions and foster a correct perception of Pakistan in the United States.

Economic diplomacy remains at the forefront of our efforts. We are dedicated to bolstering trade relations between Pakistan and the United States, creating avenues for increased investment and collaboration. Our partnerships with local businesses and trade and professional organizations have been instrumental in promoting bilateral economic growth. In the same vein, the Consulate General has built relations with Pakistani-American community in order to encourage their efforts to strengthen their trade and investment ties with the country of their origin.

Pakistan's breathtaking landscapes and cultural treasures deserve global recognition and broader visibility. To this end, we have actively promoted tourism, encouraging Americans to explore the beauty and hospitality that Pakistan proudly offers. By showcasing the scenic wonders of our country, we aim to attract more visitors and strengthen people-to-people ties.

The information technology sector holds immense potential for collaboration between our



two nations. We are committed to facilitating the growth of Pakistan's IT exports and attracting investments from the United States. Through targeted initiatives and partnerships, we aim to position Pakistan as a hub for innovation and technological advancement.

Our efforts are rooted in a deep commitment to advancing the interests of Pakistan in the United States. The Consulate General has actively contributed to the enhancement of bilateral relations between our nations, contributing to the foreign policy objectives of Pakistan.

I am proud to reaffirm my steadfast and personal commitment to vigorously promote and safeguard the interests of Pakistan within the jurisdiction of the Consulate General. Our dedication extends beyond mere representation; it is a pledge to tirelessly champion the values, aspirations, and well-being of our great homeland and people. In the diverse and dynamic landscape of the United States, our mission is to ensure that Pakistan's narrative resonates authentically and positively. This commitment is woven into the fabric of every initiative we undertake, be it consular services, political and community outreach, economic diplomacy, or cultural promotion.

The Consulate General of Pakistan Los Angeles played its due role in implementing the government's policies, staunchly safeguarding the national interest of Pakistan within its jurisdiction in accordance with the nation's commitment to international principles and obligations. Pakistan assumes a leading role on the diplomatic stage, steadfastly upholding the principles outlined in the UN Charter and international law. Rooted in the belief of equality among nations, Pakistan advocates for a world order governed by the rule of law, where sovereign equality among nations is respected and protected. The country places a strong emphasis on the undifferentiated and non-discriminatory treatment of all nations, firmly standing for the rights enshrined in international agreements. Furthermore, Pakistan champions the cause of human rights for all, reinforcing the

notion that these rights are universal and must be safeguarded without prejudice. With a commitment to providing equal opportunities and fostering the growth of all nations and peoples, Pakistan envisions a world where injustice and discrimination have no place, and where every nation can contribute to global progress on an equal footing.

The Consulate General has adopted a proactive approach in its public diplomacy initiatives. We have also maintained an active social media profile with a view to remain open, transparent and accessible to our larger audience. We have also maintained an active liaison with various community organizations. This wider engagement has helped the Mission in expanding its engagement with Pakistani-American community and to serve them in a better way.

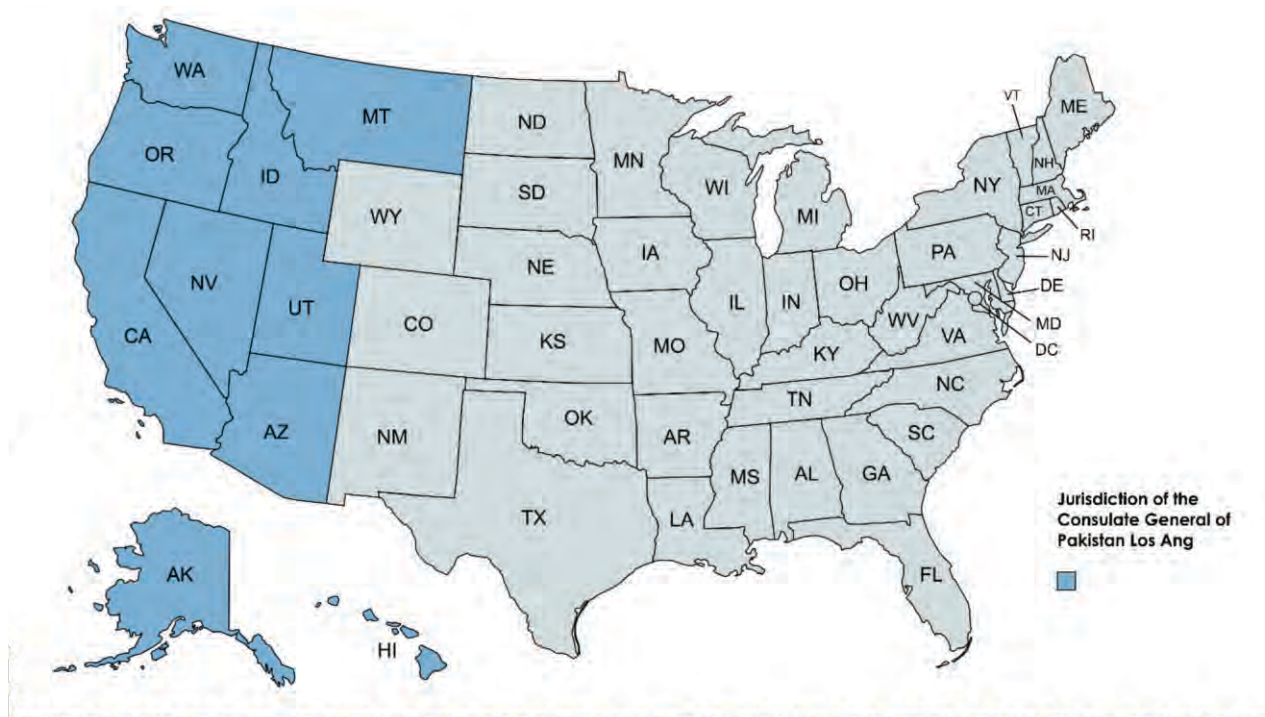
This Annual Review has been published to bring out key public diplomacy initiatives, trade promotion efforts and political activities throughout the year. A number of events, activities and meetings could not be included in this Report due to obvious limitations of space.

I am particularly grateful to Pakistani-American community for their patriotic sentiments for their motherland and their collaboration with the Mission for promoting our shared objective of strengthening Pak-U.S. bilateral relations. Our joint efforts have also been instrumental in promoting unity, harmony and brotherhood among the Pakistani-American community.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the entire team at the Consulate General whose firm commitment and hard work have been instrumental in realizing our national objectives. Their tireless efforts to maintain a high standard of public service have not only strengthened our bond with the Pakistani-American community in the Western United States but have also significantly enhanced Pakistan's standing in our jurisdiction. It is with profound appreciation that I acknowledge the collaborative spirit and resilience of our team, whose collective commitment remains the driving force behind the Consulate's success.

Jurisdiction of the Consulate General of Pakistan in Los Angeles

Sr. No.	State	Abbreviation	State Capital
1.	Alaska	AK	Juneau
2.	Arizona	AZ	Phoenix
3.	California	CA	Sacramento
4.	Hawaii	HI	Honolulu
5.	Idaho	ID	Boise
6.	Montana	MT	Helena
7.	Nevada	NV	Carson City
8.	Oregon	OR	Salem
9.	Utah	UT	Salt Lake City
10.	Washington	WA	Olympia



California, boasting a population of 39.5 million, stands as the most populous U.S. state. Its robust economy, valued at \$3.8 trillion, ranks as the fifth-largest globally.

In the dynamic landscape of international relations, the Consulate General of Pakistan has remained committed to providing a wide array of consular services to the Pakistani community within its jurisdiction. The year 2023 marked a significant chapter in the Mission's commitment to maintaining high standards of service and ensuring the well-being of Pakistani citizens abroad.

In the post-COVID environment, the Consulate General seamlessly provided consular services to the Pakistani community in its jurisdiction without any interruption throughout 2023. These services encompassed passport issuance and renewal, visa processing, attestation of documents, assistance during emergencies, and outreach programs. The streamlined and efficient processes implemented by the Mission facilitated a smooth experience for applicants, contributing to the overall satisfaction of the community. The key aspects of high standard of services included walk-in services without appointments, provision of services through extended hours wherever required, emergency services during holidays, accessibility and excellence in customer services, and a professional and responsive communication strategy.

The Consulate prioritized passport services as a fundamental aspect of its consular responsibilities. Efforts were made to expedite passport issuance and renewal processes, reducing waiting times and ensuring that Pakistani nationals had access to updated travel documents promptly. The Consulate's commitment to enhancing passport services reflected its understanding of the importance of uninterrupted travel for the community including during the Hajj season that required prompt issuance of passports.

