

CONSULATE GENERAL OF PAKISTAN CHICAGO

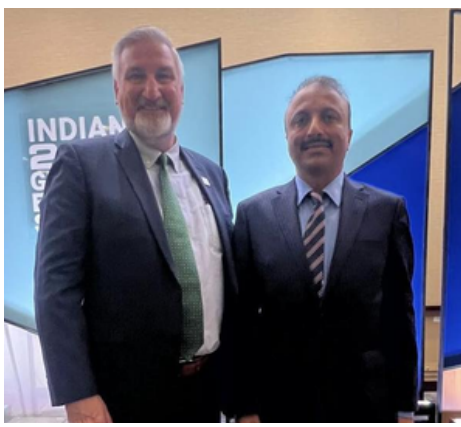
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(May 23, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim met Indiana Governor, honorable Eric J. Holcomb in Indiana. They discussed issues of mutual interest, including ways to strengthen Pakistan's economic partnership with Indiana and the role of vibrant Pakistani-American community.



(February 25)

CG Tariq Karim met U.S. Congressman Mike Carey, Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose, and other elected officials in Columbus, Ohio and discussed issues of mutual interest, including the Pakistan-US partnership in diverse fields, and important role of Pakistani-American community.



(June 9 2024)

CG Tariq Karim met Missouri's Secretary of State, honorable Jay Ashcroft. During the meeting, they discussed a wide range of issues of mutual interest, including ways to strengthen Pakistan's trade and economic partnership with the State of Missouri and the role of vibrant Pakistani-American community.



(May 2, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim interacted with Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias at various events and discussed ways to strengthen ties between Pakistan and Illinois.



(February 8, 2024)



(March 2, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim met Lt. Governor of Michigan Honorable Garlin Gilchrist II in Rochester Hills, Michigan, and discussed issues of mutual interest, including ways to strengthen Pakistan's partnership with Michigan.



(March 30, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim met with Congressman Jonathan Jackson at various occasions and discussed issues of mutual interest including ways to strengthen Pak-US partnership in diverse fields.



(March 22, 2024)



(April 8, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim interacted with U.S. Congresswoman Delia Ramirez at an event in Illinois. The two discussed issues of mutual interest.



(March 28, 2024)

CG interacted with Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky at an Iftar event in Skokie.



(April 10, 2024)

Elected officials including Chief Investment Officer/Treasurer of Illinois Michael W. Frerichs, Lake County Treasurer Holy Kim, Judge Jesse Reyes, former Secretary of State Jesse White, Dupage County Sheriff James Mendrick and Consul Generals of various countries celebrating Eid at the Consul General's residence.



(February 10, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim interacted with former Illinois Governor Pat Quinn and discussed issues of mutual interest.



CG Tariq Karim met Illinois State Representative Laura Murphy at an event in Illinois.



(February 23, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim met Mayor Shammash Malik of Akron (Ohio) and exchanged views on promoting mutually beneficial economic and civic partnership between Pakistan and Akron.



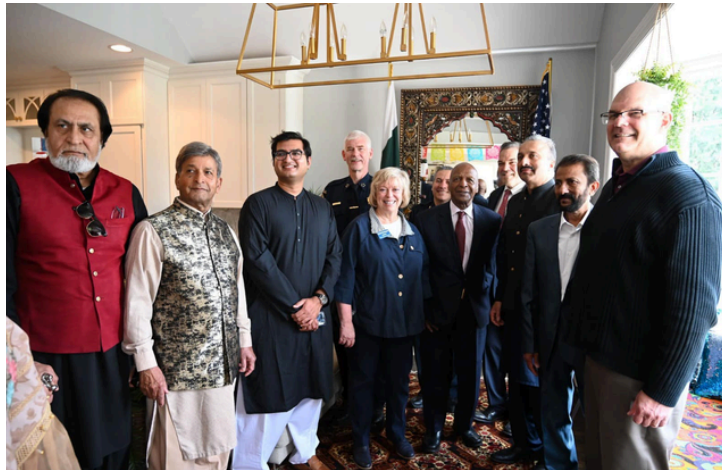
(April 14, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim interacted with mayor Scot Wehrli of Naperville and exchanged views on issues of mutual interest.



