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Origin of the Society

The genesis of the Society can be traced to the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations (now renamed as the Chicago Council on Global Affairs) which was addressed by Former President of Pakistan General Pervez Musharraf and its information on the web inspired Mr. Ahsan Mukhtar Zubairi, now the Secretary General and CEO of the Karachi Council on Foreign Relations, to make a council on the same lines. He found many intellectuals in the city agreeing with him. They all felt that there was a need for such a society which would not only be beneficial for Pakistan but for many other countries. For one thing there was a need for such a forum. As such 19 persons who are known as the founding members of Karachi Council got together and after long deliberations, formed the Karachi Council on Foreign Relations. The Council was formally inaugurated on 10th May 2003 in Karachi.

About us

The Karachi Council on Foreign Relations (KCFR) was registered as a society with the object of facilitating good relations between Pakistan and the representative of foreign countries based in Pakistan. The Karachi Council is a Pakistani based non-profit international organization and serves the community in Pakistan through diversified programming. The Karachi Council provides members with specialized group and the general public with a forum for the consideration of significant international issues and their bearing on Pakistan's foreign policy.

Members of KCFR comprise of a cross section eminent persons from all walks of life and include former Chief Justice of Pakistan, former Governor of Sindh, retired judges, retired military/naval/air force chiefs, retired diplomats, professionals, corporate executives, bank's presidents, businessmen and academicians. Each member is a leader in his own field of work or specialization.

KCFR regularly arranges talks and meetings with foreign visiting dignitaries as well as Ambassadors / High Commissioners and Consul Generals / Deputy High Commissioners of countries based in Islamabad and Karachi. This gives the members an opportunity of understanding their points of view as well as information on the state of existing relations with foreign countries who they represent and development of relations including travel with such countries.

The Council has already been addressed by renowned personalities including Mr. Shaukat Aziz (former Prime Minister of Pakistan), Mr. L.K. Advani (Former Deputy Prime Minister of India), Mr. Mike O'Brien (former British Minister of Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), Mr. Douglas Alexander (former British Minister of Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), Mr. Khurshid Mahmood Kasuri (former Foreign Minister of Pakistan), Mr. Jaswant Singh (former Foreign Minister of India), Mr. Shiv Shankar Menon (National Security Adviser to the Prime Minister of India) and ambassadors / high commissioners from different countries like France, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, China, Afghanistan, Nepal.

The Council's importance is growing very fast specially after the signing of MoUs with the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs and Nepal Institute for Policy Studies and expected signing of MoUs with the Indian Council of World Affairs and Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute for International Relations and Strategic Studies.



Message from Chief Justice (Retd.) Saiduzzaman Siddiqui Patron and Founder Chairman of KCFR

The Karachi Council on Foreign Relations was originally founded as an apolitical, non commercial and a neutral think tank forum to provide an intellectual, in depth and objective discussions on issues touching the policy making of the state on subjects like foreign relations, economic affairs and law. It was established at a time when the Country was reeling under a Military Dictator which has overthrown a duly elected Civilian Government. Despite odds, difficulties and sensitivities of the Military Government, the Council invited the then Foreign Minister of Pakistan (Mian Khursheed Mahmood Kasuri) at the inaugural ceremony of the Council as its Chief Guest on 10th May 2003 in a local hotel at Karachi who very kindly accepted the invitation.



The Karachi Council had within its purview a research oriented program by arranging discussions, seminars, talk shows, question and answer sessions and inviting outstanding national and international personalities, academician and scholars to express their views on issues like foreign relation, economic affairs and law with the object of diffusing knowledge, providing help and guidance to the policy maker and awareness amongst the masses in a completely free and fair atmosphere.

The Council's ultimate goal was to promote a sense of respect and commitment amongst the rulers and the ruled to the rule of law in the society and propagate the concept of good governance in the country. The response received from the intelligentsia of the Council within a very short period of the establishment of the Council was very encouraging and with the passage of time the Council grew into a strong and independent institution for expression of unbiased and upright opinion on issues of national and international importance.

For its first three years of existence, I as the Founder Chairman of the Karachi Council tried my best to uphold the independent character of the Council which perhaps did not go well with the Government of the day. I finally made room in 2008 for another person to be elected as the Chairman of the Karachi Council. After I ceased to hold the office of Chairman, the Members of the KCFR very kindly elected me as the Patron of the Karachi Council.

In later years, the Karachi Council elected to confine its activity only in the field of Foreign Affairs as is apparent from its transformation from Karachi Council on Foreign Relation Economic Affairs and Law to Karachi Council on Foreign Relations. Despite the change in the name of Council, it continued to address vital issues of economics and good governance. The Council during 10 years of its existence has made great strides to advance the objectives enshrined in its Articles of Association and has earned a respectable name and stature among the foreign delegates and intellectual of the Council for its independent and unbiased analysis of the issues confronting the Nation.

While eulogizing the role of KCFR in educating the public opinion on issues of public importance, I would like to place on record that role of such think tanks need not be over emphasized as in all civilized countries of the world, the role of such societies is considered vital for formalizing state policies and to advance the concept of good governance.

The message will not be complete without mentioning the role played by the Secretary General of the Council, Mr. Ahsan Mukhtar Zubairi who conceived the idea of Council and transformed it into one of the foremost think tanks of Pakistan. I hope the Karachi Council will continue to discharge its assigned role undeterred by adversities.



Message from
Lt. Gen. (R) Moinuddin Haider, HI (M)
Immediate Past Chairman of KCFR

I am very pleased that the Karachi Council on Foreign Relations is completing ten years of its existence in May this year. I am proud to be a founding member of this prestigious organization.



Today the Council has become well known in diplomatic, business and government circles. Several ministers, ambassadors / high commissioners and visiting foreign dignitaries have interacted with the Council for our mutual benefit. This has helped us to understand each other's points of view and understand the complex regional and international situation.

Pakistan is a front-line state and partner with the USA and West on "War on Terror". This has resulted in a very difficult situation for Pakistan causing immense collateral damage and loss of 55000 valuable lives. This situation needs a constant dialogue with all countries engaged in war in Afghanistan.

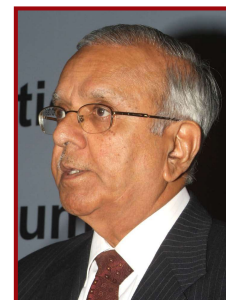
We also need to appraise the world about the investment opportunities existing in Pakistan. The Karachi Council provides an excellent forum for this purpose. It has matured and gained prestige as a credible think tank in the last ten years.

The past and present Chairmen, our very dynamic Secretary General Ahsan Mukhtar Zubairi, members of the Board of Governors and all members of the Karachi Council have given their valuable time and resources to help raise the Council to this high level. I congratulate all members on 10th anniversary of the Council and look forward to our continued march forward.



Message from Barrister Liaquat Habib Merchant Chairman and Founder Member of KCFR

I was elected as Chairman of Karachi Council on Foreign Relations (KCFR) as successor to two very eminent citizens of Pakistan i.e. Justice (Retd.) Saeed-uz-Zaman Siddiqui, former Chief Justice of Pakistan and Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Moinuddin Haider HI (M), former Governor of Sindh and former Interior Minister of Pakistan. Their leadership qualities and work have enabled KCFR to establish itself on a firm foundation on the way forward to achieving the objects for which KCFR was established.



KCFR has been in existence for 10 years and its members which comprise of Judges, Diplomats, Professionals, Businessmen, Industrialists, Bankers and Journalists have seen several years of authoritarian regime followed by 5 years of civilian Government elected through a democratic process. Events in Pakistan over the past 10 years have been very significant and have made an adverse impact on the security and financial independence of the country. While living through these critical times, the members of KCFR have made endeavours to promote and maintain friendly relations with foreign countries through their diplomatic representatives in Pakistan and this has largely contributed to a positive image of the country in spite of set-backs on many fronts.

Pakistan has a geo-strategic location which is of vital significance. Pakistan has borders with India, Iran, Afghanistan and China all of which attract attention in the world of today. Pakistan has access to international waters as well as to the Gulf making it possible to have good trade relations with Oman and UAE and to the Gulf and overland with Iran, India, Afghanistan and China.

Relations with India have seen variations in view of the longstanding unsettled issues inherited by both countries as a result of partition of the Sub-Continent in 1947. Efforts are being made by the Governments as well as non-governmental organizations on both sides of the border to create conditions for peace, harmony and goodwill leading to free trade, travel and commercial relationship between the people of the two countries with the hope that public opinion on both sides will ultimately prevail on the respective Governments to ensure and implement policies which will lead and maintain peaceful and friendly relations between the two countries.

Pakistan's relationship with Afghanistan is at different level and dependent largely on American involvement and its ultimate withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2014. The vacuum which will be caused by US withdrawal will have its own repercussions which Pakistan will have to deal with and face.

On another front Pakistan faces threat from extremism and other radical organizations and dealing with these issues has taken up a large amount of time and effort on the part of Governments in Pakistan. These will continue as inherited problems for future Governments in the country. Pakistan's right to trade with Iran must not be impaired by the views of other countries in relation to Iran.