Visa facilitation remained a key focus area for the Consulate General in 2023. The Consulate worked diligently to simplify and accelerate the visa application process,

Consular Services by the Consulate General of Pakistan, Los Angeles

providing transparent guidelines and fostering an environment conducive to international travel. Over 9000 visas were



issued by the Consulate General in various categories through a modern Pakistan Online Visa System (POVS). This proactive approach not only contributed to strengthening diplomatic ties but also eased



the travel plans of Pakistani nationals within the Consulate's jurisdiction. This also helped in strengthening people to people contacts between Pakistan and the United

States. Recognizing the significance of document attestation for legal and administrative purposes, the Consulate streamlined its attestation services. Both in-person and online attestation processes worked parallel providing complete facilitation to Pakistani community throughout the jurisdiction of the Consulate General. The Consulate ensured that the attestation process was efficient, reliable, and aligned with international standards. This commitment to document attestation played a crucial role in supporting the legal requirements of the Pakistani community, both for personal and professional endeavors. Thousands of applicants were helped in this stream of services.

During 2023, Pakistan acceded to the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents (Apostille Convention) of 1961. The Convention shortens the public document authentication process to a single formality i.e. issuance of an authentication certificate called as 'Apostille' by the designated authority of the country where the document was issued. Thus, foreign public documents authenticated by Apostille can be directly presented to the concerned authorities without any other attestation requirement.

In line with the obligations as contracting state of the Convention, concerned authorities of Pakistan started accepting the Foreign Apostille Certificates issued by the members/contracting States of the convention from the date of entry into force i.e. 9th March 2023, without any requirement of attestation from Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Pakistan Missions abroad. The process of issuance of 'Apostille Certificates' by Pakistan also commenced subsequently. Normal Attestation Services also continue as usual at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Camp Offices and Pakistan Missions abroad.



Trade & Investment Facilitation and Promotion Activities

Consulate General of Pakistan at Los Angeles

Following are the major objectives of the Trade and Investment activities by the Mission :

- Export promotion (of goods and services (ITeS))
- Promotion of Investment
- Trade Diplomacy
- Market intelligence
- Business networking
- Branding of Pakistan under the banner of —Emerging Pakistan
- Networking with Pakistani diaspora for attracting investments and enhancing remittances
- outflow
- Seeking collaboration opportunities for Pakistani centers of excellence in the fields of science & technology with their US counterparts

Top Sectors for Imports from Pakistan to USA (West Coast)-

- Textiles & Fabrics
- Apparel manufacturing products
- Food products
- Miscellaneous manufactured commodities
- Chemicals
- IT & ITes Services

Pakistan –USA Bilateral Trade Year 2023:

2023 : U.S. trade in goods with Pakistan

NOTE: All figures are in millions of U.S. dollars on a nominal basis, not seasonally adjusted unless otherwise specified. Details may not equal totals due to rounding. Table reflects only those months for which there was trade.

Month	Exports	Imports	Balance
January 2023	210.6	472.3	-261.8
February 2023	195.7	360.8	-165.1
March 2023	189.2	393.8	-204.6
April 2023	188.8	361.4	-172.5
May 2023	214.7	413.7	-199.0
June 2023	192.7	412.0	-219.3
July 2023	141.4	415.5	-274.1
August 2023	162.3	430.2	-267.8
September 2023	165.0	410.7	-245.6
October 2023	132.8	422.1	-289.4
TOTAL 2023	1,793.2	4,092.4	-2,299.2

Year on Year Imports for states under LA jurisdiction with Pakistan

Country	Pakistan									
State	Alaska	Arizona	California	Hawaii	Idaho	Montana	Nevada	Oregon	Utah	Washington
Time	Alaska	Arizona	California	Hawaii	Idaho	Montana	Nevada	Oregon	Utah	Washington
August 2023	5,200	3,419,139	51,275,714	86,250	262,045	16,605	4,773,281	3,470,144	1,794,892	3,991,805
August 2022	0	1,788,805	43,816,737	16,184	170,024	10,271	7,500,914	1,076,338	2,075,305	2,925,658
% change	100%	91%	17%	433%	54%	62%	-36%	222%	-14%	36%

Participation of Pakistani Companies facilitated in the Trade Shows at the West Coast

- **Sourcing at Magic, Las Vegas, February 2023**
- **Sourcing at Magic, Las Vegas, August 2023**
- **Game Developers Conference, San Francisco, March 2023**
- **Disrupt by Tech Crunch, San Francisco, September 2023**
- **OPEN Silicon Valley Forum, San Francisco, November 2023**

Strengths and Opportunities for Pakistan's Export potential to USA (West Coast)

Positive Trade Balance with USA

California constitutes one of the most important export destinations and accounted for nearly 14% of Pakistan's total exports to United States (trade in goods) in the year 2023.

Resilient Export Sectors

Pakistan still remains producer of high quality textile products and since has remained somewhat insulated by the Covid-19 impact, can through marketing and reach out strategies increase its global trade share.

Growing IT Sector and E Commerce access

With more than 20,000 graduates entering the workforce each year in the technology sector and a prevailing pool of more than 300,000 IT engineers in the world's fourth fastest growing freelance market, Pakistan's technology exports have the potential to reach \$10 billion from the present \$1.2 billion in the next 10 years. Pakistan is a preferred source of software developers, programmers, designers and Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) specialists and is ranked the third most financially lucrative destination in the world.

Pakistan's addition to Amazon's sellers' list- an initiative spearheaded by the Consulate General of Pakistan at Los Angeles has created vast opportunities for Pakistani entrepreneurs to sell their products through the platform. The move will help promote more businesses, and online buyers get access to Pakistani brands, which can now reach all significant markets through Amazon. Global trade opportunities for Pakistani textiles are wide open now.

Improving Compliance and regaining Market share

After signing of the Better Work Program Agreement by Pakistan with International Labour Organization. Walt Disney has authorized its licensees and vendors to procure Disney-branded products from Pakistan. Pakistani organizations registered with Better Work Program are being allowed to venture with Walt Disney. Pakistani vendors should be urged to join the 'Better Work Program' to benefit from the share large market share of Walt Disney globally.

Moving up the Global Value Chain

Exports of 13 sectors, including value-added textiles, posted double-digit growth in July-May 2022-23 compared to the same period a year ago. Growth in exports of value-added sectors contributed to an increase in overall exports from the sectors. One of the reasons for growth in these sectors is the low base of last year when export-oriented industries remained closed due to the Covid-19 lockdown and cancellation of orders from international buyers. Pakistan's textile exports have mostly recovered from the Covid-19 pandemic shocks and have picked up a growing pace. Multiple internal and external factors have helped textile exports after tough times. Internally, the energy package announced for the export industry and market-based exchange rates has helped exports become competitive.

Highlights of Media Coverage



Consul General spoke at the Washington Night Show at the Capital TV about his commitment to serve and facilitate the Pakistani American diaspora at the West Coast USA

February 27, 2023



Pakistan Day Flag Hosting ceremony by the Consul General Asim Ali Khan with Community at the West Coast

March 23, 2023



Message by Consul General Asim Ali Khan on the Occasion of Pakistan Day Coverage by Capital TV

March 23, 2023



Consul General Asim Ali Khan addressing the Pakistan Tech Investment Forum organized by the Consulate General of Pakistan in Los Angeles in collaboration with Pak-Launch.

June 24, 2023



Consul General Asim Ali Khan addressing Pakistani community on the Independence Day celebration at The Pakistan House, Los Angeles

August 14, 2023



Consul General Asim Ali Khan speaking to Dunya TV about Pakistan's first country Pavilion for a Tech Trade show in the USA at TechCrunch San Francisco

September 21, 2023



Christmas Celebration event hosted by the Consulate General

December 20, 2023

Ambassador Masood Khan speaking to Media on investment opportunities in Pakistan for US investors at OPEN SV Forum San Francisco



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Key Public Activities of the Consulate General during 2023



9 January 2023 Signing of Sister-States Agreement

An Agreement to declare Punjab and California as sister provinces/states was signed on 9 January 2023 at the State Capitol building in Sacramento, California. Representing the state of California, Mr. Anthony Rendon, Speaker of the California State Assembly signed the agreement. On behalf of the government of Punjab, the agreement was signed by Mr. Wasif Khurshid, Chairman Planning and Development board Punjab. Ambassador Masood Khan witnessed the signing ceremony. Former Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gillani was also present at the occasion.



