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Dear Readers,

It gives me great pleasure to present this edition of the Embassy of Pakistan in Tokyo's Newsletter covering the period January–March 2026. These months have been marked by vibrant diplomatic engagement, expanding economic dialogue and meaningful people-to-people exchanges between Pakistan and Japan.

During this period, the Embassy actively worked to further strengthen the longstanding friendship between our two countries. High-level meetings with Japanese government officials, business leaders and representatives of leading organizations reflected our shared commitment to deepening cooperation in trade, investment, development and technology. Our engagement with Japanese partners highlighted Pakistan's growing economic potential and the wide range of opportunities available for collaboration.

Cultural and community activities also remained an important pillar of our outreach. The celebration of Pakistan's 78th Independence Day, participation in Expo 2025 Osaka and various cultural events provided valuable opportunities to showcase Pakistan's rich heritage, creativity and entrepreneurial spirit. These occasions strengthened mutual understanding and further reinforced the bonds of friendship between the people of Pakistan and Japan.

The Embassy also continued its efforts to promote trade, investment, tourism and academic cooperation while engaging actively with the Pakistani community and Japanese institutions. From facilitating business delegations and exhibitions to welcoming scholars and students, our initiatives reflected a comprehensive approach to advancing Pakistan–Japan relations.

As we move forward, the Embassy remains committed to building new partnerships and expanding existing avenues of cooperation. I hope this newsletter provides readers with a glimpse into the diverse activities undertaken to promote Pakistan's interests and strengthen the enduring partnership between Pakistan and Japan.

**Abdul Hameed,**  
**Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Japan, Tokyo**



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## Meeting with the Executive Director of the Tokyo National Museum

Ambassador Abdul Hameed met with the Executive Director of the Tokyo National Museum, Mr. Fujiwara Makoto.

The two sides discussed opportunities to deepen cultural cooperation and expand museum-to-museum exchanges. They highlighted the need for promoting the rich civilizational heritage of each other in Japan and Pakistan on reciprocal basis.

The Ambassador reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to strengthening cultural diplomacy and exploring new avenues for collaboration with the Tokyo National Museum. (January 02, 2026)



## **Pakistan Human Resources Seminar-A Great Success**

The Pakistan Human Resources Seminar was held at the Embassy of Pakistan in Japan.

The seminar began with an overview of Pakistani human resources provided by the Community Welfare Attaché of the Embassy of Pakistan in Japan, followed by case studies from interns and host companies, introductions from sending organizations and an explanation of selection methods for Pakistani human resources from a supervisory organization with ample experience in accepting Pakistani human resources. The seminar concluded with a closing address by the Pakistani Ambassador to Japan.

JITCO explained the recent trend towards diversifying foreign human resources, points to note regarding the development and employment system, etc.

At the networking event following the seminar, participants continued to exchange information until just before the end, making it an extremely successful seminar. (January 07, 2026)



## **Meeting with Mr. Hiroshi FUKUYAMA, President, Building Research Institute (BRI), Japan**

Ambassador Abdul Hameed met with Mr. Hiroshi FUKUYAMA, President, Building Research Institute (BRI), Japan at BRI Head office, Tsukuba, Ibaraki.

BRI is a National Research and Development Agency and is involved in technological investigation, testing, research and development of technologies related to housing, architecture and urban planning, as well as training in seismology. It also provides technical guidance and disseminates the results of these activities. (January 13, 2026)



## Pakistan–Japan Private Sector Business Dialogue Tokyo

The 10<sup>th</sup> Pakistan–Japan Private Sector Business Dialogue was held in Tokyo, co-chaired by Mr. Murtaza Mandviwalla (Chairman, PJBF) and Mr. Akira Terakawa (Chairman, JPBCC), with a 26-member PJBF business delegation reflecting strong private-sector engagement.

Mr. Abdul Hameed, Ambassador of Pakistan to Japan, underscored trust, continuity and practical cooperation, while the keynote by Mr. Rana Ihsan Afzal Khan, Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Commerce and Industry, outlined Pakistan’s shift toward investment-led cooperation and joint value chains grounded in standards and phased implementation.

The Dialogue facilitated open, sector-focused exchanges and reaffirmed both sides’ commitment to long-term business collaboration. (January 15, 2026)



## Pakistan–Japan Government–Business Joint Dialogue

The 8<sup>th</sup> Pakistan–Japan Government–Business Joint Dialogue was held in Tokyo on 16 January 2026, marking the first convening of the Dialogue in Tokyo since 2018.