Pakistan is at the cross route once again this year and only time will tell what results the 2013 elections will bring to the forefront but the nation hopes that a democratic process will be followed and a democratic dispensation will remain. A peaceful transfer of power from one Government to another Government elected through a peaceful democratic process will go a long way in making Pakistan acceptable to the world at large as a country which they can deal with, trade and invest. Pakistan needs to look within and implement policies which are in its national interest. Closer co-operation with immediate neighbours and SAARC countries is the need of the hour.

Each member of KCFR is a leader in his or her own field of work or practice. However, KCFR has some way to go in establishing itself as an undisputed and legitimate independent think-tank in the country which is capable of not only expressing views on issues of national interest including foreign policy and foreign relations but also moulding public opinion on these issues.

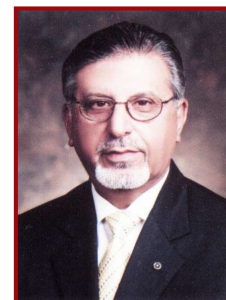
It is my earnest desire to complete my tenure as Chairman at the end of 2013 with the hope that KCFR will continue to grow from strength to strength and play its part in the growth and development of Pakistan keeping in mind that Pakistan, according to its founder, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, is "a moral and intellectual achievement".



Message from Mr. Ahsan Mukhtar Zubairi

Secretary General and Chief Executive Officer

This is an important year for all of us as the Karachi Council on Foreign Relations (KCFR) has completed its ten years of existence. This Council was inaugurated on 10th May 2003 and registered as a society with the object of facilitating good relations between Pakistan and the representatives of foreign countries based in Pakistan.



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The Council is playing its due role in promoting regional cooperation by inviting ambassadors/high commissioners from SAARC, Latin America, ASEAN, Africa and the European Union to deliver lectures in Karachi. So far, the Council has invited 104 ambassadors / high commissioners from Islamabad to address the Council in Karachi. Twice the Council has been addressed by the Ambassadors of SAARC countries and the last event was held in Karachi on 12 November 2007 when KCFR organized an excellent event; a seminar on "**SAARC: Prospects and Challenges**". The Council was also addressed by the Latin American Heads of Mission in June 2008 and ASEAN Ambassadors / High Commissioners in July 2010.

The Council has also been addressed by **Mr. L.K. Advani (former Deputy Prime Minister of India)**, **Mr. Jaswant Singh (former Foreign Minister of India)**, **Mr. Mike O'Brien (former British Minister of Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs)**, **Mr. Douglas Alexander (former British Minister of Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs)**, **Ambassador Mohammed Mijarul Quayes, Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh.**

On the 9th anniversary of KCFR, which was celebrated on 7th May 2012, **H.E. Mr. Rodolfo J. Martin-Saravia, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and Ambassador of Argentina** led a high level diplomatic delegation comprising 12 ambassadors / high commissioners from Islamabad representing European Union, SAARC, Latin America and ASEAN countries. The New Zealand High Commissioner came all the way from Tehran to attend this important event. Mr. Nisar Ahmed Khuhro, Speaker Sindh Assembly was the chief guest.

The Council realizes the importance of high quality research on international, regional, bilateral and domestic issues. Therefore, the Council published "**WTO and Pakistan: An Overview**", "**SAARC: Prospects and Challenges**" and "**Reminiscences of a Pakistani Diplomat**". Our forthcoming publication is "**Indo-Pak Peace Process: The New Realities**".



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The Karachi Council is also committed to research oriented consolidation of relations between Pakistan and international community. In its humble capacity, the Council has started research wings that would improve the image of Pakistan and address the concerns of the international community in relation to Pakistan, especially in the post 9/11 era where there is lot ambiguity and opaqueness about the role of Pakistan in the war against terror in spite all of its sacrifices. Also the fact that probably Pakistan is one of the most important countries in the region when moving towards peace and tangible solutions in Afghanistan.

The KCFR would like to focus on research which may be factored in policymaking both inside and outside Pakistan, in the following:

- * Regional Integration of South Asia, with special focus on Pakistan-India Relations, which are now moving in a trajectory which must be strengthened and sustained
- * Pakistan's relations with the European Union. The EU sees Pakistan as a key ally in issues such as counter terrorism and the war in Afghanistan but this vision has not yet been translated into concrete policy. The relationship has a lot of untapped potential including the areas of development assistance, counter terrorism and trade. Pakistan should be in a strategic partnership with the EU.
- * Pakistan's relations with ASEAN. The efforts to raise the level of cooperation between ASEAN and Pakistan have gained new impetus towards identifying the tremendous potential and opportunities of joint collaboration. ASEAN countries highly value Pakistan's cooperation and interest in promoting friendly relations with ASEAN countries with its "**Look East Policy**".

I am extremely thankful to **H.E. Mr. Rodolfo J. Martin-Saravia**, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and Ambassador of the Republic of Argentina, the Ambassadors / High Commissioners in Islamabad and the heads of the diplomatic missions in Karachi for their continued patronage and support in organizing the events of the Karachi Council.

I am really grateful to the Founder Chairman, **Justice (R) Said-uz-Zaman Siddqui**, immediate past Chairman, **Lt. Gen. (R) Moinuddin Haider**, current Chairman **Barrister Liaquat Habib Merchant**, members of the Board of Governors, all the members and staff of the Council for their cooperation in running the affairs of the Council.



Message from
H.E. MR. RODOLFO J. MARTIN-SARAVIA
Dean of the Diplomatic Corps & Ambassador of the Argentine Republic

I want to congratulate the Karachi Council on Foreign Relations (KCFR) for the 10th anniversary of its foundation. I really appreciate the role of KCFR in strengthening the relations of Pakistan with other countries and regions, and in particular for the continuous support and promotion of the relations with Argentina.



Think tanks and institutions like KCFR can shape political transformations in the region by informing, covering and advocating democratic reform. The Council has become the most prestigious and vibrant forum in Karachi for discussions and exchange of views for the Diplomatic Corps, by arranging interactive sessions with Ambassadors and High Commissioners representing the whole world promoting regional cooperation.

In my capacity, as the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and Ambassador of the Argentine Republic, I wish you good luck and avail myself of the opportunity to renew to Mr. Ahsan Mukhtar Zubairi, Secretary General / CEO and the members of the Council, the assurance of my highest considerations.



Message from
Ambassador Dr. El Sayed Amin Shalaby
Executive Director
Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs

The Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs (ECFA) would like to congratulate the Karachi Council on Foreign Relations (KCFR) for completing 10 successful years. Fortunately, it coincides with the 10th anniversary of Egyptian Council, which we celebrate just two years ago.



It is indicative that both KCFR and ECFA have a common message and goals, centered mainly on developing a profound dialogue on our two countries' foreign policy towards regional and international issues. These joint goals were behind the communication between the two institutions, which culminated in signing MoU as a base to develop further cooperation.

It is indicative that we are writing to you, while the President of Egypt, Dr. Mohamed Morsi visited Pakistan recently (in March 2013) to reassure and develop the traditional relations between our two countries.

We are hopeful that the near future will witness the materialization of our MoU by receiving a delegation from the KCFR, which will further develop the relations between both our institutions and countries.

Please accept our sincere wishes for further progress for KCFR in achieving its message. Looking forward to continue our communication and dialogue, with our best wishes and regards.



Message from
Dr. Rajan Bhattarai

Chairperson
Nepal Institute for Policy Studies (NIPS)

On the auspicious occasion of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Karachi Council on Foreign Relations (KCFR), I send my warm and heart-felt congratulations and best wishes to its team.



The endeavor of the KCFR has set an exemplary of academic discourse on international issues. As KCFR celebrates its 10th anniversary, it has been able to establish itself as a leading think-tank on foreign relations in South Asia and spread its recognition across various countries, regionally and globally.

It has been a matter of pleasure for us to have signed the MoU between the KCFR and the NIPS. I believe, through the promotion of friendly, cooperative and collaborative institutional relations, both the institutions would relish the friendship in the coming years.

On this memorable occasion, on behalf of NIPS and myself, I wish the Council continued success in its future endeavors so that the scholars and academicians from the developing countries could benefit for the best future of humankind.



Germany - Pakistan Relations

By H.E. Dr. Cyrill Jean Nunn,
Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Pakistan

(Abbreviated version of the speech of the German Ambassador delivered at the interactive session on "Germany-Pakistan Relations" organized by the Karachi Council on Foreign Relations on 14th February 2013)

I would like to share with you some thoughts about the past, present and also the future of the relations between our two countries.

The deep-rooted relationship between Pakistan and Germany is built on the mutual interest of some of our brightest minds. Two names come to my mind: Allama Iqbal - the "poet of the east (Shair-e-Mashriq)" - went to Germany for studying because he was attracted -- as a deeply religious man - by German philosophers and writers such as Nietzsche and Goethe. He was well aware of the traditional interest of German writers and philosophers for the languages, the cultures and the religions of the subcontinent.

Annemarie Schimmel whose whole life was dedicated to Pakistan and its languages, to Islam and its spiritual dimension very much represents an old and strong German interest for the region. Even today - ten years after her death - I am frequently meeting people who have vivid memories of her.

