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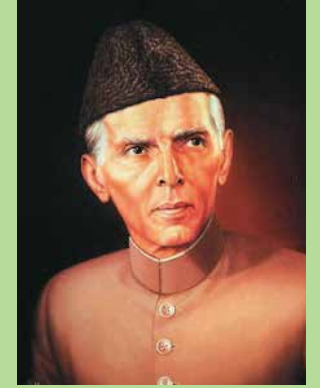
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The weak and the defenseless in this world invite aggression from others. The best way we can serve peace is by removing the temptation from the path of those who think we are weak and, for that reason, they can bully or attack us. That temptation can only be removed if we make ourselves so strong that nobody dare entertain any aggressive designs against us. Pakistan has come to stay and no power on earth can destroy it.



Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah

High Commissioner delivered a lecture on CPEC



High Commissioner of Pakistan, Dr. Shahid Ahmad Hashmat delivered a lecture on “China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC): A New Vision for Regional and Global Connectivity and Economic Cooperation” in a distinguished event organized by the Association of Retired Flag Rank Officers (ARFRO), Sri Lanka, held at Naval Headquarters on November 29, 2018. The event was attended by Commander of Sri Lanka Army, Lt. Gen. N.U.M.M.W. Senanayake, Commander of Sri Lanka Navy, Vice Admiral Sirimevan Ranasinghe,

senior retired officers of Sri Lankan Armed Forces, students of Defence Command and Staff College and KDU and officials of the High Commission of Pakistan. The High Commissioner highlighted various aspects of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). He said that the Corridor is a framework of regional connectivity and will not only benefit China and Pakistan but will have positive impact on Iran, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, India, Central Asian Republics, and the region.

Celebrations of Independence Day of Pakistan in Sri Lanka



The High Commission of Pakistan and the Pakistani community based in Sri Lanka celebrated the Independence Day of Pakistan with national zeal and enthusiasm. Acting High Commissioner of Pakistan, Janbaz Khan hoisted the national flag in a distinctive ceremony held at the High Commission premises on 14th August 2018. The ceremony was attended by a large number of participants from various walks of life including members of the Sri Lanka Pakistan Friendship Association, Sri Lanka-Pakistan Business Council and the Pakistani community based in Sri Lanka.

Reception on board at Pakistan Maritime Security Ship 'Kashmir'



A dignified reception on board Pakistan Maritime Security Ship (PMSS) "Kashmir" was held on August 14, 2018, at Colombo Port. The event coincided with Independence Day of Pakistan. Minister for Petroleum Resources Development, Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, was the chief guest on

the occasion. The reception was attended by Commander Sri Lanka Navy, Vice Admiral S.S. Ranasinghe, Officers of Sri Lanka tri-services, Diplomats, Officers of the High Commission of Pakistan, people from different spheres of life and representatives of media. Later on, a cake commemorating Pakistan-Sri Lanka friendship was jointly cut by the Chief Guest, Commander Sri Lanka Navy, Acting High Commissioner, Commander of the ship and Defence Advisor of Pakistan.

Visit of Pakistan's Defence Secretary to Sri Lanka



The Defence Secretary of Pakistan, Lt. Gen. (R) Ikram Ul Haq, along with a high level delegation visited Sri Lanka from October 02 to 05, 2018 to participate in the Pakistan-Sri Lanka Armed Forces Defence Dialogue. During the visit, the Defence Secretary held meeting with his Sri Lankan counterpart, Chief of Defence Staff and Commanders of Sri Lanka tri-forces. Comprehensive discussions were held during the meetings with the view to further broaden and deepen the strong bond of commitment and mutual understanding between the two countries as both sides are committed to work closely in all fields to boost cooperation and to promote peace and security in the region.

Director SAARC Cultural Centre called on High Commissioner



The Director of SAARC Cultural Centre Sri Lanka, Ms. D.K.R. Ekanayake paid a courtesy call on High Commissioner of Pakistan in Sri Lanka, Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Dr. Shahid Ahmad Hashmat on September 27, 2018. The High Commissioner and Director SAARC Cultural Centre had a comprehensive discussions

on a number of matters related to cultural centre and future activities. The High Commissioner lauded the SAARC Cultural Centre's efforts towards preservation, conservation and protection of South Asia's cultural heritage within the framework of the SAARC Agenda for Culture.

