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Dear Readers,

It is with great pleasure that I present this edition of the Newsletter of the Embassy of Pakistan in Tokyo, covering the period from April to June 2026. During the period under review, the Embassy remained actively engaged with a wide range of Japanese stakeholders, including government officials, parliamentarians, prefectural leadership, business organizations, academic institutions, research bodies, cultural organizations and members of the media. These interactions provided valuable opportunities to exchange views on matters of mutual interest, identify new areas of cooperation and reaffirm the shared desire of both countries to expand practical and result-oriented collaboration.

A particular focus of our efforts has been on the promotion of economic, technological and innovation-based cooperation. Pakistan's participation in Japan IT Week 2026, our engagement with startup platforms, discussions with leading Japanese companies and interaction with business chambers and institutional partners reflected Pakistan's growing potential as a destination for investment, technology partnership and entrepreneurial collaboration. The Embassy will continue to support initiatives that connect Pakistani enterprises, professionals, and innovators with Japan's advanced industrial and technological ecosystem. Academic and scientific cooperation also remained an important pillar of our outreach. Engagements with Japanese universities, research institutions, and Pakistani scholars in Japan highlighted the role of education, research, and knowledge exchange in shaping the next chapter of Pakistan-Japan relations.

The First Pakistan-Japan Symposium on Science, Technology and Innovation was a meaningful step toward building stronger linkages among researchers, universities, industry, and policy stakeholders in both countries. The Embassy also continued to give importance to cultural diplomacy and community engagement. Our interactions with Pakistani students, professionals, entrepreneurs, and community members in Japan reaffirmed the valuable role played by the Pakistani diaspora in promoting friendship, understanding, and goodwill between our two nations. Cultural exchange, language learning, youth engagement, tourism promotion, and educational mobility are the essential foundations for a durable and future-oriented partnership.

The Embassy of Pakistan in Tokyo remains fully committed to working with our Japanese partners, Pakistani stakeholders, and the community in Japan to translate these initiatives into concrete outcomes. I also take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to all our partners, institutions, and members of the Pakistani community who continue to support the Embassy's work and contribute to strengthening the bonds of friendship between Pakistan and Japan.

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



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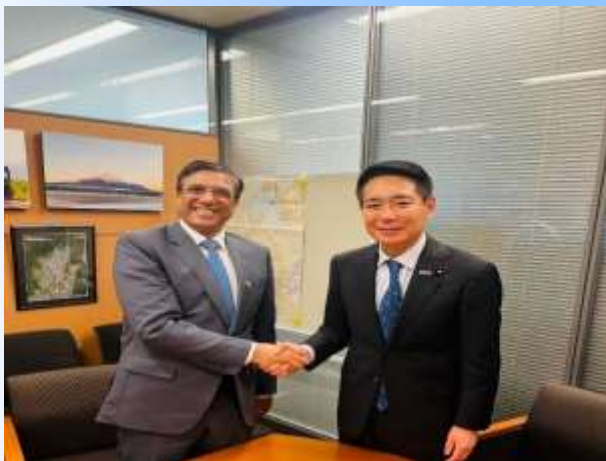
Ambassador Abdul Hameed called on State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ms. Kunimitsu Ayano

State Minister KUNIMITSU stated that Japan and Pakistan have consistently nurtured a cordial relationship since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1952 and Japan is committed to further developing the amicable relations between the two countries. Ambassador Abdul Hameed responded that he is looking forward to working together. Both sides also exchanged views on the current global situation. (02 April 2026)



A Meeting with Mr. Seiji Maehara

Ambassador Abdul Hameed held a meeting with Mr. Seiji Maehara, Chairman of the Pakistan-Japan Parliamentary Friendship League and Mr. Fujii Hisayuki, Director General of the League. They held discussion on the global situation as well as on the Parliamentary cooperation between the two countries. The Ambassador congratulated Chairman Seiji Maehara and Director General Fujii Hisayuki for being re-elected as members of the Lower House and extended his best wishes for a successful tenure. (03 April 2026)



A Meeting with Mr. Nobuhisa Iida, President & CEO Nikkei Inc

Ambassador Abdul Hameed held a productive meeting with Mr. Nobuhisa Iida, President and CEO of Nikkei Inc. The discussion focused on strengthening Pakistan–Japan relations, enhancing economic cooperation and exploring opportunities to promote Pakistan’s positive economic outlook and investment potential in the global arena.

