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CG Tariq Karim met with U.S. Congressman Brad Schneider at his Office in Lincolnshire (IL). They exchanged views on enhancing Pak-US bilateral ties and role of the vibrant Pakistani-American community.



CG Tariq Karim met virtually with U.S. Congressman Sean Casten to explore ways to strengthen Pak-US partnership in diverse fields, role of vibrant Pakistani American community & climate change.



CG Tariq Karim met Congressmen Danny Davis & Jonathan Jackson at an event in IL & exchanged views on ways to promote bilateral relations & role of the Pakistani-American community.



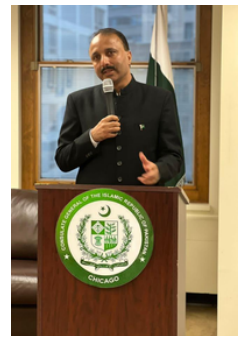
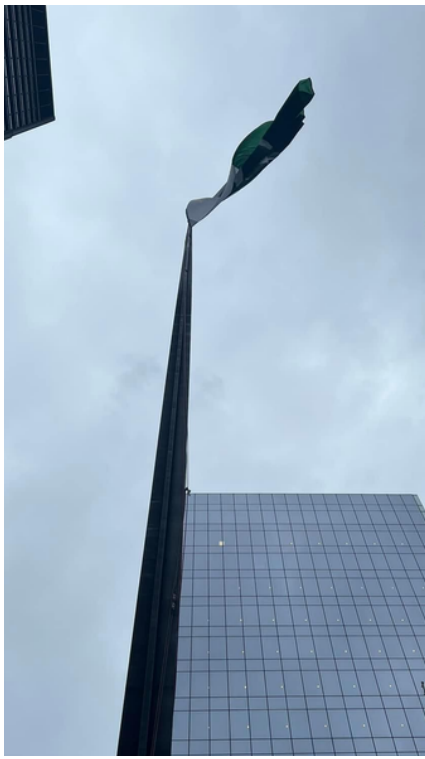
CG Tariq Karim interacted with Congressman Jesús "Chuy" García during an event held in Chicago, IL.



CG Tariq Karim attended an event organized by the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago (CIOGC) at CIOGC office in downtown Chicago and interacted with community leaders and elected officials including the Mayor of Chicago, Brandon Johnson.



CG Tariq Karim interacted with Illinois Secretary of State Hon. Alexi Giannoulias at the Consular Corps Luncheon.



The Consulate General of Pakistan in Chicago held an event to celebrate Pakistan Independence Day. The Pakistan flag was raised at Daley Center Plaza & program was held at the Consulate. Chicago Mayor Hon. Brandon Johnson was chief guest. The CG and mayor spoke at the occasion and cut Pakistan Day Cake.



CG Tariq Karim participated & led the Pakistan Independence Day celebrations/parade on Devon Ave. In his remarks, the CG congratulated the members of Pakistani-American community on the Independence Day, recalled Quaid's principles & urged them to renew commitment for Pakistan.



CG Tariq Karim attended Pakistan Independence Day cultural celebration in Maine Township. In his remarks, CG highlighted historical significance of Pakistan Independence Day, Pakistan as an important business & tourist destination and role of the vibrant Pakistani-American community. Elected officials also attended.



CG Tariq Karim attended an event, jointly organized by the Lahore Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International and the Pakistani-Descent Physicians Society (PPS), at the Cultural Center in Chicago to celebrate the Pakistan Independence Day.



Consul General Tariq Karim attended the flag-raising ceremony and the “Taste of Pakistan” event in Bolingbrook. The event was attended by a large number of people, including elected officials.



CG Tariq Karim attended an event held in Glendale Heights, Illinois, to celebrate the Pakistan Independence Day. The CG hoisted the Pakistan flag and cut the Pakistan Day cake. A large number of people, including elected officials, attended the event.



CG Tariq Karim attended the flag-raising ceremony and Pakistan Day Parade in Madison, WI. The ceremony, attended by Pakistani-American community members & elected officials, was part of month-long Pakistan Independence Day celebrations across Midwest.



CG Tariq Karim attended & spoke at an event held at the Pakistan Cultural Garden in Cleveland on completion of its 1st phase. He hoisted the Pakistan flag at the Pakistan Cultural Garden. While he was there he also met a group of Pakistan students and Mayor Ed Kraus of Solon. In his interactions, the CG highlighted Pakistan as an important business & tourism destination & role of the vibrant Pakistani-American community.



CG Tariq Karim attended the 4th DICE (Distinguished Innovations, Collaboration and Entrepreneurship) Annual Gala event held at Farmington Hills in Michigan. In his remarks, CG appreciated efforts to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in Pakistan.



CG Tariq Karim visited RNA Headquarters/manufacturing facility in Blue Island, IL where he was warmly received by RNA Founder/President Mr. Muhammad Munir Akhtar.



CG Tariq Karim attended & spoke at Naperville Halal Fest. He appreciated Illinois Muslim Chamber of Commerce for providing platform to Muslim community/businesses to celebrate richness of Halal food, praised IL culture of inclusiveness & said such events foster unity & diversity.



CG Tariq Karim attended Human Development Foundation (HDF) annual event held in IL. In his remarks, the CG appreciated HDF for their 25 years of dedicated work in Pakistan in education, healthcare & economic-development. He encouraged Pakistani American community to continue investing back in Pakistan.



CG Tariq Karim attended a seminar on Seerat-Un-Nabi, organized by the Sabeel Center in Des Plaines, Illinois.