5 February 2023 Kashmir Solidarity Day

The Consulate General of Pakistan in Los Angeles conducted a webinar to commemorate the Kashmir Solidarity Day. The event served as a platform to express solidarity for the unwavering struggle of the Kashmiri people. The Consulate General reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the Kashmiri cause until they attain their inherent right to self-determination.

12 February 2023 Participation in Textile Exhibition

The Trade Wing of the Consulate General of Pakistan in Los Angeles set up a Pakistan Pavilion at 'Sourcing at Magic,' a preeminent textile trade exhibition on a global scale. Twenty-seven leading companies specializing in Textile, Apparel, Denim, Footwear, Leather, and Sportswear from Pakistan showcased their products, garnering significant attention and fostering business opportunities at the event.





The Pakistani American community in Los Angeles raised more than US\$100,000 in a fund raiser for earthquake victims of Türkiye. Consul General of Pakistan in Los Angeles Mr. Asim Ali Khan, Consul General of Türkiye and Acting Consul General of Azerbaijan attended the event.

15 February 2023

Meeting with leaders of Pakistani community in Southern California



Members of the Pakistani American community in Los Angeles called on Consul General, Mr. Asim Ali Khan. The Consul General appreciated their achievements and their constructive role in enhancing Pakistan's image abroad.

The Pakistani diaspora in the United States plays a crucial role in fostering a strong and enduring friendship between the two nations. Beyond geographical boundaries, this vibrant community serves as a bridge, facilitating people-to-people contacts, economic collaboration, and cultural exchanges. The diaspora actively contributes to strengthening bilateral ties by promoting a deeper understanding of Pakistan's rich heritage and traditions. Additionally, their role in enhancing economic collaboration fosters socio-economic development in Pakistan. Through various initiatives and engagements, the Pakistani-American community in the U.S. becomes a catalyst for positive change, building lasting connections that benefit both nations and contribute to a more interconnected and harmonious global community.

5 March 2023

Engagement with Pakistan's IT Industry



The Consul General attended the Spring Meet-up of Pakistan Software House's Association (PASHA). Enhancing Pakistan's IT exports and IT business with the United States tops Pakistan's economic diplomacy agenda. In his remarks, the Consul General urged Pakistani software companies to tap the vast potential in the U.S. market and assured them of full support of the Consulate General.

17 February 2023

Meet & Greet with the Pakistani Community



A Meet & Greet with the Pakistani Community was held at the Consulate today. The new Consul General Mr. Asim Ali Khan appreciated contributions made by the Pakistani community and underscored the need for the Consulate and the Community to work together to promote and advance Pakistan's interests in the United States.

19 March 2023

Interaction with Council of Pakistan (COP)

Council of Pakistan (COP), community organization, hosted a welcome dinner for the Consul General in Los Angeles. The Board Member of COP and their families joined the occasion and discussed a broad range of cultural activities for the year.



22 March 2023

Participation in the Game Developers Conference (GDC) at Silicon Valley

The Consul General inaugurated Pakistan pavilion at Game Developers Conference(GDC) 2023 at Silicon Valley in San Francisco along with the U.S. Consul General based in Lahore. A number of IT companies from Pakistan participated in the GDC-2023. The GDC brings the game development community together to exchange ideas, solve problems, and shape the future of the gaming industry through education, inspiration, and networking. Attendees include programmers, artists, producers, game designers, audio professionals, and business leaders.



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Flag Hoisting on the Occasion of Pakistan Day-2023

A dignified ceremony to celebrate Pakistan Day was held in Los Angeles. The festive event was attended by notable members of Pakistani-American community in California.

Following the flag-hoisting, Consul General Asim Ali Khan highlighted the historical significance of the day, acknowledged contributions being made by the Pakistani-American community and apprised them of the recent measures being taken by the Government of Pakistan to facilitate overseas Pakistanis. The Consul General also underscored the important initiatives being taken by Pakistan at the diplomatic level.



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Consul General

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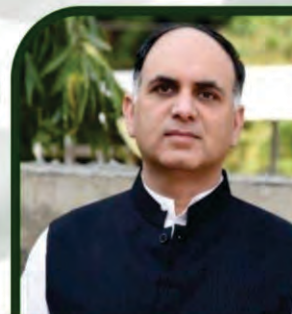
on being awarded

*Sitara-e-Imtiaz
(Star of Excellence)*



Asim Ali Khan

Consul General of Pakistan
in Los Angeles



Consul General Asim Ali Khan was conferred with the Civil Award of Sitara-i-Imtiaz by the President of Pakistan in recognition of his meritorious public service. In a statement the Consul General said he was truly humbled and honored on the occasion and that it motivated him to serve Pakistan with more determination and passion.



24 March 2023

Community Engagement in Phoenix Arizona

The Consul General had a productive and fruitful interactive meeting with members of the Pakistani-American Community in Phoenix, Arizona, organized by Pakistan Information and Cultural Organization (PICO). The Consul General encouraged the community to strengthen people-to-people contacts, cultural cooperation and economic bridges between Pakistan and the State of Arizona.



26 March 2023

Promotion of Pakistan's IT Industry in the Silicon Valley

The Consul General held meetings with Pakistan's IT companies participating in the GDC-2023 in San Francisco. The Consulate General has assigned top priority to the enhancement of Pakistan's IT exports and attract FDI in IT Sector. The Silicon Valley is home to world's biggest tech companies including giants such as Apple, Hewlett Packard, Google, Oracle, Intel, Cisco Meraki, Facebook, Broadcom, Adobe and eBay. The Consul General urged Pakistani companies to enhance their networking with the IT sector in the U.S. and assured them of the full support of the Consulate General.



26 March 2023

Iftar Meeting with Friends of Pakistan Link (FOPL)

FOPL held a community Iftar and invited the Consul General. Various initiatives for broader engagement with Pakistani-American community were discussed in the meeting.



Consul General Asim Ali Khan met with the Honorable Katie Hobbs, the Governor of Arizona, in Phoenix. He conveyed greetings from Pakistan and discussed prospects of enhancing cooperation between Pakistan and the State of Arizona and strengthening bonds of friendship between Pakistan and the United States.

Arizona's economic potential is quite promising, offering a dynamic mix of established industries and emerging sectors. The state boasts of a diverse economy beyond tourism, with growing sectors like aerospace, bioscience, advanced manufacturing, and technology. Arizona's diverse landscape also offers abundant natural resources like copper, lithium, and solar energy potential, attracting investments in renewable energy and resource extraction.



Consul General Asim Ali Khan addressed members of the Pakistani-American Tech community during an event hosted by Organization of Pakistani Entrepreneurs of North America

(OPEN) Silicon Valley (SV) Chapter. The gathering provided attendees with a unique opportunity to interact with each other, establish valuable connections, and explore new possibilities for innovation and growth.

The Consul General stressed that OPEN Silicon Valley has the potential to play a pivotal role in building and advancing Pakistan's Information Technology industry through multifaceted initiatives. By promoting investment in Pakistani tech ventures, OPEV-SV can stimulate the growth of the IT sector, providing much-needed capital for innovation and expansion. Facilitating technology transfer from Silicon Valley to Pakistan would infuse the local industry with cutting-edge expertise, elevating its capabilities. Collaborative efforts in training programs and skill development would empower Pakistani professionals with the latest knowledge and skills, enhancing the overall competency of the workforce.

The Consul General also emphasized that encouraging joint ventures between Silicon Valley and Pakistani tech companies can lead to mutually beneficial partnerships, fostering innovation and market access. Furthermore, OPEV's support can contribute to increasing Pakistan's IT exports, creating a positive impact on the country's economic landscape. By leveraging the expertise and resources of Silicon Valley, OPEN-SV has the potential to catalyze transformative growth in Pakistan's IT industry, propelling it to new heights of success and global competitiveness.

2 April 2023

Saba Home Fundraising Iftar



Saba Homes is a non-profit humanitarian and educational organization that operates a home for orphan girls and an emerging school system in Pakistan. The organization headquartered in Costa Mesa, California arranged a fund-raiser Iftar to support its projects in Pakistan. The Consul General and notable members of Pakistani-American community participated in the event.