Both sides emphasized the importance of media in shaping perceptions and fostering deeper understanding between the two countries. The Ambassador congratulated Mr. Nobuhisa Iida on the assumption of presidency of Nikkei Inc and appreciated the organization's role as a leading platform for regional and global economic discourse. **(06 April 2026)**



Pakistan Pavilion at Japan IT Week 2026

Ambassador Abdul Hameed inaugurated Pakistan Pavilion at Japan IT Week 2026. At this major annual event in Tokyo, twelve leading Pakistani IT companies showcased solutions in software, cloud computing, cybersecurity, fintech and business systems.

The Ambassador emphasized the need to build long-term, reliable partnerships with Japan through practical collaboration, with a focus on expanding IT exports in alignment with Japan's Society 5.0 vision and market needs. This was a step towards deeper Pakistan–Japan technology cooperation and more sustainable business ties. (08 April 2026)



The Embassy of Pakistan Hosts Networking Event for Japan IT Week 2026 Participants

The Embassy of Pakistan in Tokyo had the pleasure of hosting a networking event in honor of participants of Japan IT Week 2026. The evening brought together Pakistani IT companies, Japanese industry partners, academia, and leading institutions, providing a platform for informal exchange following a full day of engagement at Tokyo Big Sight.

The event opened with welcome remarks by the Ambassador of Pakistan, who emphasized the importance of building long-term, reliable partnerships through practical collaboration and consistent delivery.

We were also pleased to have participation from representatives of JICA, Deloitte, PSEB, and TDAP. The focus remains on moving from introductions to pilot projects and from engagement to sustained partnerships. Such interactions support stronger Pakistan–Japan technology cooperation and create pathways for long-term business relationships. (12 April 2026)



The Embassy of Pakistan Partners in AI Seminar under JICA Framework

Ambassador Abdul Hameed delivered opening remarks at the AI seminar at Deloitte Tohmtsu Innovation Park, as part of a series of engagements around Japan IT Week.

The Embassy of Pakistan was pleased to partner in this event under the framework of JICA, bringing together industry, academia and a strong participation of Japanese companies. The featured seminar-a panel discussion on AI trends and practical applications, including insights from Professor Yasar Ayaz.

In his remarks, the Ambassador emphasized the importance of moving from discussion to implementation and encouraged practical collaboration in AI between Japan and Pakistan. **(13 April 2026)**



A Meeting with a group of Pakistani-American Doctors and Professionals

The Ambassador met with a group of Pakistani-American doctors and professionals, joined by Dr. Ayesha Cheema, during their recent visit to Japan.

The discussion focused on building and strengthening networks, linking Pakistan's academics, researchers and professionals with allies across the diaspora, advancing a dynamic knowledge corridor. (18 April 2026)



A Meeting with the Secretary General of the Asian Productivity Organization

The Ambassador met with Dr. Indra Pradana Singawinata, Secretary General, Asian Productivity Organization (APO), in APO head office Tokyo.

The Ambassador discussed longstanding cooperation of Pakistan with APO in industrial and technology productivity fields. They agreed that APO can contribute to the sustainable socioeconomic development by providing policy advisory services and smart initiatives in the industry, agriculture and public sectors of member countries including Pakistan.