For Germany and for our government, "Culture" has always been a significant part of our Foreign Policy. When others reduced their presence in Karachi, the Goethe-Institut remained open - despite the number of challenges in Karachi. And because of this approach, the German Government is happy to be the main supporter of the 2013 Karachi Literature Festival.

Our two countries were never opponents in wars and don't share a history of conflict. This is probably one of the main reasons why Germany's assistance to Pakistan since the creation of Pakistan in 1947 and the foundation of the Federal Republic of Germany in 1949 could always rely on the support of all political parties in Germany and also of the German people.

In the last fifty years, Germany invested in the field of Development Cooperation in Pakistan roughly 2.3 Billion Euros. Pakistan can count on the support not only of the German Government but also of ordinary citizens. When huge floods had devastated all provinces of Pakistan in 2010, the response to the appeal for donations started by the German Public Television was overwhelming. Donations came from average TV-viewers who certainly never had been to Pakistan but who understood the necessity to help in such a dramatic situation. An amount of 200 Million Euros was raised within weeks.

When I was in the capital of Balochistan, in Quetta, I inaugurated a project for clean water (on 10th January 2013), financed by the KfW-Development-Bank. It provides clean water to over 20.000 families. The local community is now responsible for its functioning.

The same day I visited the Children's' Hospital in Quetta, largely funded by German donors and the only one providing high quality facilities between Karachi and Kabul. Every single day, this hospital saves lives of children and their mothers. It was erected with money from Germany but it works only because of the dedication of Pakistani doctors, nurses and other personnel.

Many other examples could be listed in all four sectors of the German-Pakistani Development cooperation: Energy, Health, Good Governance and Education. Let me share some examples with you.

Our Development Agency GIZ is supporting the textile industry in Faisalabad in its endeavours to save energy - Three





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regional hospitals have been constructed and equipped in South Waziristan, Orakzai and Khyber and an initiative for vocational training has been started here in Sindh.

In this context I would like to emphasize one point: All these projects are seen not as help or donations in the traditional sense but as measures that ensure that the people can make something out of it.

All support from abroad - as important as it is - has to be seen primarily as a contribution to Pakistani initiatives. And we probably all agree: It is the economy who lies at the heart of Pakistan's development. Only a strong and dynamic economy can lead to a future where every Pakistani will get his or her decent share of the whole.

Germany as a big trading nation has always considered trade as the best form of cooperation between countries. Pakistan, this huge country of 185 million people, is a partner at which many foreign economic actors are looking with interest. Which company would not like to be engaged in such a huge market, keeping in mind a skilled and motivated labour force and looking at the geographical position of your country, a neighbour of India and China?

Many German companies do indeed ask us about investments in Pakistan. They keep repeating the same questions. For them three things are crucial:

- (1) Rule of Law and political stability
- (2) Security
- (3) Energy

These topics have to be addressed in a way that foreign investors get the guarantee they are longing for: Every Euro invested in Pakistan is a Euro that should flourish and multiply.

Looking at our bilateral trade in 2012, it has grown by 10 per cent which is far more than the growth of world trade - which was around 3.5 per cent. Our bilateral trade, the biggest among EU partners, totalled 2.3 billion USD last year. I don't have to underline that there is much room for further growth and improvement. Karachi, its big harbour and the companies based here would particularly benefit from any trade increase. Therefore, the Embassy in Islamabad and the Consulate General in Karachi are strongly engaged to foster our relations in this important field.

Let me add in this context the great importance of the relations between Pakistan and the European Union. Germany as the largest economy within the European Union (EU) has an interest in seeing the EU engaging with Pakistan in the fields where the Union's competences lie. This is particularly the case in foreign-trade-relations. As you know, the individual member states of the EU have delegated the right to negotiate trade-agreements to the EU Commission in Brussels, this includes the so-called GSP plus-scheme. The German Government is a supporter of this scheme, not only because we think that developing our trade is the most beneficial form of cooperation but also because we like to contribute in any possible way to the stability and the wellbeing of Pakistan.

Looking at our bilateral cooperation I would like to highlight another particularly bright but often overlooked aspect: Our cooperation in the education sector.

A few years ago the number of Pakistani students who would choose Germany was negligible. This has changed tremendously. More than 2000 young Pakistanis are currently studying at German universities in the footsteps of Allama Iqbal. 500 of them have grants from the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) or from other German institutions. Germany is an increasingly attractive destination for Pakistani students who can benefit from the best universities in Europe which - as you probably know - are also free of charge for everybody. The German language has only recently been introduced into the Pakistani school system. By now in the framework of the Partner School Initiative more than 2000 Pakistani pupils are studying the language in all big cities of Pakistan. As we started from scratch this is indeed a tremendous success story.



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It is now time to come to the political framework of our relations. Last year (in 2012), Pakistan and Germany signed a strategic partnership. I know that the word "strategic" tends to be overused. In our bilateral case it means not only that there are regular meetings at a high political and administrative level but it also means - and this is equally important - that we focus on the development of our relations in the sectors of trade, education, climate change, best practices and dialogue of the cultures. This means that specific goals are to be agreed on and that these goals will be then implemented. We are speaking of a very pragmatic and issue-driven common agenda.

In the eyes of Germany's decision makers but also according to the German media, the importance of Pakistan - not only as a partner - but also as a regional power has significantly grown over the last years. Everybody acknowledges that without the cooperation of your country with its huge population and resources and also with its significant armed forces peace cannot be achieved in the region.

Particularly important are good and stable relations between Pakistan and India. Germany welcomes the commitment of the Pakistani Government to build bridges between both neighbours. The mature and responsible reaction of Pakistan's Government after the most recent incidents at the Line of Control was perceived positively in Berlin.

The example of the European Union shows that practical measures such as liberalization of trade and opening borders for travellers can be a good starting point for the redefinition of our neighbourhood. As a nation we are dependent on open borders. Germany has also experienced the beneficial effects of free-trade-agreements. Without any doubt Pakistan would become an interesting destination for investors once the goods produced here can also be sold at the same conditions in the markets next door.

Germany maintains a force of 4500 soldiers in Afghanistan. In their zone of responsibility, in the north of Afghanistan, progress in terms of security and development can be seen. If you had the opportunity to travel to Mazar-e-Sharif recently you will have seen the new airport, the new regional hospital in a city which is bustling.

Nevertheless, at the end of 2014 ISAF troops will leave the country. This is also true for the German soldiers. Even after their departure we will continue to be committed to help Afghanistan on its way to Stability. In this context the role of Pakistan, Afghanistan's most important neighbour is crucial. With Pakistan as a partner and with Afghanistan's ownership of its future, it is possible to envisage a development towards stability in the whole region. Our commitment towards Afghanistan is therefore a contribution for regional stability.

It is only roughly seven months ago (Ambassador Nunn presented his credentials on 12th July 2012) that my family and I arrived in Islamabad. I would be lying if I said that I have already grasped all the complexities and nuances of Pakistan. What I can tell you without any doubt is that I am fascinated by your great and beautiful country.



Appeasing the Collective Conscience

By Honorable Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar

(Member Rajya Sabha of India)

I had just boarded a flight when a TV channel called me on the mobile to ask my reaction to the hanging of Afzal Guru. I did not know till then that he had been strung up to die. I instinctively replied that I felt saddened. It is a comment that is likely to haunt me for many well-wishers have asked me why I did not hold my tongue or tailor my remark to the popular mood, for it seems that there is national rejoicing at the hubris that has overtaken those who sought to end our democracy in one fell blow on Parliament.



It may have been an instinctive reaction but it reflected my deeply held abhorrence at the death penalty. I had certainly articulated the same position when Nalini was spared the death sentence for her part in the assassination of my friend and patron, Rajiv Gandhi. I had felt relief then that we were not taking a life to punish the taking of a life, even the taking of the life that was the staff of my life; my belief that all life is infinitely precious, howsoever misused; that to imitate assassination by assassination is to become complicit in assassination. I had felt the same when I heard of Ajmal Kasab's hanging, with this one difference - that Kasab had sought martyrdom when he embarked for Mumbai, and the Indian State was helping him realize his most ardent desire. Afzal Guru sounded resigned to his Fate, rather than welcoming it.

Revenge is not justice. For revenge often engenders counter-revenge. That is why so many terrorists are born in the crucible of the injustice they see themselves being subjected to, or believe they have been subjected to - whatever the facts of the case. So, putting them away - for all of their natural life in high security prisons in the "rarest of rare" cases - is a reasoned response to terrorism. But leaving them dangling in the air is almost certain to be fertile breeding ground for more terrorism.

As for the hanging of ordinary murderers - as distinct from ideological murderers - the record seems to show that the death sentence is hardly ever a deterrent. That is why a vast majority of countries, some 139 of the member-States of the United Nations, have abolished the death sentence. They have discovered that murderers, whether ideological like terrorists or personal like killers, tend to be either schizophrenic or psychotic or both, neither being a category that yields to the common fear of retribution, especially final retribution. Even in cogent moments, the psychopath is likely to regard the risk of death in inflicting death as a risk worth taking. Perhaps that explains why in the United States, where it is State law rather than Federal law that prevails, those States that have retained execution tend to have higher murder rates while States that have abolished execution by the State have lower murder rates.



