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Press Release

Independence Day marked with fervour at Pak High Commission in Malaysia

The 64th anniversary of Independence Day of Pakistan was celebrated with national fervour and enthusiasm at the High Commission for Pakistan in Malaysia in a simple but impressive ceremony attended by a large number of Pakistanis living in Malaysia.

The function commenced with the hoisting of the National Flag by the High Commissioner for Pakistan in Malaysia, Mr. Masood Khalid to the accompaniment of National Anthem. The messages of the President and the Prime Minister were read out.

Speaking on the occasion, the High Commissioner highlighted the significance of the day in serving as “a reminder to all of us to protect our hard-won freedom and turn ourselves into a modern and progressive nation”. “Let us rise above petty differences and forge ahead to build a strong and prosperous Pakistan as envisioned by Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and Dr. Allama Iqbal,” he said.

Mr. Masood Khalid urged the Pakistanis living in Malaysia to remember their identity and carry themselves as the true ambassadors of Pakistan, winning hearts and minds and commanding respect and goodwill through their strength of character and deeds of kindness. “The way you carry yourselves also carries the image of your country,” he added.

The High Commissioner also exhorted the Pakistani community in Malaysia to work hard and contribute towards economic development of Pakistan and strengthening of brotherly relations between Pakistan and Malaysia. “It is a matter of satisfaction that both Pakistan and Malaysia share similar views on international and bilateral issues and I am confident this relationship of trust will grow stronger at the back of mutually-beneficial economic and trade cooperation,” he said.

He also lauded the meritorious services of the Pakistanis who had achieved distinction and brought laurels for their country through their work and professional excellence in various fields in Malaysia. He particularly mentioned distinguished Pakistani Prof Dr. Muhammad Mumtazuddin Ahmed, also present on the occasion, for his outstanding work with the Dental Association of Malaysia and becoming the first Pakistani anywhere to receive the leading Health Professionals Award 2011 conferred on him by the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, UK. He also acknowledged the hard work put in by young Asma Iqbal by becoming the first Pakistani woman to complete PhD in Infectious Diseases from University of Malaya.

Later, a group of Pakistani students from local universities presented national songs and entertained the audience with beautiful skits and tableau highlighting the spirit of the day.

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