The Ambassador exchanged views on Pakistan and the APO's long-standing cooperation in the fields of industrial and technological productivity. Both sides agreed that the APO can contribute to sustainable socio-economic development in the industrial, agricultural and public sectors of member states, including Pakistan, through policy advisory services and smart initiatives. (21 April 2026)



A Meeting with President of Suzuki Motors Corporation

Ambassador of Pakistan to Japan, Mr. Abdul Hameed, met with Mr. Toshihiro Suzuki, President of Suzuki Motor Corporation, to exchange views on Pakistan's automotive sector and opportunities for deeper industrial cooperation.

The discussion focused on localization, technology transfer, vendor development, and the potential for strengthened long-term engagement in Pakistan's automobile industry. **(23 April 2026)**



Community Tea at the Embassy's Event Hall

The Ambassador hosted a community tea at the Embassy's Event Hall, bringing together members of the Pakistani diaspora. He engaged in a candid interaction with participants, discussing a range of issues faced by the community, including consular services and welfare matters. The engagement reaffirmed the Embassy's commitment to maintaining open dialogue and strengthening its outreach to the diaspora. (27 April 2026)



Pakistan's startup delegation

Pakistan's startup delegation, supported by Ignite, visited SusHi Tech Tokyo 2026 as part of its innovation engagement in Japan.

Mr. Abdul Hameed, Ambassador of Pakistan to Japan, hosted a networking dinner on 27 April 2026 to welcome the delegation and connect them with partners in Japan. The delegation will continue to engage in sideline activities, pitches, and ecosystem meetings in the coming days. (27 April 2026)



A Meeting with the Governor-Gunma Prefecture

Ambassador Abdul Hameed held a meeting with the Gunma Prefecture, honorable Mr. Yamamoto Ichita.

He thanked the Governor for the warm welcome and highlighted the scope for cooperation between Gunma and Pakistan's provinces, particularly in agriculture, food packaging and information technology.

The expressed his readiness to Governor for deepen collaboration across areas of shared interest, noting Pakistan's growing strengths in the IT sector. He also advised Pakistan's mediation efforts in the latest round of conflict in the Middle East. (28 April 2026)



A Meeting with the President of the Gunma University,

Ambassador Abdul Hameed visited the campus of Gunma University and held a meeting with the honorable President of the university, Prof. Dr. Yasuki Ishizaki. They discussed prospects of collaboration between Pakistani academic institutions and the Gunma University in various disciplines including medicine and healthcare. The Ambassador noted the significant contribution of the University to medical sciences, particularly cancer treatment fields. President Yasuki highlighted the ongoing education cooperation of Gunma University with Pakistan and expressed his willingness to further expand it. On the occasion, the Ambassador also interacted with the Pakistani students in Gunma University. (28 April 2026)



Go Global Event

Pakistan's startup story met Japan's innovation ecosystem at the Go Global event in Tokyo. With 74 participants joining from Japan's startup, corporate, investment and institutional networks, the evening brought together Pakistani startups, Japanese ecosystem partners and friends of Pakistan-Japan technology cooperation.

The event was opened by Mr. Abdul Hameed, Ambassador of Pakistan to Japan, who highlighted the importance of building practical technology linkages between Pakistan and Japan.

Grateful to Minato City Industrial Promotion Center, Asia Web3 Alliance Japan, JICA, Deloitte, PSEB and Ignite – National Technology Fund for supporting this important engagement.

Pakistani startups pitched their solutions, followed by a thoughtful panel on investment, innovation and collaboration opportunities between Pakistan and Japan. The strongest part of the evening was not only the presentations but the shift from "introduction" to "possibility." Now the real work begins: turning first conversations into practical connections. (01 May 2026)