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The nexus between awarding the death penalty and deterring crime was discredited centuries ago with the saying that one might as well be hung for a sheep as a lamb. The origins of that expression lie in 17th-18th century England where almost every crime was punishable by public hanging - and so the highwayman consoled himself with the profitable thought that if one were anyway going to be hanged for stealing a lamb, one might as well steal the whole sheep. The relationship between death and deterrence has never been established. This explains why our Supreme Court has long held that death may be awarded in only the "rarest of rare" cases.

Except, of course, in Afzal Guru's case. There, the Supreme Court confirmed that the only evidence led against Afzal Guru was "circumstantial", that is, uncorroborated by other evidence which would link him to the heinous crime. Yet, decided the learned judges, death would be the appropriate condign punishment to salve the "collective conscience of the nation". Certainly, this was the rarest of rare judgments. Challenging the collective conscience of the nation is an everyday occurrence in a vibrant democracy. It is perhaps the highest duty of the public intellectual. There would have been little human progress without radical challenges to the received wisdom that constitutes the collective conscience of any nation.

But I felt saddened at Afzal Guru's hanging not primarily because it might constitute a grave miscarriage of justice but because I am perforce part of a system that considers the taking of human life as "justice". When someone dies at my hands, at least in the constructive sense, that makes me complicit in death by strangulation. I am diminished as a human being. For, as John Donne sang centuries ago, "Ask not for whom the bell tolls/It tolls for thee".

Note : (The article reflects the author's personal opinion and does not represent the position of the Council).



New Arrivals of the Diplomatic Corps in Islamabad since June 2012

Following heads of the diplomatic missions presented their credential to **President Asif Ali Zardari** on 12th July 2012 at an impressive ceremony held at the President House.

- H.E. Mr. Peter Heyward, High Commissioner of Australia.
- H.E. Mr. Roumen Pirontchev, Ambassador of Bulgaria.
- H.E. Dr. Cyrill Jean Nunn, Ambassador of Germany.
- H.E. Mr. Adriano Chiodi Cianfarani, Ambassador of Italy.
- H.E. Dr. Hasrul Sani Mujtabar, High Commissioner of Malaysia.
- H.E. Mr. Bharat Raj Paudyal, Ambassador of Nepal.
- H.E. Mr. Marwin Tanattanwin, Ambassador of Thailand.
- H.E. Mr. Volodymyr Lakomov, Ambassador of Ukraine.

Following heads of the diplomatic missions presented their credentials to **President Asif Ali Zardari** at a special ceremony held at Governor House Karachi on 30th October 2012.

- H.E. Mr. Richard Olson, Ambassador of the United States of America.
- H.E. Mr. Peter L.J.F. CLAES, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium.
- H.E. Mr. Greg Giokas, High Commissioner of Canada.
- H.E. Mr. Istvan SZABO, Ambassador of Hungary.
- H.E. Maj Gen (R) Nawaf Khalifeh Ibrahim Saraireh, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
- H.E. Mr. Riyadh Ahmad Yousif Al-Raisi, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman.
- H.E. Mr. Parvez Aliev, Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Following heads of the diplomatic missions presented their credential to **President Asif Ali Zardari** on 18th November 2012 at a ceremony held at the President House.

- H.E. Mr. M. Burhan Muhammad, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia
- H.E. Mr. Dauda Danladi, High Commissioner of the Republic of Nigeria.□

New Arrivals of the Diplomatic Corps in Karachi since June 2012

- Mr. Michael Dodman, Consul General of the United States of America.
- Mr. Wichal Sirisujin, Consul General of the Royal Thai Consulate General.
- Mr. Ali Ahmed Al Qassimi, Consul General of the Sultanate of Oman.
- Mr. Ebrahim Ahmad Al Hejazi, Consul General of the Kingdom of Bahrain.
- Mr. Akira Ouchi, Consul General of Japan.
- Mr. Agha Mehdi Sobhani, Consul General of the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- Mr. Chang Hee Lee, Consul General of the Republic of Korea.



Interactive session on "Germany-Pakistan Relations" with H.E. Dr. Cyrill Jean Nunn, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany

Report by Asim Raza, Co-Editor "The Vision"

The Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Pakistan, H.E. Dr. Cyrill Jean Nunn was invited by the Karachi Council on Foreign Relations on 14th February 2013 to speak at an interactive session on "Germany-Pakistan Relations". The event was organized at the Frere Hall in collaboration with Pakistan-German Business Forum (PGBF).

H.E. Dr. Cyrill Jean Nunn thanked the Board of Governors of KCFR for the opportunity to address the prestigious "Karachi Council on Foreign Relations". He said that it is always a great pleasure for him to be in the "City of Lights" (i.e. in Karachi) which is the commercial centre of the country.

Dr. Cyrill Jean Nunn lauded Allama Iqbal's poetry saying that the great poet of Pakistan had studied in Germany as he was inspired by the German writers and philosophers, culture and traditions. Now, more than 2000 Pakistani students are following Allama Iqbal as they are studying in Germany with the support of German and Pakistani Governments.

Dr. Nunn said that Pakistan and Germany enjoy deep-rooted relations that have been built-up during the last 50 years and Germany had supported Pakistan in various sectors throughout this period. He further said that as many as 2.3 billion Euros have been invested by Germany in Pakistan in the field of Development Cooperation.

The German Ambassador said that Germany believed only strong economy can lead any nation or country to bright future and he desires the same for Pakistan. The Ambassador shared that for the past 50 years, Germany had invested considerably in the development support of Pakistan. In this regard, the German Government has established three hospitals in South Waziristan and was helping to revamp the textile industry in Faisalabad.

Dr. Cyrill said that Germany supported Pakistan during the devastating floods of 2010 and funds amounting to 200 million Euros were raised by the Germans for their Pakistani brothers and sisters just within a week. He continued that the German Government is working for provision of clean drinking water, education and health facilities to the people of Balochistan, Sindh and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa.

Ambassador Nunn further said that Germany had assisted Pakistan in climate change, textile, education, good governance and many other sectors. He added that Germany will establish a university in Islamabad which would provide education to the students on Climate Change and other subjects.

The German Ambassador highlighted that Germans were close to Pakistanis because they also shared a common experience of living in conflict. He stressed that security, political stability and energy were the three things that German investors look for in Pakistan before thinking if making investments.

Regarding the composition of trade between Pakistan and Germany in 2012, German Ambassador said it increased 10%, which is far more than the global growth rate which is around 3.5%. However, he noted that the trade in textiles between the two countries witnessed a decline in 2012.



H.E. Dr. Cyrill Jean Nunn addressing the interactive session on "Germany - Pakistan Relations"



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Coming to the political framework, the German envoy reminded the audience that his country and Pakistan had signed a strategic partnership agreement last year (2012) and that this meant pursuing a "pragmatic and issue-driven agenda". He described Pakistan as a "regional power" and said that without this country, there could not be peace in this region.

Throwing light on Germany's foreign policy, the Ambassador said that the primary goal of German foreign policy is to preserve peace and security in the world. The expanded concept of security covers not only questions of conflict prevention, defense, disarmament and arms controls but also economic, ecological and social issues as well as human rights.

Commenting on the recent flare-up (in the first week of January 2013) with India over the reported killing of troops across the Line of Control, Ambassador Nunn said Pakistan displayed a "mature response" in reaction to the crisis and that it was well-received in the European Union. He hoped to see both India and Pakistan live peacefully. Dr Cyril further said that peace in the South Asian region was top priority of Germany, as cordial relations between India and Pakistan were important for region's peace.

As for Afghanistan, the Ambassador said Germany is a strong and reliable partner in the international efforts to help build an Afghanistan that will never again become a haven for terrorists. A responsible handover to Afghan authorities is the guiding principle of German foreign policy and Germany has been thoroughly committed to the stabilization and reconstruction of Afghanistan, building on historically strong bilateral German-Afghan relations and decades of German reconstruction assistance. The Ambassador informed that while Germany currently had around 4,500 troops in Afghanistan, these forces would pull out with the other ISAF forces at the end of 2014.



Mr. Ahsan Zubairi presenting traditional Sindhi Ajrak and Cap to H.E. Dr. Cyril Jean Nunn

Replying questions of the participants during question and answer session, the German Ambassador said he was happy that the Government of Pakistan had incorporated German language in its academic books in many institutions.

To a question about drone attacks in Pakistan, he said that despite the fact that Germany was biggest economy of Europe, it could not influence the US and can't stop the drone attacks.

Replying to another question, the Ambassador said granting the Generalized Scheme of Preferences-Plus (GSP+) status to Pakistan will be primarily a "political decision" aimed at boosting Pakistan's economy. Ambassador Nunn warned that there were some countries within the EU that wanted to protect their markets from Pakistani textile imports as they are not "naturally favourable" to their economies. Explaining that Germany is not a negotiator in the matter of the GSP+ scheme, Dr. Nunn said his country would use its influence to negotiate a package that suits the two parties.

