

Independence Day of Pakistan

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Pakistan profoundly appreciates partnership with Japan

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On the occasion of the 79th Independence Day of Pakistan, I extend my heartfelt felicitations to Pakistanis living in Japan and across the world. I also convey my sincere greetings and profound appreciation to the government and people of Japan, whose friendship, goodwill and steadfast partnership have strengthened Pakistan-Japan relations for more than seven decades. The friendship between our two countries is founded on mutual respect, shared aspirations and sustained cooperation. As we commemorate this historic occasion, we also celebrate the enduring friendship between our two nations — a relationship that has matured through sustained dialogue, mutual confidence and a shared commitment to peace, stability and development.

Independence Day is far more than a national celebration. It is an opportunity to reflect on our history, reaffirm the ideals that inspired our nationhood and renew our collective sense of purpose. We pay tribute to the legacy of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Allama Muhammad Iqbal and the countless women and men whose vision, courage and sacrifice made the creation of Pakistan possible. Their struggle was guided by the principles of constitutional governance, liberty, justice, tolerance and equal citizenship. These ideals remain central to Pakistan's national identity and continue to shape our engagement with the wider international community. They also remind us that the strength of a nation ultimately rests upon the character of its institutions, the resilience of its people and its unwavering commitment to the rule of law and human dignity.

Pakistan's engagement with the international community is guided by the principles and objectives enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations. This commitment is reflected in the country's longstanding contribution to United Nations peacekeeping operations. Across decades of service in some of the world's most difficult conflict zones, Pakistani peace-



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keepers have demonstrated exceptional professionalism, courage and dedication. Their service and sacrifice embody Pakistan's enduring belief that the preservation of international peace and security demands both principled diplomacy and a sustained commitment on the ground.

In recent years, our engagements with Japanese leaders, parliamentarians, policymakers, business representatives, academics, researchers and civil society have reaffirmed the remarkable depth of the Pakistan-Japan friendship while fostering a broader understanding of the evolving regional and global landscape. These exchanges have strengthened dialogue, expanded institutional partnerships and reinforced the confidence that our two countries can work together to address shared opportunities and common challenges. In an increasingly uncertain international environment, sustained dialogue and practical cooperation have become more valuable than ever. Pakistan and Japan share a common interest in preserving regional stability and promoting inclusive economic growth and sustainable development.

Strengthening economic cooperation has remained a central objective of our bilateral engagement. Initiatives such as the Pakistan-Japan Private Sector Business Dialogue and the Pakistan-Japan Government-Business Joint Dialogue have brought together policymakers, industry leaders and economic institutions. They have strengthened investment-led collaboration while opening new opportunities in mining, agriculture, agri-food industries, renewable energy, manufacturing, information technology and other emerging sectors. By encouraging greater business-to-business engagement and facilitating closer public-private cooperation, these efforts are helping to unlock the considerable economic potential that exists between our two countries. Pakistan's strategic location, youthful population and expanding economic reforms, together with Japan's technological excellence, investment capacity and industrial expertise, offer a strong foundation for deeper economic cooperation capable of generating long-term benefits for both countries.

Scientific collaboration, technological innovation, education and cultural exchange are likewise opening new avenues for partnership. Embassy-led sympos-

iums and innovation forums have brought together researchers, entrepreneurs and innovators. These engagements are creating new opportunities for joint research, academic exchanges, technology partnerships and knowledge-sharing. They also encourage collaboration in areas that will shape the economies of the future, including digital technologies, artificial intelligence, advanced manufacturing and sustainable innovation. These efforts foster a genuine appreciation of the rich cultural heritage of both nations and strengthen the enduring bonds of friendship between our peoples. By bringing together universities, research institutions, innovators and young professionals, we are investing not only in the current projects but also in the long-term relationship between future generations.

Japan has long been one of Pakistan's most dependable development partners. Its support for infrastructure, health care, education, disaster resilience, water and sanitation, environmental sustainability and human resource development has made a lasting contribution to Pakistan's socioeconomic progress. Generations of Pakistanis have benefited from Japan's friendship through development cooperation that has improved livelihoods, strengthened institutions and expanded opportunities. Pakistan deeply values this longstanding friendship and remains committed to broadening it in ways that respond to the changing needs and aspirations of both countries.

At the heart of Pakistan-Japan relations lies a partnership sustained not only by governments but also by the goodwill of our peoples. Decades of educational exchanges, cultural engagement, business cooperation and tourism have fostered mutual trust and understanding. These connections draw our societies closer together, foster respect across cultures and inspire future generations to work together in pursuit of peace and shared prosperity.

As we commemorate the 79th Independence Day of Pakistan, let us renew our commitment to building a peaceful, democratic, inclusive and prosperous nation founded upon unity, resilience and service to humanity. Let us also reaffirm our determination to contribute to a more peaceful, just and cooperative international order through dialogue, mutual respect and con-

structive engagement. Guided by the vision of our founding leaders and strengthened by the dedication of our people, Pakistan remains firmly on a path of progress and prosperity. I am confident that the friendship between Pakistan and Japan will continue to flourish in the years ahead, opening new avenues of cooperation and bringing lasting benefit to our two peoples. On this joyous occasion, I extend my warmest wishes to all Pakistanis for a happy Independence Day and express my sincere hope that the years ahead will bring greater peace, prosperity and success for Pakistan, Japan and the wider international community.