The Dialogue was co-chaired by Mr. Rana Ihsaan Afzal Khan, Coordinator to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on Commerce and Industry and Takuo Komori, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan, with the participation of Ambassador Abdul Hameed and senior officials and private-sector representatives from both sides.

Discussions focused on strengthening bilateral economic cooperation, improving the trade and investment environment and advancing practical, follow-up oriented engagement between Pakistan and Japan.

(January 16, 2026)



## Meeting with Mr. Hideshi Tokuchi

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(January 21, 2026)

## An invitation of Governor of Tokyo, Honourable Koike Yuriko

At the invitation of Governor of Tokyo, Honourable Koike Yuriko, the Ambassador attended the 'Tokyo Ambassadors Night' on 27 January 2026 at the Takanawa Gateway Convention Center. (January 28, 2026)



## Students of Koyro High School Minato-Ku Tokyo

The Ambassador met with the visiting students of Koyro High School Minato-Ku Tokyo.

He extended a warm welcome to the visiting students and briefed them on Pakistan's history, geography, youth, education system, trade, traditions, social values, culture, cuisine and everyday life.

He also shared his experience of living in Japan and highlighted the lasting friendship between Pakistan and Japan. (February 03, 2026)



## A meeting with the President of Shinshu University, Mr. Soichiro Nakamura

Ambassador Abdul Hameed held a meeting with the President of Shinshu University, Mr. Soichiro Nakamura, at the Matsumoto campus. The Ambassador acknowledged the ongoing cooperation between the Ueda Campus of Shinshu University and Pakistani universities in fiber technology. The Ambassador and President Nakamura explored possibilities of expanding cooperation between Shinshu University and Pakistani Institutes especially in engineering and IT sectors. (February 04, 2026)



## Kashmir Solidarity Day Observed at the Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo

Observing Kashmir Solidarity Day, the Ambassador of Pakistan to Japan, Mr. Abdul Hameed, reaffirmed the moral and diplomatic support of his country for the people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). He underscored their claim to self-determination as a right based on United Nations Security Council resolutions. Addressing members of the Pakistani diaspora and Japanese guests at the Embassy of Pakistan in Tokyo, he described the Kashmiri cause as a long-standing dispute on the agenda of the United Nations requiring a just and peaceful settlement.

Messages from the President, the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister of Pakistan were read out, reiterating Pakistan's principled stance and urging renewed international engagement to advance an equitable resolution of the issue. (February 05, 2026)



## The Ambassador of Maldives

The Ambassador of Maldives paid a courtesy call on the Ambassador of Pakistan. Both sides exchanged views on matters of mutual interest. (February 06, 2026)



## Meeting with Mr.. Hideyuki TOKUDA

Ambassador Abdul Hameed met with Mr. Hideyuki TOKUDA, President National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT), in NICT Headquarters, Koganei, Tokyo. (February 09, 2026)



## Food AG 2025 delegation

Ambassador Mr. Abdul Hameed hosted a post-event feedback luncheon for the Food AG 2025 delegation following their visit to Karachi to participate in the exhibition organized by TDAP.

The discussion reviewed outcomes of the exhibition, engagement with Pakistani exporters and areas for strengthening product alignment with Japanese market requirements. Participants also exchanged views on the upcoming initiatives and activities to ensure stronger B2B follow-up.

The luncheon provided a constructive platform to translate exhibition engagement into sustained trade linkages between Pakistan and Japan. (February 16, 2026)



## A meeting with Professor Ick Soo Kim

Ambassador Abdul Hameed held a meeting with Professor Ick Soo Kim, Vice President of Shinshu University. They discussed ways to strengthen cooperation between Pakistani Universities and Shinshu University. (March 01, 2026)



## A Meeting with Mr. Akira Terakawa

Ambassador Abdul Hameed received Mr. Akira Terakawa, Senior Corporate Advisor of Marubeni Corporation, at the Embassy of Pakistan in Tokyo.

