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Consul General Tariq Karim addressed the Illinois General Assembly at Springfield. In his address, the Consul General, inter alia: emphasized Pakistan's geo-strategic significance, its achievements and potential; various dimensions of the Pakistan-US relations; Pakistan's growing partnership with the State of Illinois; and the role of Pakistani Diaspora.



The Consul General meets Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives Mr. Emanuel "Chris" Welch.



The Consul General met then Minority Leader in the House, Mr. Jim Durkin, in January 2023.

Interactions with State Representatives





Consul General Tariq Karim's interaction with the Governor of Illinois, Hon. JB Pritzker.



Consul General Tariq Karim met with Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky & discussed issues of mutual interest.



Consul General Tariq Karim visited Indiana where he met U.S. Senator Todd Young & discussed ways to strengthen Pak-US relations in diverse fields, particularly trade & economy.



Consul General Tariq Karim met with US Congressman Andre D. Carson and discussed issues of mutual interest, during an event in Illinois.



Consul General Tariq Karim met with Congressman Sean Casten during an interfaith breakfast held at Islamic Foundation Centre Villa Park, Illinois.



Consul General Tariq Karim met with Illinois Secretary of State Mr. Alexi Giannoulias at various occasions.

During his meetings, the CG discussed ways to enhance economic & people-to-people ties between Pakistan & Illinois and role of the Pakistani-American community.





Consul General Tariq Karim interacted with Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson. He reiterated his desire to closely work with the city government to enhance economic & civic partnership between Pakistan and Chicago, which has a sister city relationship with Lahore.



Consul General Tariq Karim met Mayor Mike Duggan of Detroit at his office in Detroit, Michigan. During the meeting, they exchanged views on promoting mutually beneficial economic & civic partnership & people-to-people contacts between Pakistan & Detroit.



Consul General Tariq Karim met with President Cook County Ms. Toni Prickwinkle and discussed ways to strengthen mutually beneficial partnership between Pakistan and Illinois and the role of vibrant Pakistani-American community.



Consul General Tariq Karim met Rev. Dr. Que English, Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



Consul General Tariq Karim met with Illinois Senator Elgie Sims at an event in Chicago.



Consul General's interaction with former Illinois Secretary of State Mr. Jesse White.



Consul General Tariq Karim met with Mayor Andy Schor of Lansing at his office in Lansing, Michigan and discussed ways to enhance economic and civic collaboration.



Elected officials at the Consul General's residence, including DuPage County Sheriff James Mendrick, DuPage County's State Attorney Bob Berlin, former Illinois Representative Denyse Stoneback, former and present Mayors of Bolingbrook.



CG Tariq Karim with Chodri Ma Khokhar, President of Glendale Heights.



Consul General Tariq Karim met with Mr. Greg Bedalov, President Choose DuPage Economic Development Alliance, and Ms. Sadia Covert, DuPage County Board Commissioner.



Consul General Tariq Karim with Illinois' Appellate Court Justice Jesse Reyes.



The Consulate General of Pakistan in Chicago organized a dignified reception to mark the 83rd Pakistan Day. The event was attended by over 300 guests, including senior elected officials, Federal/States officials, representatives of Consular Corps, think tanks, academia, journalists and members of the Pakistani-American Community. Mr. Alexi Giannoulias, Secretary of State of Illinois, was Chief Guest at the occasion. The Consul General and the Secretary of State addressed the gathering and cut the Pakistan Day cake. The cultural segment included performance by a group of children from Illinois-based Christ Church of Pakistan. Guests were served with traditional Pakistani cuisine.



Consul General Tariq Karim hosted an Eid Open House at his residence to celebrate the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr on April 21, 2023. The grand celebration was attended by approximately 400 guests including members of the Pakistan-American community, elected officials and representatives of Consular corps. Guests enjoyed a sumptuous spread of Pakistani cuisine.



Pakistani Ladies Association in Midwest U.S. (PLAM), in collaboration with the Consulate General of Pakistan in Chicago, organized Eid Mela to celebrate Eid-Ul-Azha.



The Consulate General of Pakistan in Chicago hosted a Seminar to observe the #KashmirSolidarityDay.



Consul General Tariq Karim participated in a discussion on Refugees and Migration, organized by The Chicago Council on Global Affairs (CCGA), a prominent think tank.



Consul General Tariq Karim participated in two consecutive webinars aimed at promoting Pakistani handicrafts exports and the role of women entrepreneurs. The webinars were organized by Hyderabad-Toledo sister cities committee.



Consul General Tariq Karim visited main office of Physicians Revenue Group, an IT outsourcing firm in IL, where he was briefed about PRG's group healthcare/IT services in Pakistan. The CG encouraged them to continue expanding operations in Pakistan.



Consul General Tariq Karim visited MSCI's Pink Salt facility in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, where he was warmly received by Mayor Daniel Bukiewicz & MSCI leadership. He was briefed about MSCI's plans to invest in Pakistan rock salt industry. The CG welcomed their interest to promote pink salt & assured all possible support.



The Consulate General of Pakistan in Chicago, in collaboration with CAPRC (Central Asian Productivity Research Center), organized a Seminar on "Pakistan's Partnership with the US Midwest: Opportunities in Trade & Investment, Tourism & Education". The event was attended by a large number of entrepreneurs and CEOs, traders, tech executives, think-tank representatives, and prominent community members. The CG and other speakers highlighted Pakistan as a key business, trade and tourist destination and shared success stories.