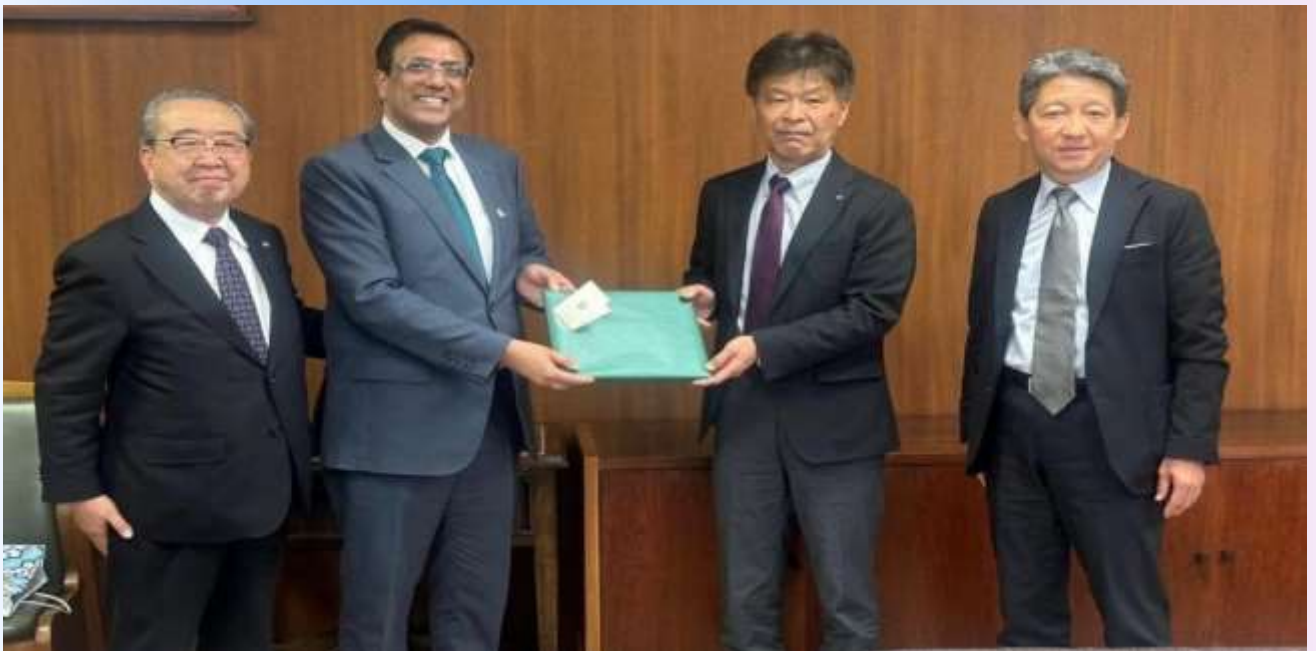


A Meeting with President of the Maebashi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Gunma Prefecture

Ambassador Abdul Hameed met with Mr. Inada Takanobu, President of the Maebashi Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Gunma Prefecture to discuss practical Pakistan–Japan business collaboration.

The discussion focused on SME cooperation in surgical instruments and food processing, including packaging, cold chain and post-harvest value addition, alongside opportunities in skills, language training, and IT professionals.

The Embassy looks forward to connecting businesses on both sides and advancing concrete B2B linkages. (08 May 2026)



1st Anniversary of Marka-e-Haq

The Embassy of Pakistan, Tokyo commemorated the 1st Anniversary of Marka-e-Haq with great national spirit and unity, paying tribute to the courage and sacrifices of Pakistan's Armed Forces and people in defense of the nation's sovereignty and dignity.

Messages from the President, Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Pakistan were read out, reaffirming Pakistan's commitment to peace and security of its people and territory.

Ambassador Abdul Hameed highlighted that Marka-e-Haq symbolised Pakistan's unity, preparedness and determination. He said that the seamless and synchronized response of our forces across the land, maritime, air and cyber domains reaffirmed Pakistan's stature as an indomitable nation. Defense Attaché Air Commodore Mr. Amir Mohiuddin also briefed the community on the operational successes of the Pakistan Air Force during Operation Bunyan Al Marsoos. The ceremony concluded with prayers for the prosperity of Pakistan and for the Shuhada who sacrificed their lives in defense of the homeland. **(10 May 2026)**



A Meeting with the Governor of Tokyo

Ambassador Abdul Hameed met H.E Ms. Yuriko Koike, Governor of Tokyo, to discuss Pakistan–Tokyo cooperation in innovation, startups, urban resilience and people-to-people linkages, including possible engagement with Tokyo Innovation Base and SusHi Tech Tokyo 2027. (11 May 2026)



A Meeting with Japan Foundation President, Mr. Kurosawa Shinya

Ambassador Abdul Hameed met the Japan Foundation President, Mr. Kurosawa Shinya. They explored avenues of institutional cooperation in Japanese-language education. The exchange focused on expanding access to Japanese-language instruction.

