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Press Release

Reception / Cultural Night in Malaysia on Pakistan Day

Pakistan High Commission in Malaysia organized a, “Grand Reception and Cultural Night”, at a local hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, yesterday on 23rd March, 2011, to mark the 71th Anniversary of Pakistan Day.

Malaysian Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Agro based Industry, Dato' Wira Mohd Johari Baharum was the guest of honor at the reception which was attended, in large number, by high level Malaysian dignitaries, diplomatic Community, top businessmen, representative of Pakistani Community and media elites.

The prominent personalities who graced the reception included Tan Sri Abu Zahar bin Dato' Nika Ujang, President Dewan Negara (Senate) of Malaysia, Tan Sri Dato Sri' Abdul Khalid Ibrahim, Chief Minister of Selangor, Datuk Seri Samy Vellu, Malaysia's Special Envoy on Infrastructure for India and South Asia and General Dato Sri Zulkifeli bin Mohd Zin Chief of Army of Malaysia.

The ceremony commenced with the playing of national anthems of both Pakistan and Malaysia.

Later, the Malaysia Deputy Minister prayed for the progress, prosperity and economic well being of Pakistan. The High Commissioner for Pakistan in Malaysia, Mr. Masood Khalid reciprocated by praying for the health and wellbeing of the King of Malaysia and prosperity and progress of the people of Malaysia.

Later, a huge cake was cut to mark the 71st Anniversary.

Renowned Pakistani violinist, Ustad Raees Ali Khan, who has also been awarded with Pride of Performance by the government of Pakistan, especially came from Pakistan to Malaysia to participate in the Pakistan Day celebrations. He remained the centre of attraction and amused the guests with his excellent instrumental violin performances of Pakistani, international and Malaysian songs.

The artists belonging to Pakistani Community in Malaysia presented cultural performances including display of traditional dresses, folk songs and folk dances representing the four provinces of Pakistan.

The audience also watched with great interest a documentary on Pakistan which highlighted the progress made by Pakistan in all spheres of life and steps taken by the government for the welfare of the people of Pakistan.

An exhibition of Pakistan textile products, carpets and handicraft was also organized. The audience showed keen interest in the exhibits.

The guests relished the exotic Pakistani food delicacies including biryani, roast lamb and Kebabs served on the occasion. **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 24th March, 2011 Pr/A**