Barrister Liaquat Habib Merchant, Chairman of Karachi Council on Foreign Relations welcomed the German Ambassador for accepting the Council's invitation to address the members of the KCFR and the PGBF. Mr. Merchant said that the KCFR is the organization which comprises of a cross section of leaders from different walks of life including retired judges, ex-diplomats, academicians, retired military/naval/air force chiefs as well as civil servants.

As in this year of 2013, France and Germany celebrated the 50th anniversary of Élysée Treaty (also known as the Treaty of Friendship), which was established by Charles de Gaulle of France and Konrad Adenauer of Germany on January 22, 1963 for reconciliation between the two countries, Mr. Merchant discussed the importance of this Treaty.



Chairman KCFR Mr. Liaquat H. Merchant delivering the welcome address.

Mr. Merchant said that Pakistan and India can live in peace and harmony and be very good neighbors if they follow the Elysee Treaty as Germany and France established a new foundation for relations that ended centuries of rivalry between them. In his view, the Treaty of Friendship, which defined the organizing principles of the relationship between two century old enemies (i.e. France and Germany), was the result of political will and courage on both sides. He further said that the Treaty can be a role model for India and Pakistan not only because it institutionalized regular meetings between state representatives but also because it recognized the importance of civil society of France and Germany. He also informed the audience that the Karachi Council will organize an event on the significance of Élysée Treaty for India and Pakistan in 2013.

Earlier, Mr. Ahsan Mukhtar Zubairi, Secretary General and Chief Executive Officer of the Karachi Council gave an account of the German Ambassador's diplomatic career.

Mr. Zubairi informed the audience that the Ambassador joined the German Foreign Office in 1985. He served as Desk Officer - Western Balkans Division at the German Foreign Office from 1992-1995. He also served as Counsellor (Common Foreign and Security Policy) at the German Permanent Representation to the EU in Brussels - Belgium from 1995-1999. He held the position of Head of the European Division - Federal Chancellery from 1999-2002 and as Head of Export Controls Division at the German Foreign Office from 2005-2008. He was also appointed as the Deputy Head of the Minister's Office at the Federal Foreign Office from 2008-2009. Prior to his appointment as the Ambassador to Pakistan (since July 2012), he was serving as Director General for Asian and Pacific Affairs at the German Federal Foreign Office from 2009-2012.



Mr. Ahsan M. Zubairi (Secretary General and CEO of KCFR) addressing the interactive session on "Germany-Pakistan Relations".



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To conclude the session, Mr. Razak H. M. Bengali, Acting President PGBF presented a vote of thanks. Mr. Bengali highly appreciated the role of Germany to grant market access to Pakistan not only in European Union but elsewhere also as it is the best way to help Pakistan.



Mr. Razak H. M. Bengali, Acting President PGBF presenting vote of thanks.

In the end, a KCFR memento and souvenirs were presented to H.E. Dr Cyril Jean Nunn.



(From left to right) German Consul General in Karachi Dr. Tilo Klinner, Chairman KCFR Mr. Liaquat H. Merchant, German Ambassador H.E. Dr. Cyril Jean Nunn, KCFR Secretary General and CEO Mr. Ahsan M. Zubairi and Acting President PGBF Mr. Razzak Bengali on the occasion of presenting KCFR memento to H.E. Dr. Cyril Jean Nunn



Interactive session on "Italy - Pakistan Relations" with H.E. Mr. Adriano Chiodi Cianfarani, Ambassador of the Italian Republic

Report by Asim Raza, Co-Editor "The Vision"

The Italian Ambassador in Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Adriano Chiodi Cianfarani was invited by the Karachi Council on Foreign Relations on 7th March 2013 to speak at an interactive session on "Italy-Pakistan Relations". The event was organized at the residence of Mr. Kalim Farooqui (Corporate and Board member of KCFR) in collaboration with the Italian Development Committee (IDC).

The event was also graced by H.E. Mr. Peter Heyward, High Commissioner of Australia along with his wife. The event was well attended by diplomats, academicians, the elite of Karachi, members of KCFR and IDC.

Ambassador Cianfarani first of all extended his sincere thanks to the Karachi Council on Foreign Relations and the Italian Development Committee for providing him an opportunity to address such an august gathering on the subject of Italy-Pakistan relations. The Italian Ambassador described bilateral relations with Pakistan as "excellent" and looking eager to develop it further as potentials were immense.

The Italian Ambassador said that both Italy and Pakistan shared common views on many key issues and Italy recognized the sacrifices Pakistan had rendered in the "War on Terror". He recalled his country's help in securing Pakistan a seat at the United Nations Security Council. He further mentioned that in the cultural field, Italy has been engaged for 60 years in recovering valuable items in Swat and also developing the Gandhara sites in Sindh.



From left to right: Mr. Tariq Ikram (Immediate Past and Founder President of IDC), Ambassador (R) S.K. Dehlavi (KCFR Vice Chairman), Mr. Roberto Franceschinis (Head of the Italian Diplomatic Mission in Karachi), H.E. Mr. Peter Heyward (High Commissioner of Australia), H.E. Mr. Adriano Chiodi Cianfarani (Ambassador of Italy), Lt. Gen. (R) Moinuddin Haider (Past Chairman KCFR), Ambassador (R) Shahid M. Amin (Co-Chairman KCFR), Mr. Ahsan M. Zubairi (Secretary General and CEO KCFR), Mr. Irfan H.A. Vazeer (President IDC) and host Mr. Kalim Farooqui (Board Member KCFR).

Ambassador Cianfarani also highlighted the Strategic Engagement Plan which was signed between the foreign ministers of Italy and Pakistan on February 01, 2013 in Rome. He said that it would give a more "structured framework" to already cordial relations between the two countries.

The Italian Ambassador said some 1,50,000 Pakistanis settled mostly in northern parts of Italy and they have been great ambassadors of goodwill and assimilation of societies.

Ambassador of Italy said bilateral trade now stood at US\$ 1.25 billion but much greater potential existed for its growth. He emphasized that the Italian Development Cooperation is funding a portfolio of over 226 million Euro of development projects all over Pakistan, in close collaboration and partnership with the Pakistani government at the federal and provincial levels.



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Commenting on the upcoming elections in Pakistan, Ambassador Cianfarani said Italy welcomed what would be the first civilian-to-civilian handover of power in Pakistan's history.

The Australian High Commissioner, H.E. Mr. Peter Heyward (who too was in Karachi), also spoke keenly about Thar coal development, relying on the tremendous experience of coal mining and exploration. The Australian uses in his country for energy sector.

The Australian High Commissioner informed that during discussions with the Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry members, he had already circulated among Australian coal companies prospects of Thar coal development and they are keen to be here at an appropriate time. High Commissioner Heyward also promised that he will address the Karachi Council on his next visit to Karachi.



H.E. Mr. Adriano Chiodi Cianfarani, Ambassador of Italy addressing the interactive session jointly organized by KCFR and IDC on 7th March 2013.

In his welcome address, KCFR Co-Chairman Ambassador (R) Shahid M. Amin welcomed the Italian Ambassador for accepting the invitation of the Council to speak on Italy-Pakistan relations. He also expressed his gratitude to H.E. Mr. Peter Heyward and Mrs. Heyward to grace the occasion.

Regarding Pakistan's relations with Italy, Ambassador Amin said that Italy and Pakistan have cordial relations. Italy is an active investor in Pakistan. Both Italy and Pakistan are in total consonance on political issues and have a desire to enhance already existing close ties. Pakistan wants to develop deep-rooted and wide-ranging relations with Italy in all fields particularly in trade, commerce and economy.

Mr. Amin informed that in 2004, both countries celebrated the 50th anniversary of first ascent to K-2 (the second highest mountain on Earth after Mount Everest) when an Italian expedition succeeded in ascending to the summit of K-2 on 31st July 1954. The expedition was led by Ardito Desio, and the two climbers who reached the summit were Lino Lacedelli and Achille Compagnoni.

KCFR Co-Chairman informed that Italy has been a major participant in Pakistan's scientific contribution to the world and both countries established the International Conference on Astrophysics and Relativity in 2011.



Host of the event, Mr. Kalim Farooqui presenting traditional Sindhi Ajrak to H.E. Mr. Peter Heyward, High Commissioner of Australia in Pakistan.



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KCFR Co-Chairman said Pakistan appreciated that the Italian Government wishes to contribute to the economic and social development of Pakistan and to enhance Pakistan's partnership with the European Union. Italy has always been a convinced champion of a free-trade agreement between the EU and Pakistan aimed at facilitating the export of Pakistani goods to Europe.