(March 22, 2024)

To commemorate the 84th Pakistan Day, the Consulate General of Pakistan in Chicago organized a dignified reception. The event was attended by around 300 guests, including senior elected officials, Federal/States officials, representatives of Consular Corps, think tanks, academia, journalists and members of the Pakistani-American Community. U.S. Congressman Jonathan Jackson was Chief Guest at the occasion. The Consul General and the Congressman addressed the gathering and cut the Pakistan Day cake. Guests were served with traditional Pakistani cuisine.



(April 10, 2024)

The Consul General of Pakistan in Chicago, Mr. Tariq Karim, hosted an Eid Open House at his residence to celebrate the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr. The grand celebration was attended by over 400 guests, including members of the Pakistani-American community from all walks of life, elected officials, local dignitaries, Federal & State officials, representatives of Consular Corps, academia, and media. Consul General Tariq Karim and Mrs. Aasma Tariq personally received and welcomed the guests.



(February 5, 2024)

The Consulate General of Pakistan in Chicago hosted a Seminar to observe the Kashmir Solidarity Day in Chicago



(June 9, 2024)
CG Tariq Karim attended a community event in St. Louis, which was specially joined by Missouri's Secretary of State, Hon. Jay Ashcroft.



During the visit, CG Tariq Karim also interacted with prominent community members and businessmen, and visited the Islamic Foundation of Greater St. Louis Center.



(May 23, 2024)
CG Tariq Karim attended Indiana 2024 Economic Summit held in Indianapolis. He interacted with elected officials, inc. IN Gov. Hon. Eric J. Holcomb & Speaker of Indiana House Mr. Todd Huston, entrepreneurs & thought leaders. Speaking at the occasion, he highlighted importance of Pakistan's partnership with Indiana & role of Subnational Diplomacy



(May 20, 2024)
CG Tariq Karim visited MCC Academy in Morton Grove IL. He interacted with senior high school students at the Academy, briefed them on diverse subjects related to Pakistan and Pak-U.S. relations.



(February 25, 2024)
CG Tariq Karim attended & spoke at the grand opening of the Pakistani-American Community Center in Columbus (OH), which was joined by a large number of community & elected officials. He also interacted with community members at another event & visited the Ohio State University to interact with students.



(March 2, 2024)
CG Tariq Karim attended the opening ceremony of IAGD in Rochester Hills, MI. Community leaders & senior elected officials also attended. In his remarks, the CG commended the Greater Detroit community for their efforts to complete the massive expansion project.



(February 24, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim visited Cleveland (Ohio) where he spoke at an inaugural gala event hosted by members of the newly formed APPNA-NEO (Association of Physicians of Pakistani-Descent of North America-North East Ohio Chapter).



(June 2, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended an event hosted by TCF-USA in Chicago, IL. TCF-USA collaborated with a renowned designer for a fashion show & clothing exhibition featuring Pakistani garments. CG appreciated TCF, which has built over 1900 schools for 286,000 children in Pakistan.

(February 17, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended a philanthropic event in Naperville, IL, organized by members of the Pakistani-American community & professionals to enhance access to quality healthcare services in Pakistan.



(February 23, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim visited Cleveland Clinic where he was received by its President, & given a briefing and tour. In his meeting with the Institute's senior management and Department Chairs, the CG discussed about cooperation & institutional linkages between Cleveland Clinic & prime healthcare institutions in Pakistan.



(April 25-28, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended APPNA Spring Meeting 2024 held in Chicago from April 25-28, 2024. Ambassador Masood Khan also attended and spoke at the meeting.





(February 15, 2024)

Consul General Tariq Karim met with Mr. Ahmed N. Khan, President of the Wisconsin-based MSCI, who briefed the CG on MSCI's plan to establish a Pink Rock Salt facility in Pakistan and expressed appreciation for the Consul General's unwavering support to realize this initiative. They also discussed the forthcoming visit of an MSCI delegation to Pakistan. The CG highlighted investment opportunities in Pakistan's mineral sector while assuring him of continued support.



Subsequently, MSCI and PMDC signed a Joint-Venture Agreement in Islamabad for Himalayan Pink Salt Value Addition and Export, involving an investment package of \$200 million. This is a significant milestone in the promotion of pink salt which is sole product of Pakistan and being widely demanded around the globe.



(May 29, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim met with reps. of IL-based Insight Global, who briefed on company's ops focusing on IT sector. The CG highlighted Pakistan as a key business & investment destination, especially enormous scope in IT sector, & encouraged them to avail opportunities offered by Pakistan.



(April 27, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim hosted prominent community members and professionals from various states at a lunch reception held at his residence in honor of Ambassador Masood Khan.