The two sides also examined the scope for structured teacher-training initiatives and collaboration on curriculum development, recognizing that the long-term sustainability of language education depends not merely on enrolment growth, but on the cultivation of qualified instructors and modern pedagogical frameworks. (14 May 2026)



A Meeting with the leadership of Customer Cloud, Japan

Ambassador Mr. Abdul Hameed met with the leadership of Customer Cloud, Japan, for an exchange on emerging technologies, AI infrastructure, digital governance, blockchain integration and future opportunities for Pakistan–Japan cooperation in the technology sector.

The discussion covered evolving trends in AI, digital ecosystems, smart infrastructure, and possible avenues for collaboration between Japanese and Pakistani stakeholders in innovation and advanced technology. (19 May 2026)



A Meeting with the Governor of Shizuoka Prefecture

Mr. Abdul Hameed, Ambassador of Pakistan to Japan, called on H.E. Mr. Yasutomo Suzuki, Governor of Shizuoka Prefecture.

The meeting discussed ways to build a practical cooperation channel between Pakistan and Shizuoka, with focus on SME linkages, skills cooperation, renewable energy, food processing, IT services and cultural and youth exchange.

Ambassador Hameed appreciated Shizuoka's support for its Pakistani community and its commitment to a multicultural society. He also proposed awareness activities in Shizuoka and Pakistan to deepen mutual understanding and identify concrete opportunities for cooperation.
(25 May 2026)



A Meeting with Chairman of the Shizuoka Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Mr. Abdul Hameed, Ambassador of Pakistan to Japan, met with Mr. Yoshiki Kishida, Chairman of the Shizuoka Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The discussion focused on practical business cooperation between Pakistan and Shizuoka, including SME linkages, food processing, packaging, manufacturing, IT services, skills and renewable energy.

Both sides agreed to continue coordination to identify concrete B2B opportunities. (26 May 2026)



Attended the Japan Pakistan Innovation Institute (JPII)

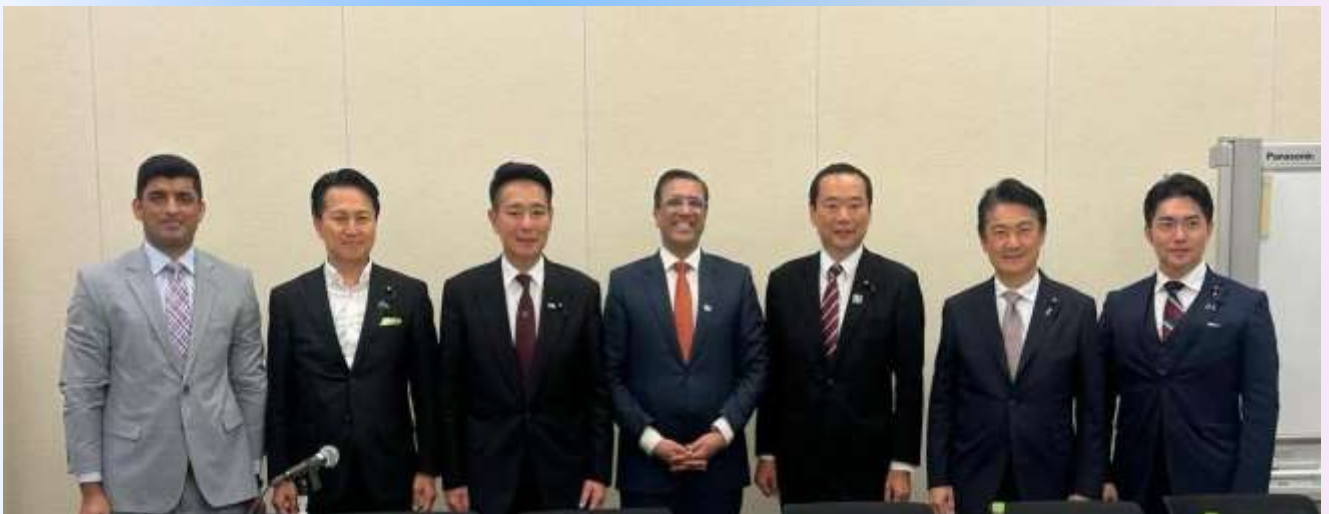
Ambassador Abdul Hameed attended the Japan Pakistan Innovation Institute (JPII) Shizuoka Connect Networking Lunch. The session brought together representatives from business, innovation, community and institutional circles. (28 May 2026)