Secretary General and CEO of KCFR, Mr. Ahsan Mukhtar Zubairi described the Italian Ambassador's early life and diplomatic career. Mr. Zubairi informed that Ambassador was born in Rome on the 1st June 1957. He received a degree in law from Rome University in 1982. After succeeding in the competitive exam, he joined the Diplomatic Service on 1st March 1984. Before appointing as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Italy to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on 16 June 2012, Ambassador Cianfarani held the positions of Coordinator for the Relations between Turkey and Cyprus in the European Perspective (June 2011-June 2012), Director General for the European Union at the Italian Foreign Office (from March - June 2011), Consul General of Italy in Munich - Germany (from 2006-2010), Director General for Europe at the Italian Foreign Office (2004-2005), Director General for the Mediterranean and Middle East at the Italian Foreign Office (2002-2004), Counsellor and then First Counsellor at the Italian Embassy in Warsaw - Poland (1998-2002).

Mr. Zubairi also informed the audience with great pleasure that in 2010, the Italian Ambassador was awarded "Commendatore all'Ordine del Merito della Repubblica" (Italian Knighthood) which is the highest ranking honour of Italy.

Mr. Irfan H.A. Vazeer, President of IDC presented a vote of thanks. Mr. Vazeer highly appreciated the role of Italy to grant market access to Pakistan in European Union. On behalf of the members of the Executive Committee of IDC, he assured their best cooperation to enhance Pak-Italy bilateral relations particularly in the fields of economic cooperation and trade.

In the end, a KCFR memento and souvenirs were presented to H.E. Mr. Adriano Chiodi Cianfarani, H.E. Mr. Peter Heyward and Mr. Roberto Franceschinis (Head of the Italian Diplomatic Mission in Karachi).



Ambassador (R) Shahid M. Amin addressing the interactive session on "Italy - Pakistan Relations".



Mr. Ahsan M. Zubairi presenting KCFR memento to H.E. Mr. Adriano Chiodi Cianfarani. Mr. Kalim Farooqui, Australian High Commissioner H.E. Mr. Peter Heyward and Ambassador (R) Shahid M. Amin are also seen in the picture.



KCFR delegation's visit to the Chief Minister House on 11th April 2013

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A delegation of Karachi Council on Foreign Relations (KCFR) visited the Chief Minister House on 11th April 2013 to pay a courtesy call on Chief Minister of Sindh, Justice (R) Zahid Kurban Alavi.



KCFR delegation's meeting with the Chief Minister of Sindh, Justice (R) Zahid Kurban Alavi at CM House on 11 April 2013.

The KCFR delegation comprised of Lt. Gen. (R) Moinuddin Haider (Founder Member of KCFR and former Governor of Sindh), Vice Admiral (R) Khalid Mir (Vice Chairman KCFR), Mr. Ahsan Mukhtar Zubairi (Secretary General & CEO KCFR), Mr. Javed Ashraf Hussain (Member KCFR and former Chief Secretary of Sindh), Ambassador (R) Zahid Hussain (Member KCFR) and Kazi Asad Abid (Member KCFR).



Lt. Gen. (R) Moinuddin Haider presenting KCFR Memento to Justice (R) Zahid Kurban Alavi at CM House. Picture shows (from left to right) Vice Admiral (R) Khalid Mir, Mr. Ahsan Mukhtar Zubairi, Lt. Gen. (R) Moinuddin Haider, Justice (R) Zahid Kurban Alavi, Mr. Javed Ashraf Hussain, Ambassador (R) Zahid Hussain, and former Chief Secretary of Sindh and Kazi Asad Abid.



Chronology of KCFR Events

2012

02 November 2012

A dinner meeting was hosted by KCFR Secretary General and CEO, Mr. Ahsan Mukhtar Zubairi at his residence on 2nd November 2012 to meet Mr. Micheal Dodman, Consul General of the United States of America in Karachi to discuss Pak-US relations: prospects and challenges.

31 October 2012

Interactive session with the Ambassador of Denmark in Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Ole E. Moesby on the topic of "European Union: Global Challenges and Development Cooperation" on 31st October 2012.

18 September 2012

Interactive session with the Ambassador of Turkey in Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Mustafa Babur Hizlan on the topic of "Turkish Foreign Policy and Current Challenges" on 18th September 2012.

10 July 2012

Karachi Council on Foreign Relations signed an MOU with the Nepal Institute of Policy Studies, Kathmandu - Nepal on 10th July 2012.

30 June 2012

Karachi Council on Foreign Relations signed an MOU with the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs, Cairo - Egypt on 30th June 2012.

07 May 2012

On the invitation of Karachi Council, a high level diplomatic delegation visited Karachi to attend a "Diplomatic Evening", organized by KCFR to celebrate its 9th Anniversary on 7th May 2012. The event was graced by the Ambassadors / High Commissioners from 11 countries including H.E. Mr. Rodolfo J. Martin-Saravia (Ambassador of Argentina and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Islamabad), H.E. Mr. Suhrab Hossain (High Commissioner of Bangladesh), H.E. Mr. Jesus Zenen Buergo Concepcion (Ambassador of Cuba), H.E. Mr. Philippe Thiebaud (Ambassador of France), H.E. Mr. Brian Sanders (accredited New Zealand High Commissioner to Pakistan based in Tehran- Iran), Mr. Gopal Baglay (Deputy High Commissioner of India), H.E. Mr. Emilian Ion (Ambassador of Romania) and H.E. Mr. Jesus I. Yabes (Ambassador of the Philippines). This event was also graced by Mr. Nisar Ahmed Khuhro (Speaker of Sindh Assembly) and Dr. Farooq Sattar (Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis).

09 to 10 March 2012

A delegation of KCFR, comprising of Chairman Mr. Liaquat H. Merchant, Co-Chairman Ambassador (R) Shahid M. Amin, Secretary General Mr. Ahsan Mukhtar Zubairi and Joint Secretary General Dr. Huma Baqai visited New Delhi to attend the Asian Relations Conference (III) on "Transforming South Asia; Imperatives for Action" organized by the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) in collaboration with the Association of Asia Scholars (AAS) from 9th to 10th March at Sapru House, New Delhi - India.

27 January 2012

Interactive Session with the Ambassador of France, H.E. Mr. Philippe Thiebaud on the subject of "French Presidency of the G-20 and G-8 and Global Governance" on 27th January 2012 in Karachi.



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2011

19 November 2011

Interactive Session with H.E. Mr. Hugo Gajus Scheltema, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on 19th November 2011 during his first visit to Karachi on Pak-Dutch Relations.

18 October 2011

Interactive Session with H.E. Mr. Adam Thomson, British High Commissioner on 18th October 2011 on the topic of "Passionate about Pakistan: the UK view of an unbreakable partnership".

27 September 2011

Lecture by Dr. Jean-Paul BLED, Professor Emeritus of Sorbonne University in Paris on 27th September 2011 on the subject of "France and the Arab World".

29 July 2011

Interactive Session with H.E. Mr. Dato' Ahmad Anwar Adnan, former High Commissioner of Malaysia to Pakistan on 29th July 2011.

09 May 2011

Interactive session with H.E. Mr. Cameron Phelps Munter, former Ambassador of the United States of America to discuss matters of bilateral relations between the U.S.A. and Pakistan on 9th May 2011 in Karachi.

06 February 2011

Interactive session with Mr. Jean-Luc Racine, renowned French scholar addressed the Council on the topic of "The South Asian Conundrum between Geopolitics and Geo-economics" on 6th February 2011 in Karachi.

08 January 2011

Interactive session with Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar, former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs - Government of India addressed the Council on the subject of "India-Pakistan: Prospective & Retrospective" on 8th January 2011 in Karachi.

2010

29 November 2010

H.E. Mr. Brian Sanders, Ambassador of New Zealand in Iran and accredited High Commissioner to Pakistan addressed the members of KCFR on the subject of "Pakistan-New Zealand Relations" on 29th November 2010 in Karachi.

31 October 2010

Interactive session with Ambassador Mohammed Mijarul Quayes, Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh who visited Karachi along with a delegation of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. The meeting was hosted in collaboration with the Deputy High Commission of Bangladesh in Karachi and Pakistan-Bangladesh Friendship Forum.

11 October 2010

Interactive session with former Norwegian Ambassador to Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Robert Kvile on the subject of "Norway: Foreign Policy Priorities and Relations to Pakistan" on 11th October 2010 in Karachi.



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04 August 2010

Mr. Walter Russell Mead, Henry A. Kissinger's senior fellow for U.S. foreign policy at the Council on Foreign Relations attend a dinner at Mr. Ahsan Zubairi's residence to talk on the subject "U.S.-Pakistan Relations: An Affirmative Agenda, A Responsible Course" on 4th August 2010 in Karachi.

28 July 2010

Heads of the ASEAN Diplomatic Missions in Islamabad from Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam visited Karachi and addressed the Council on 28th July 2010 on the topic of "Pakistan-ASEAN: A Way Forward for Durable Relations".

03 April 2010

The High Commissioner of India in Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Sharat Sabharwal addressed on the subject "Indus Waters Treaty of 1960" on 3rd April 2010 in Karachi.

20 March 2010

Launching of "Reminiscences of a Pakistani Diplomat", a book written by Ambassador (R) Shahid Amin. Former Foreign Minister of Pakistan, Honorable Mian Khurshid Mahmood Kasuri also addressed on the subject of "Pakistan Foreign Policy's: Challenges and Opportunities" during this event.