The Ambassador appreciated Marubeni's engagement with Pakistan and thanked Mr. Terakawa for his longstanding contribution to Japan's global business community. He also conveyed best wishes on the occasion of Mr. Terakawa's retirement. (March 01, 2026)



## Meeting with Mr. Masami Tebaka

Ambassador Abdul Hameed met with Mr. Masami Tebaka, Senior Vice President of the Japan Information Technology Services Industry Association (JISA), to discuss structured cooperation between Pakistan's IT sector and Japanese industry stakeholders.

The exchange focused on pilot-based collaboration, standards alignment, and strengthening institutional linkages to advance practical digital partnerships between Pakistan and Japan. (March 03, 2026)



## Governor Koike Yuriko

Ambassador Abdul Hameed attended Tokyo Networking Night with the Islamic Missions hosted by Tokyo Metropolitan Government. Governor Koike Yuriko welcomed guests and introduced them to the unique culture of Tokyo. Participants were encouraged to put on Japanese clothing, amour and other attire to experience the appeal of Japanese culture. An exhibition of photographs showcased Ramadan throughout the Islamic world.

Officials of the Metropolitan Government also shared that they will be celebrating the grand reopening of the Edo Tokyo Museum. (March 05, 2026)



## **A meeting with Dr. Kyoko Nozaki, Executive Vice President of RIKEN**

Ambassador Abdul Hameed held a meeting with Dr. Kyoko Nozaki, Executive Vice President of RIKEN, and her team. They explored avenues of cooperation between RIKEN (the Institute of Physical and Chemical Research) and Pakistani research institutions. The Ambassador appreciated that RIKEN holds a distinguished position as Japan's top research institute, with a special focus on natural sciences, AI, biomedical sciences, engineering and technology. (March 05, 2026)



## A Reception hosted by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

Ambassador Abdul Hameed attended a reception on 3 March 2026 hosted by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan on the occasion of the 6th Japan Alumni Conference. During the reception, the Ambassador also interacted with State Minister for Foreign Affairs Iwao Horii and Pakistani alumni and students. (March 06, 2026)



## FOODEX Japan 2026

Ambassador Abdul Hameed attended the opening ceremony of FOODEX Japan 2026 and visited the Pakistan Pavilion, held from 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March at Tokyo Big Sight.

At the 51<sup>st</sup> edition of FOODEX, which brings together over 3,200 companies from more than 70 countries, Pakistan is showcasing its agri-food export potential.

Pakistan is represented by six exporters from the rice, spices, salt and beverage sectors. The Pakistan Pavilion, organized with the support of the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), features four Pakistani exhibitors presenting their products to Japanese buyers and industry stakeholders. (March 11, 2026)



## Iftar dinner in Tokyo

Ambassador Abdul Hameed attended an Iftar dinner in Tokyo, joining members of the Pakistani diaspora in the spirit of reflection during the holy month of Ramadan.

The Ambassador highlighted that Ramadan is a time of compassion and generosity, bringing people together across cultures and faiths. He appreciated the warm hospitality of the hosts and the opportunity to strengthen bonds of friendship and mutual understanding between Pakistan and Japan.

The gathering provided a meaningful occasion to celebrate shared values, promote intercultural dialogue and reinforce the enduring ties between the people of Pakistan and Japan. (March 11, 2026)



## Seminar in Osaka

A seminar was organized by the Embassy of Pakistan in Osaka in collaboration with Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Japan International Trainee & Skilled Worker Cooperation Organization. The seminar aimed to highlight the potential of cooperation between Pakistan Japan in the field of human resource development and exchanges.

The event was graced by President of Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Managing Director Overseas Employment Cooperation and brought together over 100 stakeholders. (March 12, 2026)



## FOODEX Japan week

The Embassy of Pakistan in Tokyo hosted the Pakistan Rice Experience on 12 March 2026, bringing together Japanese importers, trading houses, and food industry stakeholders during FOODEX Japan week.

Ambassador Abdul Hameed delivered opening remarks highlighting Pakistan's position as one of the world's major rice exporters and the potential to expand Pakistan–Japan cooperation in the agri-food sector.

The event featured a presentation on Pakistan's rice sector, followed by a networking session and tasting of premium Pakistani rice varieties, allowing Japanese buyers to interact directly with visiting exporters.

The Embassy appreciates the participation of Japan's food industry and the support of Pakistan's rice exporters and sector stakeholders in making the event successful. (March 12, 2026)



## Meeting with Mr. AKAMATSU Shuichi, Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan

Ambassador Abdul Hameed received His Excellency Mr. AKAMATSU Shuichi, Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan, at the Embassy residence on 13 March.