9 April 2023

Laiba Memorial Welfare Organization (LMWO) Fundraiser Iftar



The Consul General participated in a fundraiser Iftar dinner hosted by LMWO at Orange County. The proceeds of the fundraiser help support impoverished and disadvantaged communities in Pakistan. LMWO through sustainable programs and initiatives wishes to help & assist low-income families in Pakistan and those based in and around the backyards of Los Angeles; with an effort to bring long-term economic security to our neglected communities. This effort requires communities to be provided with greater access to resources, such as clean drinking water, food, healthcare, education shelter

11 April 2023

Visit to NETSOL Technologies Office in Los Angeles



The Consul General held a meeting with Mr. Najeed Ghauri, the Founder, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, NETSOL Technologies, Inc. at the Netsol HQ in Los Angeles. Both sides discussed ways to expand Pakistan's IT exports to the U.S. and promotion of Pakistan's IT sector. NETSOL, a Pakistani IT company, with its forty years of experience in providing state-of-the-art solutions, and consulting services to the global finance and leasing industry, is catering to companies with ever growing and diverse business requirements across the world.

11 April 2023

Meeting with Mr. RamuFrankle Rivers, Chair DEC Southern California



Mr. Rami Frankle Rivera, Chair District entertainment Committee Southern California called upon Mr. Asim Ali Khan, Consul General of Pakistan. Mutual collaboration avenues in Pakistan-USA entertainment and Tourism industry were discussed. Both sides discussed several potential ways Pakistan could benefit from the Hollywood media industry including job creation, boosting tourism, infrastructural development, positive image building and sharing of mutual experience.



Consul General Asim Ali Khan met U.S. Congresswoman Rashida Talib in Los Angeles. He admired her passion and bold efforts for international peace, justice, human rights, freedom, and equality for everyone, especially minorities.



Consul General Asim Ali Khan met with U.S. Congresswoman Maxine Waters in Los Angeles. Matters related to Pak-U.S. bilateral cooperation were discussed.



The Consul General met Senator Bob Archuleta of California Legislature. Both sides discussed ways to strengthen bonds of friendship and cultural and economic bridges with Pakistani-American community. The cooperation between Pakistan and the State of California holds tremendous potential across various sectors, presenting a unique opportunity for mutually beneficial collaboration. In technology and innovation, the dynamic environment of California, particularly Silicon Valley, can foster partnerships that contribute to the growth of Pakistan's IT industry. In agriculture, knowledge-sharing between California's advanced agricultural practices and Pakistan's agrarian landscape can enhance productivity and sustainability. Energy collaboration can tap into California's expertise in renewable energy, aligning with Pakistan's efforts to meet its energy needs sustainably. Educational exchanges can strengthen ties, promoting academic partnerships and cultural understanding. With a shared commitment to economic development, environmental sustainability, and cultural enrichment, the collaboration between California and Pakistan has the potential to create a positive impact on both regions, fostering growth, innovation, and enhanced global cooperation. The Consulate General is working on different fronts to promote this multi-faceted cooperation.

17 April 2023

Grand Inter-faith Iftar hosted by Pakistan American Chamber of Commerce (PACC)



The Grand Interfaith Iftar was hosted by Pakistan-American Chamber of Commerce at Los Angeles Convention Center. The Consul General in his remarks highlighted the need for inter-faith harmony and emphasized on the spirit of Ramadan to foster brotherhood, sacrifice and empathy.

19 April 2023

Community Outreach



Consul General Asim Ali Khan participated in an Inter-Faith Iftar hosted by the Inglewood Mosque in collaboration with members of the Pakistani Community. Consul General of Turkey also attended the event.



20 April 2023

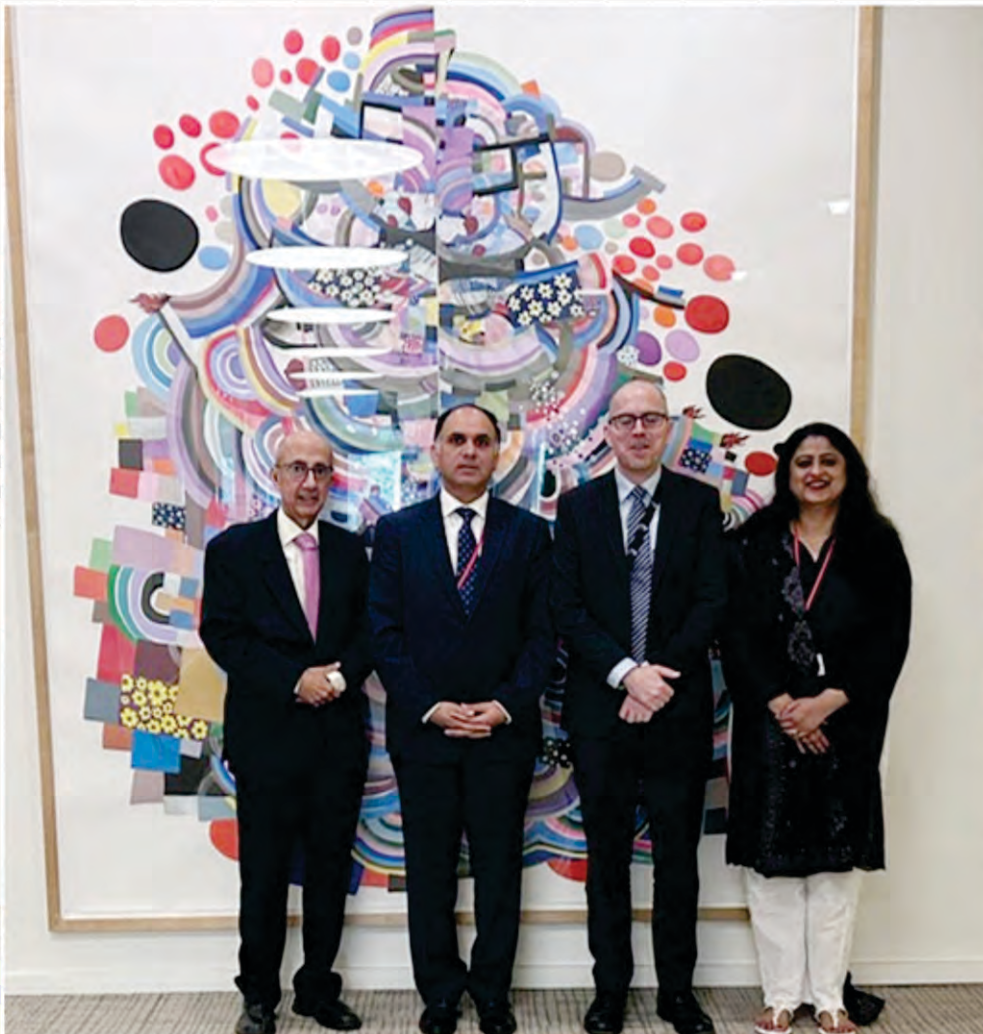
Visit to Netflix Headquarter in Los Angeles

The Consul General visited the office of Netflix in Los Angeles. The meeting focused on enhancing cooperation between Pakistan's film industry and increasing Pakistan-related digital content on the streaming platform. The global streaming service offers a platform for promotion of culture, tourism, business and enhancing soft power of countries. Pakistan can be an attractive market for Netflix which can connect it with international entertainment industry.



27 April 2023

Visit to RAND Corporation



Consul General Asim Ali Khan had a constructive and productive meeting with Mr. Jason Matheny, President and CEO of RAND Corporation. Both sides exchanged views to enhance efforts for peace, security and development in South Asia and for strengthening Pak-U.S. bilateral relations.

29 April 2023

Participation in the International Day at Manhattan Beach and Cultural Exchanges

The Consulate General of Pakistan Los Angeles actively participated in the International Day organized by the Manhattan Beach Unified School District (MBUSD). A Pakistan booth was set up at the event that garnered huge interest among the local community and visiting participants. The event helped introduce Pakistani cuisine, arts and crafts and music.



30 April 2023

Community Outreach in San Diego



An Eid Get together with Pakistani community in San Diego, California organized by Pakistani American Association of San Diego (PAASAND). In his remarks the Consul General appreciated contributions of Pakistani-American community towards socio-economic development of both countries and for strengthening the bonds of friendship between Pakistan and the United States.



02 May 2023

Participation at The World Trade Week



Consul General Asim Ali Khan met with visitors at the Consulate General's Pakistan Booth promoting Pakistan's products and tourism at the WorldTradeWeek2023 organized by Los Angeles Ares Chambers of Commerce. The event was attended by Lt Governor of California, California Congress members and Mayor of Los Angeles, industry representatives among others.

02 May 2023

Political Outreach to Members of U.S. Congress



The Consul General held a meeting with U.S. Congresswoman Young Kim of California. Matters related to Pak-U.S. bilateral cooperation came under discussion. The Consul General invited the Congresswoman to Pakistan.