15 March 2010

Mr. Michael Phelan and Mr. Garrett Johnson, Professional Staff Members of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee met the Council's senior members on 15th March 2010 in Karachi.

2009

17 December 2009

Based on a desire expressed by the U.S. Embassy in Pakistan for a meeting with a cross section of members of Karachi Council on Foreign Relations who are leaders in their field of work in Pakistan, a dinner meeting was arranged and hosted by KCFR Secretary General and CEO, Mr. Ahsan Mukhtar Zubairi at his residence on 17th December 2009 to meet Ambassador Ms. Robin Raphel, U.S. Coordinator for Economic and Development Assistance for Pakistan.

01 June 2009

Interactive session with H.E. Dr. Michael Koch, former Ambassador of Germany in Pakistan on the subject of "Germany and Pakistan: Partners for the 21st Century".

14 May 2009

Interactive session with H.E. Mrs. Yasmeen Morshed, former High Commissioner of Bangladesh in Pakistan on the topic of "Changing Security Dynamics: Challenges for South Asia" on 14th March 2009 in Karachi.

28 April 2009

Members of the Karachi Council meeting with the delegation of a leading think-tank of USA, Centre for American Progress (CAP), headed by Dr. Lawrence J. Korb (Senior Fellow at CAP and former Assistant Secretary of U.S. Department of Defence) on 28th April 2008 in Karachi to discuss the regional and international issues.

18 April 2009

Seminar on "Financial Melt and Global Economic Recession: Causes and Effects" held on 18th April 2009 in Karachi. The



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event was addressed by Dr. Kaiser Bengali and Late Ambassador (R) Najam-ul-Saqib Khan. Former Governor of State Bank, Mr. Saleem Raza graced the occasion as chief guest.

2008

02 June 2008

The Ambassador of Argentine H.E. Mr. Rodolfo J. Martin-Saravia, former Ambassador of Cuba H.E. Mr. Gustavo Machin Gomez and former Ambassador of Mexico H.E. Mr. Arturo Hernandez honored the occasion and spoke on the theme of "The Foreign Policy of Latin American Countries in the Changing Global Political Environment" on 2nd June 2008. The Speaker of Sindh Assembly Mr. Nisar Ahmed Khuhro and then Provincial Information Minister of Sindh, Ms. Shazia Marri also honored the occasion as guest speakers.

26 February 2008

Interactive session with H.E. Mr. Danial Jouanneau, former Ambassador of France in Pakistan on the topic of "Overview of Pakistan and France Relations" on 26th February 2008 in Karachi.

21 February 2008

Dinner in honor of the members of Consular Corps in collaboration with Mrs. Nasrin Jalil, former Deputy Mayor of Karachi at KMC Building on 21st February 2008.

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Interactive session with H.E. Mr. Mash'Allah Shakeri, former Ambassador of Iran on "Pakistan - Iran Relations in the New Millennium" on 1st February 2008 in Karachi.

2007

12 November 2007

Seminar on "SAARC: Prospects and Challenges" with SAARC Ambassadors / High Commissioners from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka held on 12th November 2007 in Karachi.

26 April 2007

Dinner meeting with the former Deputy High Commissioner of India in Pakistan, Mr. Manpreet Vohra on 26th April 2007 in Karachi.

12 March 2007

Interactive session on "Pakistan - Cuba Relationship in the New Millennium" with former Ambassador of Cuba in Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Gustavo Machin Gomez on 12th March 2007 in Karachi.

10 February 2007

Interactive session on "Regional Cooperation in South Asia in the German and European Perspective" with former Chairman of Home Affairs Committee of the German Parliament on 10th February 2007 in Karachi.

17 January 2007

Interactive meeting with former Mayor of Karachi, Syed Mustafa Kamal on 17th January 2007 in Karachi.



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2006

20 September 2006

Interactive session on "Internal Security and Terrorism" with then French Ambassador in Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Regis de Belenet on 20th September 2006 in Karachi.

18 September 2006

Interactive session with Mr. John McKinnon, former Deputy Secretary of Foreign Affairs - Government of New Zealand on the topic of "Pakistan and New Zealand in the Asia- Pacific Region" on 18th September 2006 in Karachi. The event was also graced by former accredited High Commissioner of New Zealand to Pakistan H.E. Mr. John MacMaster.

15 February 2006

Address by the former German Ambassador in Pakistan, H.E. Dr. Gunter Mulick at an interactive session on "Relations between the West and the Muslim World - Cooperation or Confrontation" on 15th February 2006 in Karachi.

03 February 2006

Launching ceremony of KCFR publication "WTO and Pakistan - An Overview" on 3rd February 2006 in Karachi. The event was graced by then Governor of State Bank Dr. Shamshad Akhtar as chief guest.

02 February 2006

Address of then Indian External Affairs Minister, H.E. Mr. Jaswant Singh on the subject of "Indo - Pak Relations in the New Millennium" on 2nd February 2006 in Karachi.

2005

28 August 2005

Breakfast meeting with of KCFR senior members with then Chinese Ambassador in Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Zang Chunxiang on 28th August 2005 in Karachi.

05 June 2005

Address of Mr. L.K. Advani, former Deputy Prime Minister of India on the subject of Indo-Pak peace process on 5th January 2005 in Karachi.

10 January 2005

Address of H.E. Mr. Douglas Alexander, former British Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the topic of UK - Pakistan: A partnership for Peace, Prosperity and Progress" on 10th January 2005 in Karachi.

2004

07 December 2004

Seminar on the occasion of the 19th anniversary of the foundation of SAARC held on 7th December 2004 in Karachi.

05 October 2004

Interactive session with former City Mayor Mr. Naimat Ullah Khan on 5th October 2004 in Karachi.



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Interactive session with former City Mayor Mr. Naimat Ullah Khan on 5th October 2004 in Karachi.

20-24 September 2004

Visit of a high level goodwill mission of KCFR to New Delhi - India from 20th to 24th September 2004 on the invitation of Confederation of Indian Industry - New Delhi through the courtesy of the High Commission of India in Islamabad. The delegation comprised of Founding Chairman KCFR Justice (R) Said-uz-Zaman Siddiqui, Mr. Liaquat Habib Merchant, Mrs. Naseem Liaquat Merchant, Ambassador (R) Mansoor Alam, Mrs. Shaheen Salahuddin and Dr. Asghar Shaikh Nasir.

20 April 2004

Interactive session on "Indian Foreign Policy" with former High Commissioner of India in Pakistan H.E. Mr. Shivshankar Menon on 20th April 2004 in Karachi.

2003

11 December 2003

Lecture by former British Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Mr. Mike O' Brian on the topic of "Pakistan and Britain: A Developing Relationship" on 11th December 2003 in Karachi.

13 November 2003

Interactive session with then U.S. Ambassador in Pakistan, H.E. Ms. Nancy Powell on the subject of "Pak - American Relations" on 13th November 2003 in Karachi.

11 October 2003

Meeting of the KCFR senior members with the delegation of Royal College of Defence Studies on 11th October 2003 in Karachi.

23 August 2003

Seminar on the topic of "Economic Reforms - The Future Agenda" held in Karachi on 23rd August 2003. Honorable Mr. Shaukat Aziz, then Federal Minister of Finance and former Prime Minister of Pakistan graced the occasion as chief guest.

10 May 2003

Launching ceremony of the Karachi Council on Foreign Relations, Economic Affairs and Law (which has been renamed as the Karachi Council on Foreign Relations in January 2011) was held in Karachi. Former Foreign Minister of Pakistan, Honorable Mian Khursheed Mahmood Kasuri graced the occasion as chief guest.



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Ambassador (R) S.K. Dehlavi,
Ambassador of Denmark H.E. Mr. Ole E. Moesby,
Ambassador (R) Shahid M. Amin,
Air Marshal (R) Riazuddin Shaikh,
Mr. Ahsan M. Zubairi and
Mr. Kalim Farooqui
at the interactive session on
"European Union: Global Challenges
and Development Cooperation"
held on 31st October 2012 in Karachi.



Vice Admiral (R) Khalid M. Mir,
Ambassador (R) Shahid M. Amin,
Consul General of Turkey Mr. Murat M. Onart,
Ambassador of Turkey H.E. Mr. Mustafa Babur Hizlan,
Chairman KCFR Barrister Liaquat Merchant,
Mr. Ahsan M. Zubairi,
Ambassador (R) S.K. Dehlavi,
Mr. Hamza Bin Tariq and
Mr. Najam Chaudhri at the interactive session on
"Turkish Foreign Policy and Current Challenges"
held on 18th September 2012 in Karachi.