A Meeting with Members of the Japan-Pakistan Friendship League

Ambassador Abdul Hameed met members of the Japan-Pakistan Friendship League to strengthen parliamentary cooperation between Pakistan and Japan. The Chairman of the Friendship League, Mr. Seiji Maehara, in his opening remarks, welcomed the Ambassador and noted the cordial nature of bilateral relations between the two countries. He expressed his desire to further strengthen bilateral relations.

In his remarks, the Ambassador highlighted parliamentary diplomacy as an important pillar in promoting understanding and trust between the two countries. In the end, the members of the Friendship League interacted with the Ambassador and asked questions regarding ways to strengthen bilateral relations and business opportunities in Pakistan. (26 May 2026)



Ambassador Welcomed Chairman of the Japan–Pakistan Business Cooperation Committee

Mr. Abdul Hameed, Ambassador of Pakistan to Japan, welcomed Mr. Masayoshi Fujimoto, the newly appointed Chairman of the Japan–Pakistan Business Cooperation Committee (JPBCC), at the Embassy of Pakistan in Tokyo. The meeting reaffirmed the shared commitment of Pakistan and Japan’s business communities to strengthening commercial ties and expanding practical cooperation between companies of both countries.

The Ambassador congratulated Mr. Fujimoto on his appointment and expressed appreciation for JPBCC’s longstanding contribution to Pakistan–Japan economic relations. (08 June 2026)



A dinner for the Board Members of the Japan–Pakistan Business Cooperation Committee

Mr. Abdul Hameed, Ambassador of Pakistan to Japan, hosted a dinner for the Board Members of the Japan–Pakistan Business Cooperation Committee (JPBCC), led by its newly appointed Chairman, Mr. Masayoshi Fujimoto.

The evening provided an opportunity to engage with representatives of leading Japanese companies and institutions, exchange views on strengthening business confidence and commercial partnerships, and reaffirm the importance of long-term economic cooperation between Pakistan and Japan. The Ambassador appreciated the continued contribution of Japanese companies operating in Pakistan and welcomed JPBCC's efforts to further strengthen economic ties between the two countries under its new leadership. (08 June 2026)



A Meeting with Ambassador-designate of Estonia to Japan

The Ambassador received Ambassador-designate of Estonia to Japan, H.E. Mr. Andres Unga, in the Embassy. They had a useful exchange of views on matters of mutual interest. (09 June 2026)



A Meeting with Mr. Kobayashi Yuji

Ambassador Abdul Hameed received Mr. Kobayashi Yuji, a member of Hokkaido Assembly, today at the Embassy. They discussed prospects of enhancing trade between Pakistan and Hokkaido. (10 June 2026)



Ambassador of Pakistan Delivers Guest Lecture at Temple University, Japan

Ambassador Abdul Hameed delivered a guest lecture to students of Temple University, Japan Campus. The Ambassador shared his insights on Pakistan–Japan relations and global developments. The interactive session provided students with an opportunity to engage in a lively discussion on contemporary international affairs and diplomacy.