CG Tariq Karim attended NED's alumni event in IL. In his remarks, the CG highlighted NED as a center of excellence in engineering and technology & encouraged NED alumni to continue to play their active role in the socio-economic development of the two countries.



CG Tariq Karim attended and spoke at the OPEN-Chicago annual conference, "Future of Everything Summit", in Chicago.



CG Tariq Karim hosted Congressman Jonathan Jackson and community representatives at a dinner reception held at the Residence in honor of Ambassador Masood Khan.



CG Tariq Karim received President and CEO RUSH Dr. Omar Lateef and discussed ways to enhance healthcare partnership & institutional linkages between Pakistan & US. The CG appreciated Dr. Lateef's outstanding leadership in advancing quality healthcare.



CG Tariq Karim accompanied Governor Sindh Hon. Kamran Khan Tessori at an event organized by Sindh Premier League (SPL), in collaboration with CASO Cricket League, in Chicago to promote cricket.



The Consulate General of Pakistan in Chicago held a photo exhibition and a Seminar to observe Youm-e-Istehsal (August 5), marking the completion of four years since India's illegal and unilateral actions in IIOJK. CG Tariq Karim & other prominent speakers highlighted various dimensions of the J&K dispute & aggravating humanitarian situation in IIOJK.



The Consulate General organized a seminar and photo exhibition to observe Kashmir Black Day & express solidarity with the oppressed Kashmiris in IIOJK. The CG and other speakers spoke at the occasion.



CG Tariq Karim attended and spoke at the Sukhanwar Chicago: 38th Grand Aalmi Mushaira held in Schaumburg, Illinois.



CG Tariq Karim attended and spoke at the PPS's annual event in IL.



CG Tariq Karim participated in a webinar organized by Hyderabad-Toledo sister cities committee on “Exploring Glass Industry’s Path to Innovation”



The Consulate General of Pakistan participated in the International Festival of Cultures held in Bolingbrook, Illinois. The annual festival celebrates various cultures and traditions.



CG Tariq Karim attended and spoke at the opening ceremony of Cultural Exchange Market pop-up featuring Pakistan initiated by the City of Chicago and World Business Chicago (WBC) through Consular Corps at the Wrigley Building in Chicago.



CG Tariq Karim attended the inaugural ceremony of the 60th ISNA (Islamic Society of North America) Annual Convention held in Rosemont, Illinois.



CG Tariq Karim attended an event organized in IL to promote access to clean drinking water. In his remarks, the CG encouraged the community members to continue to play their role in the socio-economic development of the two countries.



CG Tariq Karim attended an arts festival, hosted by the United States Ismaili Arts Midwest (USIA Midwest), at Chicago’s Copernicus Center. In his interactions, the CG emphasized the significance of arts in promoting mutual understanding, cultural richness, diversity and harmony.



CG Tariq Karim gave a talk at East-West University, in Chicago, on “Prospects for Expansion of Pakistan’s Partnership with U.S. Midwest” as a part of the University’s “Perspectives Talk series.”



CG Tariq Karim spoke on “Doing Business with Pakistan” at an exclusive business round-table organized by World Trade Center-Kansas City during his visit to Kansas City.



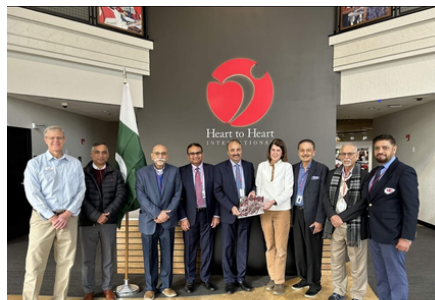
CG Tariq Karim spoke on “Pakistan Ties with the US Midwest Region” at an event organized by International Relations Council (IRC) in Kansas. In his remarks, the CG highlighted: significance of Pak-US relations; growing economic, trade & cultural ties between Pakistan & Midwest region & role of Diaspora.



CG Tariq Karim met Mayor Curt Skoog of Overland Park at his Office in Kansas and exchanged views on promoting economic and civic partnership between Pakistan and Overland Park.



CG Tariq Karim interacted with members of the Pakistani-American community during his visit to Kansas. The CG briefed the community on business & investment opportunities in Pakistan and encouraged them to continue to work for promotion of true image of Pakistan.



CG Tariq Karim visited the Headquarters of a non-profit disaster relief organization, Heart to Heart International in Kansas.



CG Tariq Karim visited St. Louis (Missouri), where he attended a Mushaira organized by the Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America (APPNA) St. Louis Chapter



CG Tariq Karim attended an event organized by CIOGC in downtown Chicago.



CG Tariq Karim met Mr. Shoaib Akhtar, a former Pakistani international cricketer, during his visit to the US.



Mr. Mobeen Ansari, Pakistani artist & photographer, presented a copy of his book “Miraas” to CG Tariq Karim during his visit to Chicago. CG appreciated his work & highlighted the importance of art & culture.



Pakistani Ladies Association in Midwest US (PLAM), in collaboration with the Consulate General of Pakistan in Chicago, organized an awareness seminar on issues of importance to Pakistani-American women, including health.



CG Tariq Karim attended & spoke at an event organized by PLAM. PLAM’s patron Aasma Tariq & Secretary Arshia Hasnain highlighted aims & activities of the forum.



CG Tariq Karim attended a community gathering and performance by prominent Pakistani singer Tahseen Javed at Streamwood, Illinois.