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**Press Release**

**Pakistan to Participate in D-8 Council of the Ministers held in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia**

Pakistan is all set to participate in the 27<sup>th</sup> Session of D-8 Commission and 12<sup>th</sup> Session of D-8 Council of Ministers being held from 30<sup>th</sup> October, to 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2009, in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia.

The Foreign Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Shah Mahmood Qureshi will attend the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of D-8 Council of Ministers and will read a statement on behalf of Pakistan.

On the sidelines, the Foreign Minister is expected to hold bilateral meetings, meet with potential Malaysian investors and representatives of the Pakistani Community and is likely to interact with the Malaysian print and electronic Media.

He is also expected to hand over a Model of Badshahi Mosque to the Islamic Art Museum of Malaysia which exhibits models of buildings and mosques representing Islamic architects having historic and cultural value donated by many Islamic countries.

The session for Council of Ministers will be inaugurated by Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2009 who will also deliver a key note address in the inaugural session.

The Minister's Council, during their day long session on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2009 will adopt the provisional agenda, overview the report of the D-8 Secretary General, and will consider and adopt the reports of the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Session of D-8 Commission.

D-8 Foreign Ministers will also consider and adopt the Draft Communiqué on the D-8 response to current challenges of world Economy on trade, consider and adopt budget for 2010 of the D-8 and will examine the report regarding progress made on "Kuala Lumpur Initiative to Address Food Security in the D-8 Countries".

The D-8 Minister Council will also decide on date and venue of the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the D-8 Council of Ministers and will consider and adopt the draft report of the 12<sup>th</sup> session of the D-8 Council of Ministers.

Preceding to the Council of Ministers' meeting, the 27<sup>th</sup> Session of D-8 Commission will held from 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2009. D-8 Commission, besides other agenda items, will also discuss development of the D-8 Private Sector Cooperation and current financial situation of the D-8.

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