(May 24, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended the launch event of EBM's new product 'Tiffin Cake Rusk' in IL. EBM, a major biscuit company in Pakistan, is known for quality products. In his remarks, the CG highlighted the growing economic & trade partnership between Pakistan and the Midwest region, and scope for further collaboration.



(June 24, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim met with a group of businessmen, including a representative of the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (RCCI).



(May 1, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim participated in a discussion hosted by OPEN-Chicago on Resilience of Pakistan's Entrepreneurial Ecosystem in IL. Mr. Eric Flachbart, Byonyks medical device developer in Pakistan, shared insights praising Pakistani workforce. The CG highlighted Pakistan as key investment destination.



(June 23, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended a Qawwali Concert at South Asia Institute in Chicago featuring the Saami Brothers. In his interaction, the CG praised the Saami Brothers for their exceptional talent & dedication to preserving the centuries-old Pakistani traditional art of Qawwali.



(April 15, 2024)

The Consulate General of Pakistan hosted an event featuring Qari Syed Sadaqat Ali, world-renowned Qari & Naa't khwan from Pakistan, who recited verses from the Holy Quran, offered Naat & Sufi poetry & spoke on Paigham-e-Pakistan initiative. CG Tariq Karim warmly welcomed him.



(June 8, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended Aalmi Urdu Conference in IL. The event, organized by Bridge Media-US, was joined by poets & literary figures from across the U.S. & abroad. The CG appreciated the role of the Pakistani Diaspora in promoting Pakistani culture, Urdu language & its true image.



(May 4, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended a literary event, Sham-e-Sher-O-Nagma, held in Bartlett IL. In his remarks as chief guest, the CG praised the Pakistani Diaspora & poets for their efforts in promoting Pakistani culture, Urdu language, & poetry.



(April 27, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended Aalmi Naat Conference & the Grand Aalmi Naatia Mushaira organized by Sukhanwar Chicago at Sabeel Center in IL. In his remarks, the CG commended Pakistani Diaspora & poets for their contribution in promoting Urdu.



(March 17, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended the Islamic Education Center Annual Interfaith Iftar event in IL. Speaking at the occasion, the CG highlighted the importance of promoting mutual understanding & interfaith harmony.



(March 21, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended an Iftar reception organized by Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA) for Consular Corps. members at Sabeel Central, Illinois.



(March 28, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended grand annual Iftar event organized by Bushra Amiwala, one of the youngest Muslim elected official in the U.S., in collaboration with Muslim Civic Coalition.



(April 7, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended and spoke at a community Iftar event hosted by President/CEO of Lakhani Hospitality Mr. Mansoor Lakhani.



(April 5, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim participated as the keynote speaker at an interfaith Zoom meeting organized by Common World Alliance (CWA) and MASCH as part of their 4th Anniversary Convention. The CG emphasized the significance of interfaith dialogue & mutual understanding in fostering peace & harmony.



(June 26, 2024)

The Pakistani Ladies Association in the Midwest U.S. (PLAM), in collaboration with the Consulate General of Pakistan in Chicago, organized an event to celebrate Eid-ul-Adha.



(May 25, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim interacted with actor Celal Al, who played Abdurrahman Alp, a character from the famous Turkish drama Ertuğrul.



(May 25, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended the Turkish Festival held in Chicago, IL. He also spoke at the "Intro to Muhammad Iqbal's Universal Message" lecture held on the sidelines of the Turkish Festival.



(April 21, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended an event to mark 86th death anniversary of Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal. In his remarks, the CG paid rich tribute to the great poet and thinker and said that his idea of a separate homeland for Muslims of subcontinent led to the creation of Pakistan.



(March 28, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim interacted with Maryum Ali, daughter of legendary boxer and social rights activist Muhammad Ali



(March 3, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended Empowering Women Annual Gala where he lauded the work and efforts made by Pakistani-American Women.



(May 2, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended the Asian American Pacific Islander Month film screening of "Food Roots"



(March 1, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended the Bolingbrook Premier League (BPL)'s Annual Award Ceremony 2024 held at Bolingbrook, IL. Speaking at the occasion, the CG highlighted Pakistan's rich sports culture & appreciated the BPL & Pakistani-American community for their efforts in promoting cricket.



(February 10, 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended the Asian American Coalition of Chicago (AACC)'s Lunar New Year Celebration. The CG met with a number of elected officials and community leaders attending the event.