

INDEPENDENCE DAY

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PAKISTAN

Bolstering friendship and cooperation



Afzaal Mahmood, Ambassador of Pakistan to Bahrain

I am pleased to convey heartfelt greetings to Pakistanis in Bahrain on the Independence Day of our beloved country, Pakistan. On this day in 1947, Pakistan emerged on the World Map as a sovereign state after untiring efforts of our nation under the leadership of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. Pakistan is blessed with tall mountains, lush green valleys, fresh water natural springs and rivers, plateaus, fertile plain farm lands, deserts and warm waters of the Arabian Sea. The country has natural resources like gold, copper, semi-precious stones and hydrocarbons. Five seasons of Pakistan make it suitable to grow every type of fruit, vegetable and food grain. Pakistan is blessed with talented human resource which has proven its worth world over. Pakistan has produced outstanding scholars like Allama Mohammad Iqbal and Nobel Laureates such as Dr. Abdul Salam and Malala Yousafzai.

While our nation has been successful in developing infrastructure and putting in place basic industry, it still faces challenges of meeting growing energy needs and diversification of economy, including exports. We are exploring new markets for our non-traditional exports such as traditional furniture, processed food, semi-precious stones, dates, olives, olive oil and honey.

We take pride in the excellent work being done by the Overseas Pakistanis. They not only con-

tribute to the well-being of the people of their countries of choice but also send much needed remittances back home. They are working as a bridge between Pakistan and its friends. Pakistanis in Bahrain are recognized as law abiding, hardworking and friendly people. They are our goodwill ambassadors and source of pride.

Pakistan and Bahrain enjoy thousands of years old history of friendship and cooperation for mutual benefit. The two help each other in different areas of mutual interest, collaborate at the regional level to ensure peace and security and closely consult each other at the international forums to align their policies. The friendship between our two nations is exemplary and without any irritants. The Prime Minister of Pakistan paid a state visit to Bahrain on 16 December 2019 as a Guest of Honour on the National Day of Bahrain. He came on the special invitation of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. During the visit, three MoUs on Cooperation in different fields were inked. I, as the Ambassador of Pakistan and friend of Bahrain try my best to intensify economic and commercial ties for a better common future.

Gulf Air has resumed its flights to almost all major cities of Pakistan to boost our fraternal relations and extensive interaction between our two nations. To bring our people further close, the Government of Pakistan has listed Bahrain among the countries having visa-on-arrival and online visa facilities. Tourism sector of Pakistan is steadily opening after the easing of COVID-19 situation and I welcome Bahraini friends to explore our country at their convenience.

I wish the people of Bahrain and Pakistan continued peace, progress and prosperity on this special day. May Pakistan and Bahrain friendship live long!

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Moulding Future Leaders



Attiq ur Rehman, Principal & Secretary, Board of Management, Pakistan School, Bahrain



Sami ur Rehman, Chairman, Board of Management, Pakistan School, Bahrain

On this glorious day of Independence, Pakistan School wishes all fellow compatriots in Bahrain a happy Independence Day. Let's refresh and remember the great sacrifices of the martyrs who laid down their lives for a free Pakistan.

We are happy to present a synopsis of Pakistan School, Bahrain on this joyous occasion. The history of Pakistan School goes back to the 60s when the leading visionary members of the community realized the need for a schooling system for their children, leading to the establishment of a small primary school in 1968 in a rented building in Fariq Fadil area of Manama.

After a few years the school was upgraded to secondary level education following affiliation with the Federal Board, Islamabad, Pakistan. In 1984, the new campus of the Pakistan School was constructed in Isa town, which was inaugurated by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier.

Two new blocks, Jinnah Block and Sir Sayyed Block were constructed in the Isa town campus, between 1994-95.

Today Pakistan school has two wings, Manama (Primary) and the main campus Isa Town.

Besides Pakistanis, the school is delivering education to more than 2400 students from 20 different nationalities.

Pakistan School has laid down a well-defined and practical network of extra and co-curricular activities for the personality and the character building of students. These activities are conducted on inter class, inter house and inter school levels.

Pakistani students have been performing tremendously in the Bahrain level sports, academic and cultural activities.

Under the loyal, competent and dedicated leadership of the sitting Board of Management, Pakistan school has achieved many distinctive landmarks over the last five years in academic and administrative areas.

Pakistan School's Federal Board results have shown consistent and impressive improvements over the last four years and this year Board exam results of SSC and HSSC declared in the last week of July 2020, are no exception. The outstanding result for the session 2019-20 is as follows:

Secondary School Certificate:

Overall result of Science students is 99%, and Arts is 90%.

Higher Secondary School Certificate:

Overall result of Pre-Medical students is 97%, Pre-Engineering is 78%, Commerce is 100% and Humanities is 68%.

The school financial status is now reliable and stable. The school system is fully automated to enhance performance in the spheres of academics, administration and student data compilation.

Solid academic planning and performance have led to an increase in admissions resulting in the establishment of additional facilities and construction of new class rooms.

Pakistan School has earned a name of its own for participation in the national, cultural and social festivals to strengthen the bond of its deep love and affiliation with Bahrain.

Students who excel in the Board exams are awarded scholarships, while the school spends thousands of Bahraini Dinars for fee concession to support the most deserving and financially backward students.

The sole aim of Pakistan school is to create a new generation inculcating in them qualities needed to be visionaries to lead their country in the future.

74th Pakistan Independence Day celebrations are not being planned in a grand scale this year due to the currently prevailing situation regarding COVID-19. It is for the safety of all against COVID-19.

We earnestly pray for the safety of all the Bahraini citizens and residents and wish a very happy and prosperous future to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Congratulations & Best Wishes

to the Government & People of Pakistan & the Pakistani Community in Bahrain on the auspicious occasion of **Pakistan Independence Day** from the Board of Management, Staff and Students of **Pakistan School, Bahrain**

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