03 May 2023

Promotion of Urdu Language and Literature

Urdu Writers' Society of North America hosted the Consul General. Promotion of Pakistani arts and culture especially the contributions of the Society toward Urdu literature were deliberated in the meeting. Urdu holds profound significance for the Pakistani American community as it serves as a cultural bridge, connecting them to their roots and fostering a sense of identity and belonging. For many Pakistani Americans, Urdu is not merely a language but a vessel of rich traditions, literature, and heritage.



06 May 2023

Outreach to Pakistani professionals in North America

NED Alumni Association of Southern California (NEDAASC) held its 15th Anniversary celebrations in Los Angeles. In his remarks the Consul General appreciated the NED alumni for their remarkable contributions.

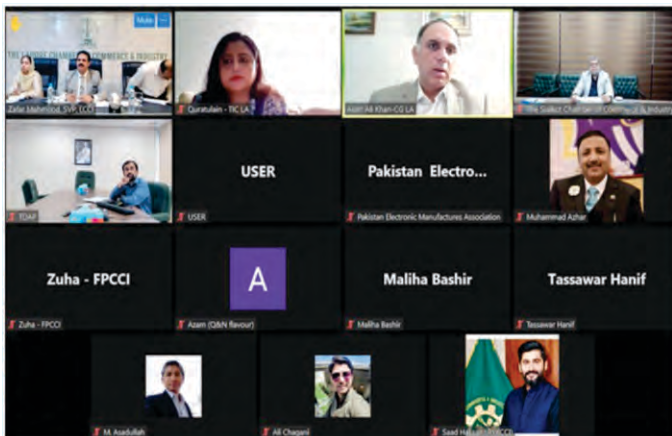
12 May 2023 Outreach to Mosques/Islamic Centres in Los Angeles

The Consul General attended a luncheon meeting at King Fahad Mosque. He appreciated the community services provided by the management of King Fahad Mosque in Los Angeles. Los Angeles County Sheriff was also invited in the meeting.



16 May 2023 Webinar on Trade Opportunities at the West Coast USA

Consul General held an interactive session arranged in collaboration with TDAP on trade opportunities in USA. Chambers of Commerce of Sialkot, Faisalabad, Lahore, Karachi and Rahimyarkhan participated in the meeting.



16 May 2023 Meeting with Mayor of Manhattan Beach

The Consul General visited the city hall and held a meeting with the Mr. Richard Montgomery, the Mayor of Manhattan Beach City and the head of Manhattan Beach Education Foundation

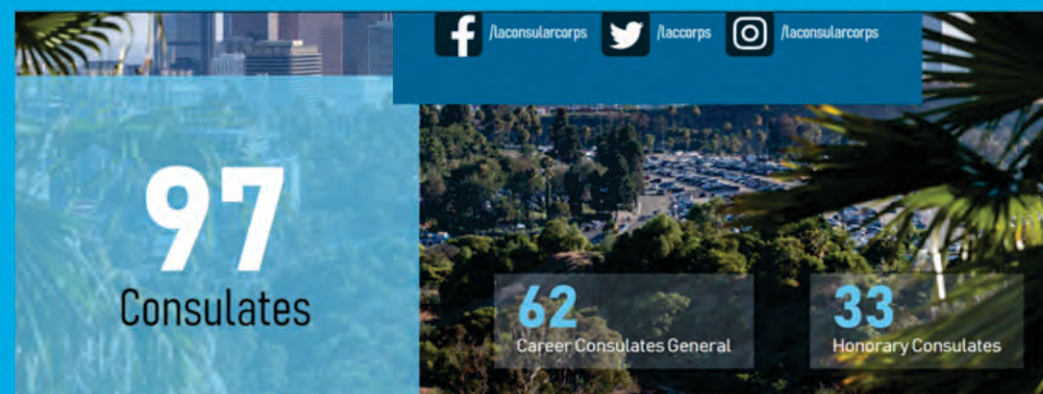


19 May 2023

The Consular Corps of Los Angeles in collaboration with Rotary LA5 participated in a retreat at the Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens. The Consul General made a presentation on Pakistan and interacted with members of the LA Consular Corps and successful business leaders on the occasion.

In his remarks, the Consul General highlighted the leading role played by Pakistan on many fronts at international level. The Consul General also noted that Pakistan holds the rich legacy of the ancient Indus Valley Civilization, one of the world's oldest and most advanced civilizations. The roots of this remarkable culture can be traced back to approximately 3300

BCE, encompassing the region that is present-day Pakistan. The archaeological sites of Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa, located in modern-day Pakistan, stand as testimony to the sophisticated infrastructure and cultural advancements of this ancient civilization, showcasing a heritage that continues to captivate historians and enthusiasts alike.



20 May 2023 Meeting with Speaker of California State Assembly

The Consul General held a meeting with Mr. Anthony Rendon, Speaker of California State Assembly. Both sides exchanged views on further promoting bilateral cooperation with State of California. The Consul General appreciated the Council of Pakistan (COP), a community organization dedicated to political advocacy for organizing the get together.



20 May 2023 Annual Retreat of Dow Graduates Association of North America (DOGANA)



26 May 2023 Mehfil-e-Naat at Pakistan House Los Angeles



The Consul General hosted a Mehfil-e-Naat at Pakistan House Los Angeles in which members of Pakistani community participated. The gathering served as a means of fostering a deep connection with the spiritual and religious aspects of Islam, creating an atmosphere of love, reverence and devotion. The participants used this platform to express their affection for the Prophet (PBUH), share teachings from his life, and seek spiritual enrichment. It also helped promote a sense of community, reinforcing religious values, and fostering a collective appreciation for the exemplary life of the Holy Prophet (PBUH), within the framework of Islamic traditions.

28 May 2023 Cultural Night with Rahat Fateh Ali Khan



Pakistan's music and Qawwali icon Ustad Rahet Fateh Ali Khan performed at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts and enthralled the audience with his music. The event exhibited Pakistan's rich and great cultural traditions and Sufi devotional music in the U.S.

2 June 2023 Cultural Exchanges



The Consul General addressed members of Rotary Club at Colton California. He spoke on Pak-U.S. diplomatic and economic relations and opportunities for enhancing mutual cooperation. The participants showed keen interest in Pakistan's culture and and tourism opportunities in Pakistan.

16 June 2023

Meeting with the Mayor of Irvine City



Consul General Asim Ali Khan had a productive meeting with Ms. Farah Khan Mayor of Irvine, the first female Mayor of Pakistani origin. The wide ranging discussion focused on enhancing people to people contacts, promoting community welfare, trade & investment.

17 June 2023

Promotion of Pakistani Art and Culture



The Consul General inaugurated at the Muzeo Cultural Center painting exhibition of talented Pakistani-American Artist Mr. Irfan Murtaza. He appreciated his beautiful depiction of Pakistan's history, rich culture, civilizational heritage and diversity.



A Pakistan Tech Investment Forum was organized at the Consulate in collaboration with Pak-Launch. The purpose of the event was to highlight initiatives undertaken by the Government to promote the growth of IT Sector in Pakistan.

Speaking on the occasion in his keynote address, the Consul General, Mr. Asim Ali Khan, stated that the exponential growth of IT industry in Pakistan in the last decade has changed the perception of the capacity and capability of a knowledge-based service economy.



The Consul General in his remarks highlighted that Pakistani mangoes boast a significant export potential, renowned for their exceptional taste, aroma, and quality. Pakistan is one of the largest producers of mangoes globally, and its varieties, such as Chaunsa and Sindhri, are particularly acclaimed. The export potential of Pakistani mangoes is heightened by their compliance with international standards and stringent quality control measures. The fruit's availability spans from April to September, providing an extended export season. Pakistani mangoes have gained popularity in various international markets, including the Middle East, Europe, and North America, attracting consumers with their unique flavor profiles. The country's mango export industry has been making concerted efforts to expand its market reach and enhance trade relationships, showcasing the potential for further growth in the global export market.



Pakistani American Chambers of Commerce (PACC) in collaboration with the Consulate General of Pakistan in Los Angeles organized "Pakistani Mango Festival", which was attended by members of local Pakistani, Sikh and American communities as well as local officials.

6 July 2023

Meeting with Members of U.S. Congress

Consul General Mr. Asim Ali Khan held a meeting with U.S. Congresswoman Hon. Judy Chu in LA. He discussed enhancement of bilateral relationship and invited her to visit Pakistan. The Consul General also briefed the Congresswoman on Pakistan's position on international issues of mutual interest.



