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Press Release

**PAKISTAN H. COMMISSION CELEBRATES 52 YEAR OF PAKISTAN-MALAYSIA
FRIENDSHIP**

High Commission for Pakistan in Malaysia is celebrating the 52nd year of Pakistan Malaysia Friendship in conjunction with 62nd Independence Day of Pakistan on 14th August, 2009.

In this regard, a grand event has been planned in a local five star, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 8pm to 11 pm on 14th August, 2009.

The ceremony will be attended by the high profile dignitaries, diplomats, distinguished Expatriate Pakistanis, media elites and members of civil society.

The High Commissioner for Pakistan in Malaysia, Lt. General (Retd) Tahir Mahmud Qazi said that the Pakistan is celebrating 52nd year of exemplary friendship that has flourished over a period to time into significant cooperation in the international arena and ever increasing trade, business and investment activities between the two countries.

He said that Malaysia and Pakistan enjoys common membership in groups such as the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), the Commonwealth of Nations, and the Non-Aligned Movement, as well as the Developing Eight (D-8).

Mr. Tahir Qazi said that the stage is set for further improvements in bilateral ties after signing of a Free Trade Agreement in November, 2007.

Mr. Tahir Qazi was of the view that good relations do not just end with trade and politics, but also encompass cultural, educational and social sectors as well. Pakistan Technical Assistance Programme (PTAP), fully funded training programmes in diverse sectors such as railways, central and commercial banking, financial accounting, pharmacy and medicine are offered to Malaysian students at highly concessional rates.

While encompassing the commercial ties, particularly in attracting Malaysian companies and investors to Pakistan he said that success of the cooperation is evidenced by the fact that bilateral trade between the two countries have risen from US\$835m in 2006 to US\$1.8b in 2008.

The High Commissioner said that to further cement the economic relations between the two countries the Government of Pakistan has offered to set up an Economic Zone exclusively for Malaysian investors.

The High Commissioner said that Malaysia and Pakistan also enjoys high level of cooperation in the defence field. For instance, in April 2009, two ships from Pakistan - namely the PSN NASR and BADR - docked in Port Klang and, in this month, a newly commissioned state of art, guided missile frigate of Pakistan Navy Al Zulifqaur will be visiting, Port Klang, Malaysia from 27th to 30th August, 2009 and will carry out various public relation activities.

He said that on media front Pakistan and Malaysia are collaborating aggressively and in this regard, and proposal are in the pipeline to materialize the understanding reached between media houses of Pakistan and Malaysia.

The Community Welfare Attache for Pakistan High Commission, Ch. Nadeem Ashraf while explaining the program of the event said that various activities have been planned to commemorate the event in the most befitting manner, **including performance by Malaysia's Cultural Troupe, Pakistan folk Dances, Malaysian Pakistani Dance Blend, Live performance by Malaysian and Pakistani renowned Singers, Dress Show, Sit-in Dinner and Display of Pakistani Handicrafts on the sideline beside multimedia presentation.** Ms. Saira Naseem, a renowned Pakistan singer from Pakistan will also engross the audience with her melodious voice.

A Flag hoisting ceremony will also be held at the chancellery at 10.am on 14th August, 2009 to mark the 62nd Independence Day of Pakistan. The ceremony will be attended by Pakistani community in large number.

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