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Press Release

Pakistan Day Celebrated in Malaysia

The 70th anniversary of Pakistan Day was celebrated with great fervor and patriotism by the Pakistani community in Malaysia.

The main event held at the High Commission for Pakistan in Kuala Lumpur was graced by Honorable Mr. Justice Mian Sakirullah Jan, and Mr. Justice Asif Saeed Khan Khosa of Supreme Court of Pakistan who are currently on an official visit to Malaysia, large number of Pakistan Community in Malaysia and distinguished guests.

The event commenced with the hoisting of national flag by Acting High Commissioner for Pakistan, Dr. Imtiaz A Kazi during which national anthem was played.

Later, Acting High Commissioner read the messages of President and the Prime Minister meant for the occasion. He also urged the Pakistani community to work hard and promote the image of the nation and country abroad by their sense of commitment and hard work.

He said that Pakistan is experiencing democratic dispensation, free judiciary, vibrant parliament and free and independent media being the foundation stone for empowerment of the people, progress and prosperity and economic betterment.

Dr. Imtiaz Kazi said that like every year today we pledge to put our heart and soul together to make Pakistan a strong and stable nation". "There is a need to work hard and make collective efforts to transform Pakistan into a modern, progressive and tolerant society", he added.

Mr. Kazi said that every Pakistani living in Malaysia is the Ambassador of Pakistan, and it is obligatory on each of them to work for the progress and prosperity of Malaysia and won heart and minds of Malaysian with their exemplary conduct and dealing.

The representatives of community, in their speeches, highlighted the significance of the day and paid rich tribute to the founder of Pakistan Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and the leaders of Pakistan movement.

The highlights of the event were live performances by a well known Pakistani singer, Mr. Saleem Shahzad who has over one hundred songs at his credit as a play back singer in Pakistani movies and live performance on Rubab and Tabla by a musical group from Pakistan's Province of NWFP .

The guests were also entertained with traditional Pakistani breakfast of Halwa Puri.

The highest circulated English Daily of Malaysia New Straits Times published a five-page special supplement in conjunction with Pakistan Day. Pakistan's vast potential, opportunities and incentive packages related to business, trade investment and tourism were highlighted in the Special Supplement. The Acting High Commissioner also appeared for one hour interview in Bernama TV, a 24 hour news channel of Malaysia and his message was also broadcast by the Radio Malaysia to mark the National Day.

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