11 July 2023

President of Arts Council of Pakistan visits Consulate General

The Consulate General hosted Mr. Ahmed Shah, the President of Arts Council of Pakistan based in Karachi. The Arts Council of Pakistan, Karachi is a prestigious non-profit and non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting arts, culture, literature, and fine arts in Pakistan. It is one of the oldest and most respected cultural institutions in the country, and has hosted a number of renowned artists and intellectuals over the years.

Matters related to enhancing cultural exchanges through collaborative efforts came under discussion.



19 July 2023

Reception hosted by Mayor of Los Angeles

The Mayor of Los Angeles Hon Karen Bass invited the Consul General at her Residence, the Getty House. The Los Angeles Consular Corps, is the third largest Consular corps in the world representing the diversity and plurality of the international community in LA. U.S. Amb to UN HE Linda Thomas Greenfield also spoke.



20 July 2023

Visit to USC Pacific Asia Museum

USC Pacific Asia Museum Pasadena held an exhibition displaying work by three contemporary Pakistani artists. The Consul General visited the Museum and appreciated Pakistan Arts Council for promoting Pakistan's beautiful and rich cultural heritage in the U.S.A.



23 July 2023

Meeting with Pakistan-American Chamber of Commerce



The Consul General held a meeting with Pakistan-American Chamber of Commerce (PACC). Discussions were focused on ways to enhance Pakistan's exports to the United States and promotion of Pakistani products on the West Coast.

24 July 2023

Meeting with Mayor of Torrance



The Consul General visited the office of the Mayor of Torrance, Hon George Chen. Both sides discussed bilateral cooperation and how to expand avenues of further collaboration including the potential of Sister/Friendship city arrangements. Mayor Chen and his team also briefed the Consul General on the opportunities in trade and Investment in the City of Torrance.



30 July 2023

Mushaira arranged by Urdu Writers Society of North America

The Urdu Writers Society of North America arranged a Mushaira in Los Angeles. Prominent Pakistani-American Urdu poets participated in the event and presented their poetry. In his remarks the Consul General said that Pakistani-American Urdu poets have made significant contributions to the promotion of Pakistani culture in North America. Through their literary works, performances, and community engagement, these poets preserve the Urdu language, act as cultural bridges between Pakistan and North America, and promote tolerance and diversity.

4 August 2023

Youm-i-Istehsal for the oppressed people of Jammu & Kashmir



6 August 2023

Interaction with Pakistani Community in Las Vegas



The Consul General visited Las Vegas and interacted with Pakistani community in Nevada. He also addressed Pakistani physicians based in Nevada. The Consul General urged Pakistani-American physicians that their unique skills and knowledge placed them in a prime position to make a lasting impact on healthcare in Pakistan. He requested them to continue their noble efforts of supporting the health sector in Pakistan particularly the needy and the underprivileged sections of the society. He said that by sharing their experience, collaborating with local healthcare professionals, and contributing their time and expertise, Pakistani-American physicians can play a vital role in addressing healthcare challenges in Pakistan.

7-9 August 2023

Pakistan Pavilion at Sourcing at Magic Textile show Las Vegas



An Event observing 'Youm-i-Istehsal' in solidarity with the people of IIOJK was held at the Consulate General. The Consul General highlighted the illegal steps taken by the Indian Government to strip Kashmiris of their fundamental rights, underscored the steps taken by the Government of Pakistan to draw attention of the international community to the issue and encouraged the participants to keep raising their voice in support of the oppressed people of IIOJK.

The Consulate General participated in the Sourcing at Magic Textile Show in Las Vegas. A number of textile exporters from Pakistan participated in one of the biggest textile exhibition in the U.S. The Consul General inaugurated Pakistan's pavilion. Addressing the participating Pakistani companies, the Consul General said that in the competitive landscape of global trade, it is crucial to embrace innovative approaches to enhance Pakistan's textile exports to the United States. He stressed that as key players in the textile industry, adapting to evolving market trends and consumer preferences is essential. He also said that incorporating sustainable practices in export-oriented production processes was now all the more important, as there was an increasing demand for eco-friendly textiles in the U.S. market. He also noted that our textile exporters needed to leverage digital marketing and e-commerce platforms to reach a broader audience. He stressed that by embracing innovation, our exporters could not only stay ahead in the market but also contribute to the growth of Pakistan's textile sector.



A flag hoisting ceremony was arranged by the Consulate General at Pakistan House Los Angeles on the occasion of the 77th Independence Day of Pakistan. The Consul General raised Pakistani flag and addressed Pakistani-American community. Local public officials and notable members of Pakistani-American community attended the ceremony with traditional zeal and fervor.

In his remarks, the Consul General urged the community to reflect on the sacrifices of our forefathers and the remarkable progress Pakistan has achieved. He noted that the Pakistani-American community is an integral part of this success story, contributing to the cultural tapestry of this diverse land. He stressed on upholding the values of Unity, Faith, and Discipline, fostering understanding and goodwill.





Pakistan's 77th Independence Day was celebrated in various parts of the United States. The Pakistani-American community in Los Angeles also celebrated the Independence Day and organized colorful activities on the occasion. The Consulate General collaborated with community organizations and participated in the Independence Day celebrations. The 2023 celebrations were organized by Grand Alliance for Pakistan (GAFP), a prominent community organization based in Los Angeles. The event was attended by thousands of Pakistani-Americans, artists, political personalities, local officials and members of local media.

30 August 2023

Meeting with Member of the U.S. Congress

Consul General Asim Ali Khan met with U.S. Congresswoman Hon. Linda Sánchez in Los Angeles today. They exchanged views on further expansion of bilateral ties, including economic cooperation and investment.



04 September 2023

Facilitation of B2B meetings at the Consulate

The Consul General Asim Ali Khan facilitated a B2B meeting between Pakistan's leading sports exporter from Sialkot Pakistan (a supplier for Adidas among others) and Sass Sports California. The meeting resulted in a business deal for 15,000 paddle rackets which is first of its kind for the paddle rackets export from Pakistan to California.



13 September 2023 Outreach to Educational Institutions



Consul General Asim Ali Khan held a meeting with the University of Southern California (USC) Dean Professor Rebecca Lemon and Professor of Art History Ms Sonia Lee for the promotion of Gandhara Civilization. They also discussed opportunities to promote tourism from Pakistan and promotion of Pakistan's cultural heritage in the United States.

17 September 2023 Participation in TCF Fund Raising Event



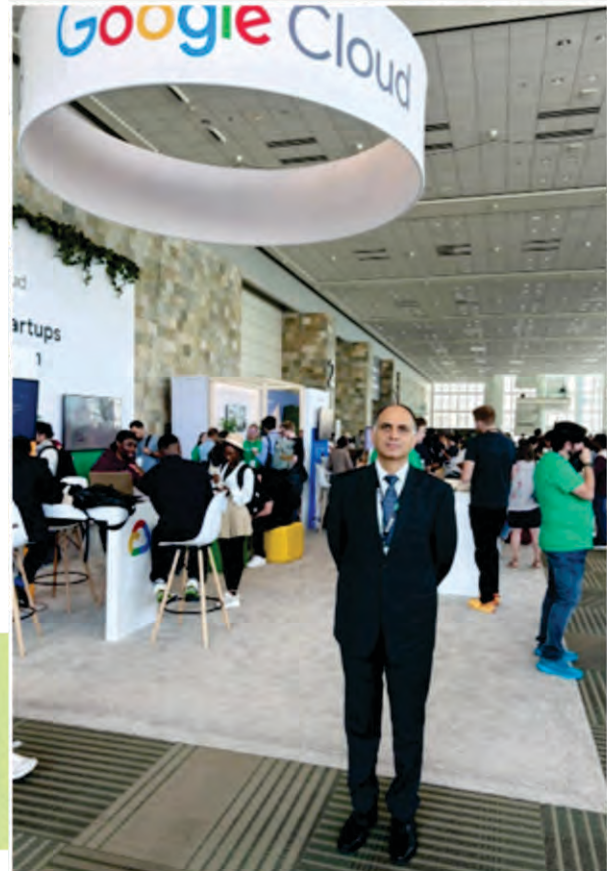
The Citizens Foundation (TCF)-USA, Los Angeles Chapter organized a fundraising event at Long Beach California. The Consul General participated in the event. In his remarks he highlighted the need for increasing investment in the education sector and urged Pakistani-American community to increase their contributions towards this objective.