Consul General Tariq Karim participated in the Annual Iftar event hosted by the Lahore Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International (CSCI). In his remarks, the CG highlighted Pakistan's rapidly growing trade & economic partnership & people-to-people contacts with the Midwest region & need to expand cooperation under the Lahore-Chicago sister city relationship.



Mr. Jim H. Hartung, President Toledo Sister Cities International, and Mr. Anwar Ali, Chair of Hyderabad-Toledo Sister City Committee, visited the Consulate General and met with CG Tariq Karim. They discussed cooperation under the sister city mechanism.



Consul General Tariq Karim attended an event as keynote speaker held in Chicago to introduce and promote the Pakistan Cultural Garden in Cleveland.



Consul General Tariq Karim attended the AmericanT20 Trophy Season 3 held in Hanover Park, Illinois.



Consul General Tariq Karim attended the 15th Annual Muslim Mental Health Conference Gala event as keynote speaker. The event was organized by Michigan State University (MSU).



Consul General Tariq Karim hosted a Leadership Discussion & Dinner, organized by the Economic Club of Chicago (ECC). He led a group of business leaders and ECC members including ECC then President & CEO David Snyder.



The Consul General interacted with a group of students from University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy at the Consulate.



Consul General Tariq Karim attended the Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America (APPNA)'s Strategy meeting held in Oakbrook, Illinois. In his remarks, the CG lauded APPNA's role as one of the leading organizations of Pakistani professionals and encouraged them to continue to play their active role in the socio-economic development of Pakistan.



Consul General Tariq Karim attended and spoke at an event hosted by Pakistani-descent Physicians Society (PPS) in Warrenville, Illinois.



CG Tariq Karim attended the annual event of King Edward Medical College Alumni Association of North America (KEMCAANA) held in Oakbrook, IL. In his remarks as chief guest, the CG highlighted KEMC as a prestigious institution and encouraged the Pakistani-American community and physicians to continue investing back in Pakistan.



Consul General Tariq Karim attended and spoke at the Pakistani-Descent Physicians Society (PPS)'s Strategic Meeting held in Oakbrook, Illinois.



Consul General Tariq Karim attended an event organized by OPEN-Chicago (Organization of Pakistani Entrepreneurs) in Oakbrook (IL) to celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr. In his remarks, the CG encouraged the participants to play an active role in promoting innovation and entrepreneurship in Pakistan.



Consul General Tariq Karim attended and spoke at a community Eid celebration event organized by the Sabeel Center in Des Plaines, Illinois.



Consul General Tariq Karim attended a community event in Lansing, Michigan, organized by Pakistan Association of Lansing. State Rep. Julie Brixie and Pakistani actress Fazeela Qazi were also present. He urged the community members to continue to play their active role in the socio-economic development of the two countries.



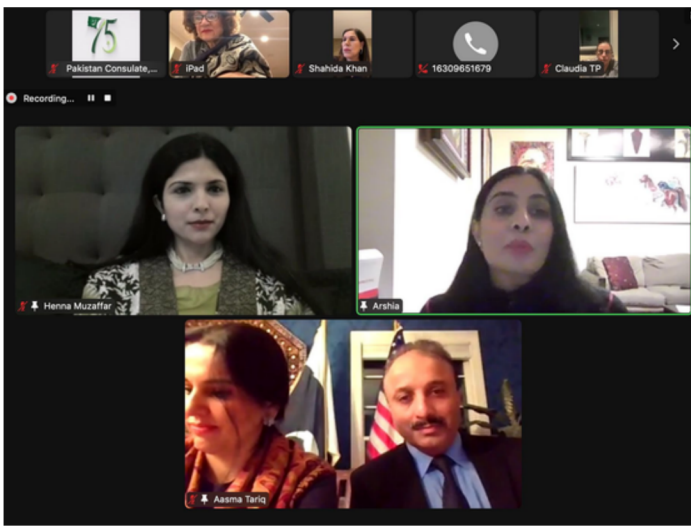
During his visit to Indiana, Consul General Tariq Karim visited the Calderon Textile Factory, which imports 65% of its products from Pakistan. He also held an interaction with members of the Pakistani-American community and visited the Children's Museum of Indianapolis, where he met with Museum's President Jennifer Pace Robinson. The Museum has added Malala Yousafzai (Pakistani) as the fourth child in its "[The Power of Children: Making a Difference®](#)" exhibition.



During his visit to Michigan, Consul General Tariq Karim attended and spoke at a community event held in Troy to celebrate Pakistan Day along with an inter-faith Iftar.



Consul General Tariq Karim attended an event as chief guest held in remembrance of the world-renowned Pakistani art legend, Sadequain, at Glendale Heights, Illinois.



The Consulate General of Pakistan in Chicago and Pakistani Ladies Association in Midwest U.S. (PLAM) jointly hosted a webinar to celebrate the International Women's Day - 2023.



CG Tariq Karim attends opening reception of Pakistani-American artist Zafar Malik's solo art exhibition at Noyes Art Center in Evanston, Illinois.



Ms. Aasma Tariq, wife of Consul General Tariq Karim, organized and led a group of Chicago Consular Corps Ladies Club to the Sabeel Center where they participated in a Biryani cooking demonstration in the Sabeel Center's Halal Kitchen.



Consul General Tariq Karim attended as chief guest the launching ceremony of "Zakhm Bol Parey", a collection of Ghazal poetry of Miluwake-based Urdu poet Dr. Salim Torania, at Brookfield, WI.



Consul General Tariq Karim attended the "1st Aalmi Urdu Conference-2023 Chicago" in Carol Stream, Illinois. In his remarks, the Consul General highlighted Urdu as one of the most widely spoken languages in the world with a rich heritage.