

**Consulate General of Pakistan  
Los Angeles**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Consulate General of Pakistan Los Angeles Celebrates 78th Independence Day with Flag Hoisting Ceremony**

The Consulate General of Pakistan in Los Angeles commemorated the 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of Pakistan with a solemn flag hoisting ceremony at Pakistan House. The event, marking the 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of Pakistan, was attended by distinguished guests including Consuls General from various countries, Mayors, local officials, notable members of the Pakistani-American community based in Southern California, and ethnic media.

The ceremony commenced with the recitation from the Holy Quran. Consul General Asim Ali Khan raised the national flag of Pakistan, symbolizing the pride and unity of the Pakistani nation. The national anthem of Pakistan was also played on the occasion. In his remarks, the Consul General extended a warm welcome to all participants, expressing gratitude for their presence and support.

In his address, the Consul General reflected on the significance of August 14, 1947, as a day of immense importance for Pakistan. He paid tribute to the sacrifices of Pakistan's forefathers, who secured a homeland for future generations. He highlighted Pakistan's journey as a resilient nation, overcoming challenges and emerging stronger, with a firm commitment to the ideals of its founder, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah.

The Consul General also shed light on recent developments in Pakistan, including the stabilization of the economy, the introduction of reforms aimed at improving governance. He emphasized Pakistan's growing influence on the world stage, its active role in regional peace and security, and its contributions to international forums.

The event also celebrated the vibrant Pakistani-American community, recognizing their significant contributions to American society in various fields, including technology, management, medicine, law, finance and the arts. The Consul General acknowledged the community's role as a bridge between Pakistan and the United States and encouraged the younger generation to stay connected with their cultural roots.

The ceremony concluded with a message of hope, resilience, and unity. Consul General Khan called on all Pakistanis, both at home and abroad, to work together towards a prosperous and peaceful Pakistan. He expressed his deep appreciation for the unwavering support of the Pakistani-American community and extended warm wishes for a happy and prosperous Independence Day.

The special messages of the President and the Prime Minister of Pakistan were also read on the occasion.

The Consulate General also recognized outstanding community services of community organizations and awarded commendation certificates.

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