21 September 2023

Promotion of Pakistan's IT Industry in the U.S.



Consul General Asim Ali Khan attended Tech Crunch Disrupt 2023 in San Francisco with 13 Pakistani IT companies participating in the Conference. The Consulate aims at boosting Pakistan's IT exports in the U.S. market along with taking economic diplomacy between the two countries forward.





The Consul General was hosted by Pakistani executives working at Googleplex in Silicon Valley, San Francisco. Informal discussions were held to expand mutual cooperation.



The Consul General attended Mehfil -e- Eid-e-Milad un Nabi (SAW). Pakistani-American community celebrated multiple such occasions in which NaatKhawaans from Pakistan also participated.

26 September 2023

Meeting with Governor of the State of UTAH



Consul General Asim Ali Khan had a productive meeting with Hon. Deidre Henderson, Lt. Governor of Utah at the State Capitol. They discussed economic collaboration, cultural and educational exchanges along with the immense potential for international partnerships.



26 September 2023

Outreach to Educational Institutions



Consul General Asim Ali Khan visited Brigham Young University in Utah. Both sides explored the potential for educational collaboration between institutions and universities and opportunities to bridge cultures, share knowledge, and educational exchanges.

27 September 2023

Interaction with Tech Community in the U.S.



Consul General Asim Ali Khan participated in the Silicon Slopes Conference held at Salt lake city Utah. Speakers for the conference included Founder and Executive Chairman Mr. Reed Hastings, CEO and COOs from Google, overstock, marq Entrata, WordPress, CNBC, Affirm, Yahoo and Delta among others.

Utah's IT sector is on a steep incline. Boasting a 6% job growth rate in tech, Utah stands out with its vibrant "superstar" cities like Salt Lake City and Provo, attracting both tech giants like Google and Amazon and homegrown unicorns like Qualtrics. A highly educated workforce, a low cost of living, and a collaborative spirit fostered by research institutions and universities is solidifying Utah's place as a future IT powerhouse.

2 October 2023

Meeting with Lieutenant Governor of Washington



Consul General Asim Ali Khan held a productive meeting with Hon. Denny Heck, the Lt. Governor of Washington State in Seattle. Both sides discussed ways to strengthen Pak-US friendly relations, focusing on boosting trade and investment relations between Pakistan and the State of Washington. The Washington state has diversified industrial base including Aerospace with presence of Boeing; technology sector with Seattle being a major tech hub, hosting giants like Amazon and Microsoft, and fostering a vibrant start-up ecosystem. Its manufacturing sector including the presence of Boeing provides a strong industrial base. Washington is also a leading producer of apples, cherries, hops, and other agricultural products. The state's natural beauty and cultural attractions draw millions of visitors each year, generating significant revenue. Its boasts a well-educated population, ranking second in average educational attainment for recent immigrants. This provides a strong talent pool for businesses. Moreover, its access to international markets through major ports and proximity to tech hubs like Silicon Valley give Washington a competitive edge.

12 October 2023

Visit of Consular Corps and Consular Spouses Associations to Pakistan House Los Angeles



3 Oct 2023

Meeting with State Legislators & Senior Officials in the State of Washington

Consul General Asim Ali Khan visited Seattle to meet, Washington Senators Hon. Claire Wilson and Hon. Yasmin Trudeau, Washington State Treasurer Mike Pellicciotti, Mayor Dontae Payne, and other dignitaries in Olympia to strengthen bilateral ties.



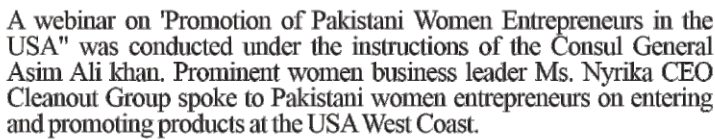
Visit to Microsoft Cooperation in Seattle

Consul General Asim Ali Khan held in-depth discussions with talented and vibrant Pakistani executives in Microsoft Inc. in Seattle. Pakistan offers an attractive market to Microsoft.



Consul General Asim Ali Khan and his spouse hosted members of the Consular Corps and Spouses Associations of Los Angeles at Pakistan House. The focus of the public diplomacy event was to promote the theme of peace building and friendship. The event also provided an opportunity to promote Pakistan's rich and diverse culture among the participants.

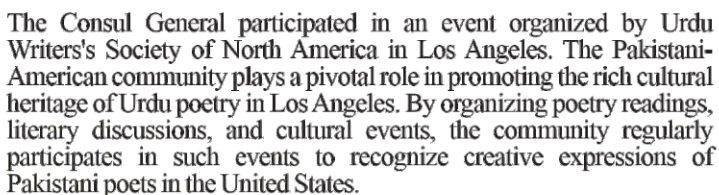
Webinar on Promotion of Pakistani Women Entrepreneurs in USA



Meeting with Member of U.S. Congress

A photograph of two men seated at a table. The man on the left is wearing a dark suit jacket over a checkered shirt and is looking towards the camera. The man on the right is wearing a light blue button-down shirt and is looking down at a white cup he is holding. There are glasses and other items on the table in front of them.

Promotion of Urdu Language & Literature



Participation in Irvine Global Village Festival, California



Mayor Farrah N. Khan made history in November of 2020, becoming the 23rd Mayor of Irvine. She not only received the highest number of votes for the position of Mayor in the city's history, but also shattered glass ceilings as the first woman of color to hold the position, and the first Muslim woman to lead a large city in the United States.

27 October 2023

Commemoration of Kashmir Black Day



The Consulate General of Pakistan organized a commemorative event on the occasion of Kashmir Black Day at the Mission. Members of community and Kashmiri leaders participated and spoke on the occasion. Kashmir Black Day is observed on 27th October every year to protest and condemn the illegal occupation of Jammu and Kashmir by Indian occupation forces. On this day, the people of Pakistan, along with Kashmiris and their supporters worldwide, express solidarity with the Kashmiri people and denounce the human rights abuses and atrocities committed by Indian forces in the disputed region. The event served as a platform to draw international attention to the unresolved conflict and to advocate for the right to self-determination for the people of Jammu and Kashmir in accordance with United Nations resolutions.

4 November 2023

Participation in the Annual Forum of OPEN Silicon Valley

Ambassador Masood Khan delivered an inspiring talk at OPEN SV Forum in Silicon Valley, emphasizing the immense potential of tourism in Pakistan. The Consul General joined the Ambassador in various activities surrounding the Forum.



5 November 2023

5th NUSTIAN Convention in San Francisco

Consul General Asim Ali Khan joined Ambassador Masood Khan to attend the 5th Convention of NUST University Alumni in San Francisco. NUSTIANS are making remarkable contributions in STEM education, community development, philanthropy, and fostering strong bilateral ties.



5 November 2023 OPEN SV Gala Dinner

Consul General Asim Ali Khan met Marcian Ted Hoff, the visionary architect behind the world's first microprocessor, Intel's 4004, released in November 1971. He congratulated, Ted, on receiving the well-deserved award at the OPEN SV Gala dinner in San Francisco.



6 November 2023

Pakistan-U.S. Business Conference held at Stanford University

Consul General Asim Ali Khan attended a Pakistan-U.S. Business Conference held at Stanford University. Ambassador Masood Khan, visionary Pakistani-American tech leaders, and investors held in-depth discussions on transforming the Pakistan IT Sector.

The Conference deliberated that increasing cooperation between Pakistan and the United States in the Information Technology sector holds immense significance for both nations. Collaborating in areas such as technology transfer, skill development, and joint ventures can catalyze innovation and economic growth in Pakistan.

It was emphasized in the Conference that the significance of such collaboration is underscored by the role of Silicon Valley, a global tech epicenter, known for its innovation, entrepreneurship, and technological advancements. By fostering ties with Silicon Valley, Pakistan can gain access to expertise, funding, and cutting-edge technologies, accelerating the growth of its own IT industry.

This partnership has the potential to create a positive ripple effect, fostering job creation, economic development, and establishing Pakistan as a formidable player in the global tech landscape. The exchange of ideas, talent, and resources between the two countries can lead to mutually beneficial outcomes, propelling both Pakistan and the United States into the forefront of the rapidly evolving Information Technology sector.



11 November 2023

Support to Promotion of Education in Pakistan



The Consul General attended the Annual Banquet and fundraising event by MGYW (Merit Grants for Young Women), a non-profit organization founded in 2000 to promote higher education among under-privileged young women of Pakistan.