Pak HC called on Sri Lankan Foreign Minister



High Commissioner of Pakistan, Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Dr. Shahid Ahmad Hashmat called on the Sri Lankan Minister for Foreign Affairs Hon. Tilak Marapana at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on October 9, 2018. During the meeting, bilateral relations and areas of mutual interest and

cooperation were discussed. The High Commissioner apprised the Foreign Minister about Pakistan-Sri Lanka Higher Education Cooperation Programme under which one thousand scholarships will be provided to Sri Lankan youth in diverse fields during next five years. The High Commissioner also discussed the prospects of establishing Pakistan-Sri Lanka COMSATS University and Taxila-Gandhara Civilization Studies Centre.

Pakistan awards scholarship to SL students in Medicine



The Government of Pakistan, through its High Commission in Sri Lanka, has awarded higher education scholarships to nine Sri Lankan students in the field of Medicine in top Pakistani institutions under Pakistan Technical Assistance Programme (PTAP) for Sri Lanka. The High Commissioner of Pakistan in Sri Lanka, Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Dr. Shahid Ahmad Hashmat met the students at the High Commission of Pakistan and congratulated them on their selection for higher education in Pakistan.

Pakistan HC called on SL Minister for Science, Technology and Research



High Commissioner of Pakistan, Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Dr. Shahid Ahmad Hashmat called on Minister for Science, Technology and Research, Hon. Dr. Sarath Amunugama at the Ministry on October 19, 2018. During the meeting, the matters of mutual cooperation and bilateral relations between the two countries were discussed. Dr. Shahid Hashmat informed the Minister about Pakistan-Sri Lanka Higher Education Cooperation Programme. He also offered Pakistan's support to Sri Lanka in the field of technical education and establishment of Pakistan-Sri Lanka COMSATS University with assistance of COMSATS Headquarters based in Islamabad.

Pakistan HC met Sri Lankan Prime Minister and Speaker Parliament



High Commissioner of Pakistan, Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Dr. Shahid Ahmad Hashmat met Sri Lankan Prime Minister, H.E. Mahinda Rajapaksa and Speaker Parliament, Hon. Karu Jayasuriya on November 1, 2018. During the meetings, the current political situation in Sri Lanka was discussed. The High Commissioner reiterated Pakistan's support for continuation and consolidation of democratic process in Sri Lanka. He expressed the hope that the ongoing political situation will be overcome peacefully and amicably in accordance with the constitution and aspirations of Sri Lankan people.

High Commission's website re-launched



High Commissioner of Pakistan, Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Dr. Shahid Ahmad Hashmat unveiled the new interface of the official website of the High Commission on October 16, 2018. The portal

offers photos and videos on various tourism destinations in Pakistan and necessary information for the Sri Lankan nationals who wish to visit Pakistan. It also provides important links of various departments/organizations of the Government of Pakistan as well as official media outlets. It contains wide-ranging details of Pakistan's Buddhist and Gandhara Heritage in the form of books and other publications, which can be downloaded easily. The website also offers comprehensive information about the activities of the High Commission and various development projects in Sri Lanka supported/sponsored by the Government of Pakistan. The website can be accessed at www.pakistanhc.lk.

Seminar on 'Resolution of Kashmir Dispute Under United Nation's Auspices'



A seminar arranged by the Kashmir Study Forum, Sri Lanka on 'Resolution of Kashmir Dispute under United Nation's Auspices' was held at Galadari Hotel on October 29, 2018. High

Commissioner of Pakistan, Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Dr. Shahid Ahmad Hashmat was the keynote speaker at the seminar. The High Commissioner briefed the audience about the history of Kashmir and said that Kashmir remains the oldest unresolved conflict on the agenda of United Nation Security Council. He said the persistence of the dispute causes grave human rights violations including killings, arbitrary arrests, and other crimes against humanity being committed by Indian occupation forces.

Pakistan's scholarships for SL students in Pharmacy & Engineering



The Government of Pakistan through its High Commission in Sri Lanka awarded fully funded higher education scholarships to nine Sri Lankan students in fields of Pharmacy and Engineering in top Pakistani institutions under Pakistan Technical Assistance Programme (PTAP) for Sri Lanka. The High Commissioner of Pakistan in Sri Lanka, Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Dr. Shahid Ahmad Hashmat met the selected students at the High Commission of Pakistan and congratulated them on their selection for higher education in Pakistan.

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