



Embassy of Pakistan The Hague

Annual Christmas Dinner hosted by Ambassador Moazzam A. Khan

Annual Christmas Dinner was arranged by Embassy of Pakistan, The Hague was held on 19 December 2015 at the Pakistan House. Dutch Citizens of Pakistan Origin belonging to Christian faith attended the dinner. On this occasion, Ambassador Moazzam A. Khan said the Government of Pakistan is committed to safeguard the rights and privileges of all Pakistanis irrespective of their religion. He lauded the role of Pakistan's Christian Community in the progress and prosperity of the country.



Ambassador Cricket Cup

Dosty Pakistan's Ambassador Cricket Cup 2015 was held on Friday 7 August 2015. Cricket Match featuring Pakistani Community in the Netherlands and the KNCB XI was decided on the last ball after a thrilling contest which was won by the Pakistani Community team.



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Pakistan's Federal Minister for Commerce, Engineer Mr. Khurram Dastgir Khan's visit to the Netherlands



The Federal Minister for Commerce, Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan visited The Netherlands from 6 to 9 Dec 2015 to attend a conference on 'The EU and Global Value Chains'. Addressing the Conference, he said that democracy is the most effective guarantor of sustainable development in Pakistan. Pakistan regards the GSP plus as an instrument to foster sustainable development. He particularly mentioned about the setting up of a Treaty Implementation Cell by the government to oversee the implementation of UN Conventions as a special measure to honour Pakistan's commitments under GSP plus. The Commerce Minister also

held a bilateral meeting with the Dutch Minister for Foreign Trade and Development, Ms. Lilianne Ploumen. Both sides expressed satisfaction at the increased economic cooperation between the two countries. Recognizing great potential to further enhance and diversify trade and investment between Pakistan and the Netherlands, the two Ministers also discussed various concrete proposals in this regard. He also visited the head office of Centre for Promotion of Imports from developing countries (CBI). a Memorandum of Cooperation was also signed between the CBI

& Trade Development Authority of Pakistan. He visited the Port of Rotterdam where he was given a detailed briefing about the history, evolution and future plans of the Port. The Minister inaugurated Pakistan - Netherlands Business Facilitation Forum. the Minister highlighted various steps the Government of Pakistan has taken to improve the security situation in the country, put the economy back on track and to connect Pakistan with the rest of the world. He invited Dutch businessmen to take advantage of business friendly policies in Pakistan.



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Pakistan Elected Member of the OPCW Executive Council during 20th Session of the Conference of State Parties held in The Hague

The Twentieth Session of the OPCW Conference of State Parties was held from 30 Nov to 4 Dec 2015. Recognizing Pakistan's contribution towards achieving the objectives and purposes of the Convention on Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the Conference unanimously elected Pakistan as a member of the Executive Council (Term 2016-2018).

Ambassador Moazzam Ahmad Khan, Pakistan's Permanent Representative to OPCW, addressing the Conference of State Parties, expressed Pakistan's unwavering commitments to the object and purpose of the Convention and reiterated Pakistan's principled position that it remains opposed to the use of Chemical Weapons by anyone and



under any circumstances.

Being one of the first countries to accede to the Convention, Pakistan has always played a very active role in the OPCW. Presently, Pakistan also serves as a Coordinator of Asia Group in the OPCW Executive Council. This year, Pakistan's nominees also got elected as member of the Scientific Advisory Board and Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters. Pakistan was also chosen as new facilitator of Article XI dealing with international cooperation.

The CSP Session was preceded by the National Authorities annual meeting in the OPCW. Dr. Irfan Yousaf Shami, DG (Disarmament) represented Pakistan in the meeting.

Director-General of the OPCW visited Pakistan

The OPCW Director-General, Amb. Ahmet Üzümcü, visited Pakistan from 18-19 November 2015, where he called on the Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, Mr Sartaj Aziz and Mr. Tariq Fatemi, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister. Ambassador Üzümcü also met and the Foreign Secretary, Mr Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry. In his meetings, the Director-General acknowledged Pakistan's valuable contribution to the work of the OPCW, including through convening of assistance and protection activities aimed at enhancing implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention. Ambassador Üzümcü also updated senior officials on progress made in the OPCW's work in Syria and discussed ways of further enhancing Pakistan's cooperation with the OPCW.

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Pakistan Defence Day Celebration

PMV, in collaboration with Embassy of Pakistan, The Hague organized a function in The Hague to celebrate Pakistan Defence Day on 6 September 2015. On this occasion, different speakers paid glowing tributes to the sacrifices of Pakistan Armed Forces. The chief guest, Mr. Irfan Siddiqui, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on National Affairs, said that whole nation stands behind its Armed Forces in the fight against terrorism. He said that Pakistani Armed Forces and the nation were united in the 1965 war to defend the motherland and they also stand united today against the enemy.



27th Pakistan Ambassador's Dosty Hockey Tournament

27th Ambassador Dosty Hockey Tournament was held on 18th September 2015 in The Hague. Dutch Parliament Eleven, Dutch Foreign Office and Pakistani Community Eleven participated in the tournament. The tournament was won by Pakistani Community Eleven. Various Dutch Parliamentarians and officials of the Dutch Foreign Office also played in the tournament.



Hague Embassy Festival

Hague Embassy Festival is one of the most important annual cultural events of The Hague. The Hague Embassy Festival was held on 5 September 2015. A Pavilion and Food stall were established for the projection of Pakistani handicrafts, sports goods and Basmati Rice.

Free tasting of Sweet Mangoes imported from Pakistan was also arranged at the event. The local residents and large number of foreign diplomats appreciated the beautiful handicrafts and enjoyed Pakistani mangoes and cuisine.



Independence Day Celebration

Pak - Dutch Forum in collaboration with the Embassy of Pakistan, The Hague organized a function in The Hague to celebrate Pakistan's Independence Day on 18 Aug 2015.

Renowned Writer, poet and intellectual, Mr. Atta ul Haq Qasmi enthralled the audience with his wit and thought provoking conversation.



Pakistan Art Exhibition held in The Hague

A Pakistan Art Exhibition was held on 30 October 2015 at Galerie Patries Van Dorst Wassenaar. The Art Exhibition was arranged by Embassy of Pakistan in Collaboration with the Galerie Parties Van Dorst, The Hague. Ms. Soraya Sikander, a renowned Pakistani Artist, also displayed some of her work during the exhibition. In addition, original Art work of some of the legendary Pakistani Artists including Abdur Rehman Chughtai, Ghulam Rasul, Moazzam Ali, Mian Ijaz ul Hassan, Norray and many others were at display.



Justice Khalil Ramday's visit to The Hague Institute for Global Justice

Former Judge of Supreme Court of Pakistan, Justice Khalil Ramday gave a talk on 'Constitutional and Judicial History of Pakistan' at the The Hague Institute for Global Justice on 15 October 2015. The talk was arranged by The Hague Institute for Global Justice in collaboration with the Embassy of Pakistan, The Hague. The Hague, is known as the city of International Law and is also home to International Court of Justice.