From left to right: KCFR Life Member Mr. Dewan Yusuf Farooqui, KCFR Secretary General Mr. Ahsan M. Zubairi, High Commissioner of Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Suhrab Hossain, Ambassador of Cuba H.E. Mr. Jesus Zenen Buergo Concepcion, Ambassador of France H.E. Mr. Philippe Thiebaud, Ambassador of Argentina / Dean of the Diplomatic Corps H.E. Mr. Rodolfo J. Martin-Saravia, Speaker Sindh Assembly Mr. Nisar Khuhro, Chairman KCFR Mr. Liaquat Merchant, Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis Dr. Farooq Sattar, Deputy High Commissioner of India Mr. Gopal Baglay, Ambassador of New Zealand to Iran, accredited as High Commissioner to Pakistan H.E. Mr. Brian Sanders, Ambassador of the Philippines H.E. Mr. Jesus I. Yabes, Ambassador of Romania H.E. Mr. Emilian Ion and KCFR Co-Chairman Ambassador (R) Shahid Amin
at the KCFR 9th Anniversary event on 7 May 2012 at Dewan House



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Indian National Security Advisor, Shivshankar Menon receiving memento from Mr. Ahsan Mukhtar Zubairi Secretary General and CEO of KCFR at the inaugural session of "Conference on Transforming South Asia: Imperative for Action", in New Delhi on 9th March 2012.



French Ambassador, H.E. Mr. Philippe Thiebaud addressing the KCFR members as keynote speaker in Karachi at an interactive session on "French Presidency of the G-20 and G-8 and Global Governance" held on 27th January 2012.



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Ambassador (R) Shahid Amin, Co-Chairman KCFR, Mr. Shahjehan Karim, President IoBM, Dutch Ambassador to Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Hugo Gajus Scheltema and Mr. Ahsan M. Zubairi, Secretary General/CEO KCFR at an interactive session on "Dutch-Pakistan Relations" held on 19th November 2011.



British DHC in Islamabad Ms. Alison Blake, Mr. Liaquat Merchant (Chairman KCFR), British HC Mr. Adam Thomson CMG, Mr. Ahsan M. Zubairi (Secretary General/CEO KCFR) and Mr. Kalim Farooqui (Board Member KCFR) at the interactive session on "Passionate about Pakistan : the U.K. View of an Unbreakable Partnership" held on 18th October 2011 in Karachi.



Chairman KCFR Mr. Liaquat Merchant with former U.S. Ambassador H.E. Mr. Cameron Phelps Munter at an interactive session on "U.S.-Pakistan Relations" held on 9th May 2011.



Ambassador (R) Shahid Amin, Lt. Gen. (R) Moinuddin Haider, Mr. Liaquat H. Merchant (Chairman KCFR), chief guest Honorable Mani Shankar Aiyar (former Indian Secretary of External Affairs, and former Consul General of India in Karachi) and Mr. Ahsan Mukhtar Zubairi at an interactive session on "India-Pakistan: Prospective and Retrospective" held on 8th January 2011 in Karachi.



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Honorable Mr. Nisar Ahmed Khuhro, Speaker Sindh Assembly and Patron KCFR presenting memento to H.E. Mr. Brian Sanders, New Zealand High Ambassador to Iran and accredit High Commissioner to Pakistan who addressed at the event of KCFR held on 29th November 2010 in Karachi.



Ambassador Mohammed Mijarul Quayes, Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh addressing at the session hosted by KCFR in collaboration with the Deputy High Commission of Bangladesh in Karachi and Pakistan-Bangladesh Friendship Forum (PBFF) on 31st October 2010. Mr. Ahsan Mukhtar Zubairi, Justice (R) Said-uz-Zaman Siddiqui, Lt. Gen. (R) Moinuddin Haider, Mr. Ruhul Alam Siddiqui (DHC of Bangladesh in Karachi), Vice Admiral (R) Khalid Mir, Mr. Najam Chaudhri and Capt. Anwar Shahare also present on the occasion.



Former Chairman KCFR Lt. Gen. (R) Moinuddin Haider presenting KCFR memento to H.E. Mr. Robert Kvile. Ambassador of Norway who addressed an interactive session on "Norway: Foreign Policy Priorities and Relations to Pakistan" held on 11th October 2010. Ms. Lise Albrechtsen, Second Secretary (Development) at the Royal Norwegian Embassy and Mr. Ahsan Mukhtar Zubairi, Secretary General / CEO KCFR also present on the occasion.



Discussion session of Mr. Walter Russell Mead (Senior Fellow for U.S. foreign policy at the Council on Foreign Relations) on the subject of "U.S.-Pakistan Relations: An Affirmative Agenda, A Responsible Course" with the Board Members of KCFR held on 4th August, 2010.



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Group photograph of the ASEAN Heads of the Diplomatic Missions with Lt. Gen. (R) Moinuddin Haider, Mr. Ahsan Mukhtar Zubairi and other members of KCFR. The ASEAN Ambassadors / High Commissioners visited Karachi on the invitation of KCFR to attend an interactive session held on 28th July 2010 on the subject of "Pakistan-ASEAN: A Way Forward for Durable Relations".



From left to right: Mr. Ahsan Mukhtar Zubairi, H.E. Mr. Sharat Sabharwal, Lt. Gen. (R) Moinuddin Haider, Barrister Liaquat H. Merchant and Mr. Shahrukh Hasan at the interactive session which was organized by KCFR in collaboration with Pakistan-India Citizens Friendship Forum (PICFF) on an important subject "The Indus Waters Treaty" with H.E. Mr. Sharat Sabharwal, High Commissioner of the Republic of India on 3rd of April 2010.



Mr. Ahsan M. Zubairi, Ambassador (R) Shahid Amin, Mr. Khurshid Mahmood Kasuri, Lt. Gen. (R) Moinuddin Haider, Advocate Aziz Munshi and Dr. Khalida Ghaus at the launching ceremony of KCFR Life Member Ambassador (R) Shahid Amin's book "Reminiscences of a Pakistani Diplomat" held on 20th March 2010



Dinner meeting of the Board members of KCFR with Ambassador Ms. Robin Raphel, Coordinator for U.S. Economic and Development Assistance to Pakistan on 17th December 2009



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From left to right:
Ambassador (R) S.K. Dehlavi,
Dr. Christian Brecht, former
Consul General of Germany in
Karachi, Justice (R)
Said-uz-Zaman Siddiqui, former
Ambassador of Germany, H.E.
Dr. Michel Koch,
Mr. Ahsan Zubairi and
Dr. Huma Baqai at the
interactive session on the topic
of "Germany and Pakistan
Partners for the 21st Century"
held on 14th June 2009 in
Karachi.



From left to right:
Ambassador (R) S.K. Dehlavi,
Mr. Saquib Ali, former Deputy
High Commissioner of
Bangladesh,
Lt. Gen. (R) Moinuddin Haider,
H.E. Mrs. Yasmeen Murshed,
former High Commissioner of
Bangladesh and
Mr. Ahsan Mukhtar Zubairi
at the Interactive Session on
"Changing Security Dynamic:
Challenges for South Asia" held
on 14th May 2009 in Karachi.



Group photograph of the
KCFR Board Members with
Dr. Lawrence J. Korb and
Mr. Colin Cookman from
Centre for American Progress
(CAP), 28th April 2009,
Karachi.



From left to right:
Mr. Najam Chaudhri,
Lt. Gen. (R) Moinuddin Haider,
Chief Guest Mr. Saleem Raza
(former Governor State Bank
of Pakistan), Dr. Kaiser Bengali,
Late Ambassador Najmul Saqib
Khan and Senator Ahmed Ali
at the interactive session on
"Financial Melt Down and
Global Economic Recession
Causes and Effects" held on
18th April 2009.



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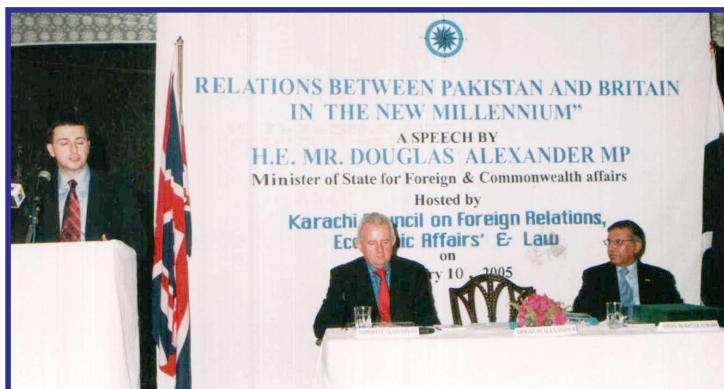
Chief Justice (R) Saeed-uz-Zaman Siddiqui presenting KCFR memento to Argentinean Ambassador H.E. Mr. Rodolfo J. Martin at the seminar on "The Foreign Policy of Latin American Countries in the Changing Global Political Environment" held on 02 June 2008. Captain Haleem Siddiqui (former Co-Chairman and Life Member KCFR), Speaker Sindh Assembly Honorable Mr. Nisar Ahmed Khuhro, Mr. Ahsan M. Zubairi (Secretary General / CEO KCFR) and former Sindh Information Minister Ms. Shazia Marri also present on the occasion.



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Interactive session on "Indian Foreign Policy" with former High Commissioner of India in Pakistan H.E. Mr. Shivshankar Menon on 20th April 2004 in Karachi



Interactive session with former U.S. Ambassador in Pakistan H.E. Ms. Nancy Powell on the subject of "Pak-American Relations" on 13th November 2003 in Karachi



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