They informally exchanged views on issues of mutual interest and reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening bilateral cooperation. (March 13, 2026)



## Tourism Promotion with Saiyu travels

Ambassador Abdul Hameed addressed participants at a tourism promotion event hosted by the Embassy of Pakistan in Tokyo in collaboration with Saiyu Travels, highlighting Pakistan's vast tourism potential and diverse travel experiences.

In his remarks, the Ambassador underscored that Pakistan offers a unique blend of breathtaking natural beauty, majestic mountain landscapes, rich cultural heritage and historic sites that appeal to adventure seekers, nature lovers and cultural travelers alike. He also emphasized the importance of strengthening tourism linkages between Pakistan and Japan and encouraging people-to-people exchanges.

The event brought together travel professionals, tourism stakeholders and enthusiasts, providing a platform to showcase Pakistan's diverse tourism offerings. (March 14, 2026)



## **An iftar dinner in Tokyo**

Ambassador Abdul Hameed attended an iftar dinner in Tokyo, joining members of the Pakistani diaspora in a spirit of reflection during the holy month of Ramadan. The gathering drew a sizeable turnout, with Pakistanis travelling from several cities across Japan.

Addressing the participants, the Ambassador observed that Ramadan is a season of forgiveness and generosity, one that naturally brings communities together. He underscored the value of unity within the diaspora and encouraged continued solidarity among Pakistanis living and working in Japan. (March 15, 2026)



## **An Iftar dinner in Kashiwa, Chiba**

Ambassador Abdul Hameed attended an Iftar dinner in Kashiwa, Chiba. He joined a large number of the Pakistani diaspora from different walks of life. He complimented them for strengthening Pakistan-Japan relations.

In brief remarks, the Ambassador described Ramadan as a season of forgiveness and generosity. He stressed the need for high standards of commercial conduct also.

The Ambassador thanked the hosts for their warm hospitality. The evening unfolded as a quiet testament to brotherhood and goodwill, where the shared values of humility, fraternity and unity in the sacred month of Ramadan gently wove the community together. (March 17, 2026)



## **An Iftar dinner in Yashio, Saitama**

Ambassador Abdul Hameed attended an Iftar dinner in Yashio, Saitama, joining a gathering of the Pakistani diaspora. He commended their contribution to strengthening Pakistan–Japan relations.

In his remarks, he also emphasized the need for integrity and high standards in commercial dealings.

He thanked the host for his gracious hospitality. The evening reflected a sense of fraternity and goodwill, with Ramadan’s emphasis on humility and unity bringing the community together. (March 18, 2026)



## Pakistan Day Commemoration – 23<sup>rd</sup> March

The Ambassador of Pakistan to Japan Mr. Abdul Hameed commemorated Pakistan Day with a dignified ceremony at the Embassy of Pakistan in Tokyo.

The event commenced with the hoisting of the national flag, symbolizing pride, unity and the enduring spirit of the nation. This was followed by the reading of messages from the President and the Prime Minister of Pakistan, highlighting the significance of the day and reaffirming the country's commitment to progress, prosperity and democratic values. The members of the Pakistani community in Japan, along with Embassy officials, attended the ceremony.

On this historic occasion, participants renewed their pledge to uphold the guiding principles of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah—unity, faith, and discipline—and to continue contributing positively towards strengthening Pakistan's image and fostering closer ties between Pakistan and Japan. (March 23, 2026)



## Meeting with H.E. Mr. SUZUKI Norikazu

Ambassador Abdul Hameed met H.E. Mr. SUZUKI Norikazu, the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries of Japan, during the Cherry Blossoms Reception hosted by the latter at Sanbancho Kiagisyo, Tokyo. They briefly discussed prospects of cooperation between the two countries in fields of fisheries and agriculture. (March 26, 2026)



## Overseas Pakistanis Convention

Pakistani Community in Japan welcomed Chairman Overseas Pakistanis Foundation, Syed Qamar Raza Shah at the 1<sup>st</sup> Overseas Pakistanis Convention. Ambassador Abdul Hameed delivered his remarks and the event was attended by the Pakistani community from across Japan. Chairman OPF thanked the overseas Pakistanis for their contribution to the economy and development of Pakistan and assured them of full support of OPF for redressal of their issues. (March 29, 2026)