The Ambassador appreciated the students' thoughtful questions and expressed confidence in the role of youth in fostering greater understanding among nations. (11 June 2026)



The closing ceremony of the 30th Practicum at the National Tax Agency

Ambassador Abdul Hameed attended the closing ceremony for the 30th Practicum at the National Tax Agency held at the ANA Inter Continental Tokyo. He also interacted with the faculty members and students, including five Pakistani participants. (15 June 2026)



A Networking Dinner

Ambassador Abdul Hameed hosted a networking dinner at his residence, bringing together Japanese stakeholders from the fields of investment, innovation, SMEs, agribusiness, food industries and trade promotion. The gathering provided an opportunity for an informal exchange of views on the evolving economic relationship between Pakistan and Japan.

The evening reaffirmed a shared commitment to jointly organizing seminars and webinars and building stronger institutional and commercial partnerships, with an emphasis on creating tangible opportunities for businesses and investors in both countries. (18 June 2026)



A meeting with Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to Japan

Ambassador Abdul Hameed received the Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to Japan, Her Excellency Sigrid Berka, at the Embassy of Pakistan. The two sides held a cordial and productive exchange of views on matters of mutual interest and reaffirmed the importance of strengthening bilateral cooperation. (19 June 2026)



A Reception to celebrate the achievements of Pakistani Students

The Embassy of Pakistan organized a reception to celebrate the achievements of Pakistani students graduating from universities across Japan. Members and office bearers of Pakistan Students Association Japan were invited to it. The gathering brought together graduates from a wide range of academic disciplines, reflecting the growing depth and diversity of Pakistan's educational engagement with Japan. The event was also honored by the presence of professors and students of the Urdu language from Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, underscoring the enduring value of cultural and linguistic exchange between the two countries.

As they embark on the next chapter of their journeys, we extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes for their future endeavors. We are confident that they will continue to contribute to innovation and mutual understanding between Pakistan and Japan. In doing so, they will help deepen the people-to-people ties that give lasting strength to the relationship between our two nations. (19 June 2026)



The First Pakistan–Japan Symposium

The Embassy of Pakistan in Tokyo hosted the First Pakistan–Japan Symposium on Science, Technology and Innovation, to connect Japanese cutting-edge technologies with Pakistani researchers, scientists and entrepreneurs.

In his opening remarks, Ambassador Abdul Hameed noted that the next chapter of Pakistan–Japan relations will be shaped not only by trade and development cooperation, but increasingly by research, innovation and technology partnerships. The symposium brought together leading Pakistani scientists working across Japan. Dr. M. Ajmal Khan Wazir, Dr. Khurram Bashir, Dr. Sana Ullah, Dr. Ahsan Sohail, Dr. Iffat Maab and Mr. Haris Gulzar presented their research spanning various fields including photovoltaic materials, sustainable agriculture, green hydrogen, telecommunications, artificial intelligence and language technologies. Beyond the presentations, the discussions focused on a larger objective: building lasting partnerships between universities, research institutions and industry in both countries.

(28 June 2026)



The Ambassador's visit to the University of Tokyo

Ambassador Abdul Hameed met with Professor Yujin Yaguchi, Vice President of the University of Tokyo, to discuss expanding academic cooperation between the University of Tokyo and Pakistani higher education institutions.

The Vice President highlighted the University's academic engagement with Pakistan and expressed a strong commitment to deepening those partnerships. The new initiatives of the University would create fresh opportunities for academic exchange and research collaboration.

The discussions underscored the growing importance of educational diplomacy as a cornerstone of Pakistan–Japan relations. Both sides reaffirmed that stronger university partnerships, greater mobility of students and researchers, and sustained scholarly collaboration can make a lasting contribution to innovation, mutual understanding, and the long-term development of bilateral ties. (29 June 2026)

