



Consulate General of Pakistan
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Consul General's Message on 75th Independence Day of Pakistan - 14 August 2022

Happy 75th Independence Day of Pakistan!!!

I extend best wishes and felicitations to our diaspora, especially those residing in Houston, across Texas and the Southern US States, on this auspicious occasion of 75th Independence Day of Pakistan falling on 14 August 2022.

We pray that almighty Allah may give us strength to make Pakistan a stronger and prosperous nation and the vision of our forefathers is fully realized. Today, we also pay tribute to valiant sons and daughters who toiled for achieving and maintaining independence of Pakistan.

This year we also mark 75 years of establishment of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and the USA. Since Pakistan's independence in 1947, the two countries have enjoyed broad-based mutually beneficial and close relations. The cooperation from counter-terrorism, education to climate change is not only adding to the capabilities and resilience for the two peoples but to a safer globe. The vibrant Pakistani-Americans are an abiding bridge.

Pakistan stands in complete solidarity with the people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IloJK) for they attain their fundamental rights. We abhor unilateral and illegal actions of India on 05 August 2019 enacted to further subjugate the people of IloJK. Alongside, Pakistan stands with Palestinian brothers and sisters under brutal attacks. We call for upholding the human dignity globally wherein each person lives free of any want and fear.

Pakistan Consulate General Houston continues to provide quick, smooth, and efficient services by transforming the services to digital platforms. After Passport, NICOP, and visa now Power of Attorney is also online. In line with the vision of the government to provide efficient services, the NADRA Desk at the Consulate is fully functional. It not just processes the cards but extends services such as biometric for Succession Certificate, and issues Family Registration Certificate.

The story of Pakistan is incomplete without the individual and collective stories of our diaspora communities. Pakistani-Americans with their passion, skills, and resources are a shining part of this story. Pakistan celebrates their success and excellence. I take pride in representing and commending our community in Texas Atlanta, Florida and across the jurisdiction of this Consulate General for having brought to the fore, Pakistan's best values of generosity and hospitality on all occasions, the latest during COVID-19 pandemic.

I invite all of you to gainfully employ your surplus resources: skills and capital to benefit from the lucrative and green investment opportunities in Pakistan. They include tailored products such as Roshan Digital Accounts, real estate development to health, tech sector startups and other areas for profit/non-profit and development of Pakistan.

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