MGYW also supports Pakistan Foreign Office Women Association (PFOWA) through funding scholarships

14 November 2023

Visit of Pakistani Artists to the Consulate General

The Consul General engaged with Pakistani entertainers Mr. Ahmed Ali Akbar and Mr. Kashif Khan, alongside community members visiting the Consulate. The Consul General emphasized that Promoting Pakistan's arts and culture abroad plays a crucial role in enhancing its soft image and is one of the foremost functions of the Consulate. Collaboration among artists across borders holds immense significance in promoting people-to-people contacts and fostering cultural understanding between countries. By facilitating visits of Pakistani artists to the U.S., a rich cultural dialogue is initiated, allowing for the sharing of artistic expressions and narratives. This exchange not only enhances mutual understanding but also strengthens the bonds between the people of Pakistan and the United States. It promotes a nuanced appreciation of each other's heritage, breaking down stereotypes, and building bridges of empathy. As Pakistani artists showcase their talent on American soil, they contribute to a cultural tapestry that enriches the fabric of global understanding and cooperation.



19 November 2023

Philanthropic Activities by Pakistani community organization

The Consul General participated in the Food Drive arranged by Laiba Memorial Welfare Organization (LMWO), for the homeless in Los Angeles downtown area. The Food Drive created a great deal of goodwill for Pakistani-American community's spirit of empathy, kindness and generosity.

The Pakistani-American community has been active in their philanthropic activities, exemplifying the national ethos of generosity and humanism deeply ingrained in Pakistani society. Pakistani-American community in Los Angeles have actively engaged in various charitable initiatives, contributing to causes that address social, educational, and healthcare challenges in Pakistan. Their philanthropic endeavors reflect a commitment to making a positive impact in both countries. The Pakistani-American community regularly demonstrates a collective spirit of compassion and empathy. This commitment to philanthropy not only embodies the core values of Pakistani society but also serves as a testament to the community's dedication to creating positive change and uplifting the lives of those in need, transcending geographical boundaries in the pursuit of shared humanity.



29 November 2023

Christmas Celebrations and Inter-faith communications

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1 December 2023

Visit to Los Angeles Port

The Consulate General of Pakistan in Los Angeles set up a Pakistan Booth at the Port of Los Angeles on the occasion of 13th Annual Celebration of the International Trade Community alongside 40 countries. The event provided another opportunity to introduce Pakistan's exports at the Port of Los Angeles and reach out to business community. On this occasion the Trade and Investment Section of the Consulate General distributed samples of Pakistani food products at disseminated information about Pakistan's exports.

The Port of Los Angeles is the busiest seaport in North America and the premier gateway for trade on the West Coast. Its advanced infrastructure and efficient operations cater to large container ships, enabling the swift and cost-effective movement of Pakistani goods to the U.S. market. Compared to alternative ports on the East Coast, Los Angeles offers a shorter transit time to major U.S. consumer markets, particularly in the western and central regions. This can translate to faster delivery times and reduced costs for Pakistani exporters.

The Los Angeles Port remains a critical facilitator of international trade between Pakistan and the United States. Its efficient operations, diverse cargo handling capabilities, trade facilitation initiatives, and robust connectivity networks provide Pakistani businesses with valuable access to the U.S. market. The Consulate General is increasing its collaboration with the authorities at Los Angeles Port.



Pakistan Consulate General Los Angeles are promoting Pakistani exports and culture at the 13th Annual Celebration of the International Trade Community in Los Angeles alongside 40 countries at the PortofLA. Consul General ASIM ALI KHAN visited the Pakistan Booth and interacted with the visitors.

4 December 2023

Meeting with Pakistan-American Chamber of Commerce

A coordination meeting with Pakistan American Chamber of Commerce (PACC) was held. Progress made by PACC during the year and future initiatives for promotion of Pak-U.S. trade were discussed in the meeting.



07 December 2023

Trade Development Initiatives

Consul General Asim Ali Khan met with Mr. Jeffery Mayers - CEO of Driven Co. Consul General discussed business opportunities for the trade delegations to Pakistan from the West Coast USA. The Consulate is diligently working to promote trade and investment in key sectors of technology, energy, agriculture and mining through collaboration with local partners at the West Coast.



05 December 2023

Promotion of Pakistan's IT sector in the United States

The Consul General extended support to the World startup Pakistan's finalist startup "four engineers" team and team leader Usman at the "startup world cup" Silicon Valley. Consulate also facilitated the media coverage and participation of the notable Pakistanis at the event to support the team.



17 December 2023

Appreciation Evening for Pakistani Poets organized by Urdu Markaz International



The Consul General spoke on the occasion of an event hosted by Urdu Markaz International to recognize the commitment and dedication of Urdu poets among Pakistani-American community. Urdu Markaz based in Los Angeles has a long history of promoting and patronizing Urdu poets based in Southern California.

17 December 2023

Christmas Celebration for Pakistani-Christian community at the Consulate General

The Consulate General hosted a Christmas celebration event at the Mission on 17 December 2023 for Pakistani-American Christian community. In his remarks the Consul General emphasized the need for brotherhood, peace and harmony among all faith groups. Dr. Imran Farooq (Angelo Farooq), the candidate running for California's Senate in coming months also spoke on the occasion. A Christmas cake was also cut. The Christian community members profusely thanked the Mission for hosting the occasion for the first time during last three decades.

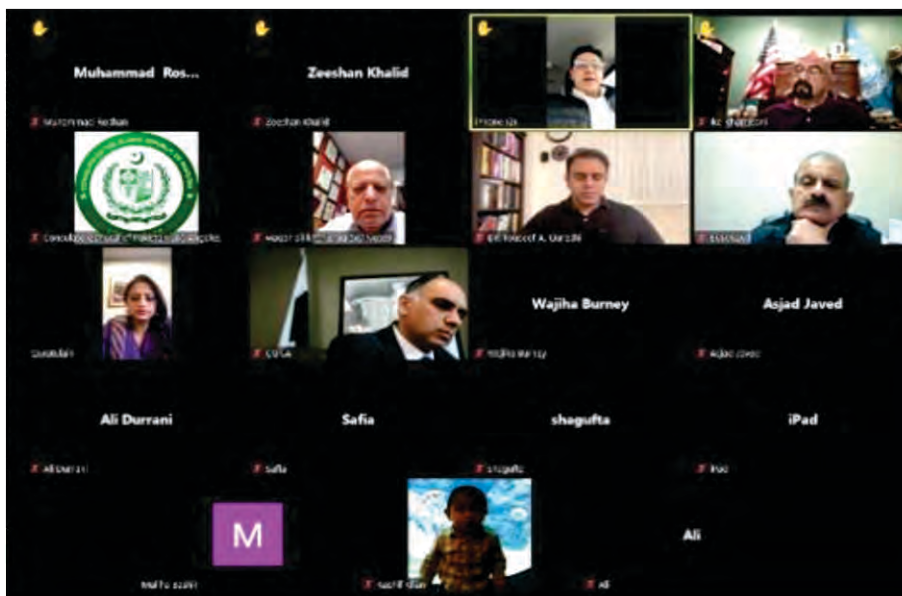
Pakistan upholds freedom of religion as a fundamental tenet, recognizing and safeguarding the rights of individuals to practice their faith without discrimination. The government and people of Pakistan believe in inter-faith harmony, fostering a climate of tolerance and understanding among followers of different religions. Legal frameworks are in place to ensure the protection of minorities, guaranteeing their right to worship and participate fully in societal activities.

Pakistan's commitment to religious freedom is enshrined in its Constitution, reflecting a national ethos that values diversity and pluralism. The government's ongoing efforts to facilitate inter-faith dialogue and safeguard minority rights underscore the country's dedication to creating an inclusive and harmonious society where individuals of all religious backgrounds can coexist peacefully and contribute to the nation's progress.



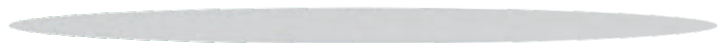
19 December 2023

Hajj Seminar organized by Consulate General of Pakistan



The Consulate General hosted to a Hajj Seminar. The primary objective was to promote the Government's Hajj Sponsorship Scheme and facilitate Pakistani-Americans in the U.S. in availing themselves of this opportunity. The event drew the participation of representatives from Mosques, travel agencies, community organizations, and members of various Pakistani-American community organizations.

During the seminar, attendees displayed a notable enthusiasm and interest in the Hajj Sponsorship Scheme initiated by the Government of Pakistan. The Consulate General's initiative was aimed at disseminating information among Pakistani-American community and facilitating them through this collaborative platform.



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