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(August 2024)

The Consulate General of Pakistan in Chicago hosted a dignified event at Daley Center Plaza to mark the 77th anniversary of Pakistan's Independence. Chicago Mayor Hon. Brandon Johnson was chief guest. The Consul General of Pakistan in Chicago, Mr. Tariq Karim and Mayor Johnson spoke at the occasion and cut Pakistan Day Cake. The Consul General hoisted the Pakistan flag at the Plaza.



(July 2024)

CG Tariq Karim met Mr. Jack Lavin, President Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, highlighted Pakistan as an important business & investment destination, proposed institutional linkages & urged the Chamber to play its role in promoting economic partnership between the two countries.



(July 2024)

The 6th Pak-U.S. Business & Investment Opportunities Conference, jointly organized by Consulate General of Pakistan in Chicago & the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (RCCI), was held in Illinois. CG Tariq Karim & senior leadership of RCCI highlighted trade & investment opportunities in Pakistan. There were also B to B meetings.



(October 2024)

CG Tariq Karim met with Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, Mr. Emanuel "Chris" Welch, Cook County Board President, Ms. Toni Preckwinkle, and other elected officials at a community event. During the interaction, the Consul General highlighted the importance of the Pakistan-U.S. partnership and the role of the vibrant Pakistani-American community in the socio-economic development of both countries.



(October 2024)

CG Tariq Karim met with U.S. Congresswoman Delia Ramirez and Illinois State Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid at an event in Illinois.



(October 2024)

CG Tariq Karim met with Congressmen Danny K. Davis and Jonathan Jackson. They discussed ways to strengthen the Pak-U.S. partnership and the vital role of the vibrant Pakistani-American community.



(December 2024)

CG Tariq Karim met with Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson, Congressman Jesús "Chuy" García, and other elected officials and community leaders at the Muslim Civic Coalition's annual event in Oak Brook, Illinois. During these interactions, they exchanged views on issues of mutual interest, including ways to strengthen the Pak-U.S. partnership and the important role of the vibrant Pakistani-American community.



(October 2024)

CG Tariq Karim interacted with Illinois State Representative Diane Blair-Sherlock at an event in Illinois. He discussed issues of mutual interest, including Pakistan's partnership with Illinois and the role of the vibrant Pakistani-American community.

(December 2024)

CG Tariq Karim held a virtual meeting with Indiana Secretary of State Mr. Diego Morales, during which they explored opportunities to enhance trade & economic collaboration, as well as people-to-people connections between Pakistan & the State of Indiana.





(July 2024)

The senior leadership of Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (RCCI) visited the Consulate General of Pakistan in Chicago & met with CG Tariq Karim. They were part of a large business delegation from Pakistan visiting Chicago to participate in the 6th Pakistan-US Business & Investment Opportunities Conference.



(November 2024)

CG Tariq Karim participated in a business event organized by OPEN-Chicago in Illinois. The event included a Fireside Chat with CEO/co-founder of Utopia Deals Jabran Niaz. In his remarks, CG emphasized Pakistan's importance as a key trade & investment destinations and commended the role of OPEN-Chicago



(August 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended and spoke at the USA-Pakistan Business Bridge Event held in Oak Creek, WI. The event was jointly organized by the City of Oak Creek and Miracle Salt Collective (MSCI). The CG highlighted Pakistan as an important business & investment destination. The MSCI leadership commended CG Tariq Karim for his committed efforts in formalizing a \$200 million Joint Venture Agreement between MSCI and PMDC in Pakistan.



(November 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended & spoke at a graduation dinner reception organized by Suffah Mosque at Holiday Inn in Skokie, IL. The event was attended by a large number of community members & elected officials, including Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen.



(August 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended 2nd annual Halal Fest in Naperville, IL. In his remarks, the CG commended IL Muslim Chamber of Commerce for organizing the mega event to celebrate halal food. He also highlighted Pakistan's potential in global halal market.



(November 2024)

CG Tariq Karim visited Shan Distribution Network, a prominent distributor of Pakistani products in the Midwest, located in Carol Stream, IL. During the visit, he toured the facilities & was briefed on the diverse range of imported Pakistani items, including spices, frozen foods & rice.



(December 2024)

CG Tariq Karim visited the GILLONS factory & attended its annual event in Homewood, IL, alongside elected officials, including Mayor of Hazel Crest. In his remarks, the CG emphasized the vital role of entrepreneurship within the Pakistani-American community



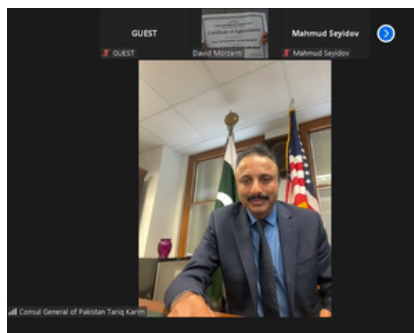
(November 2024)

CG Tariq Karim inaugurated a Pakistani business in Lombard, IL. He emphasized the significance of entrepreneurship within the community, praising their efforts to enhance economic presence in the local market and promote Pakistani products.



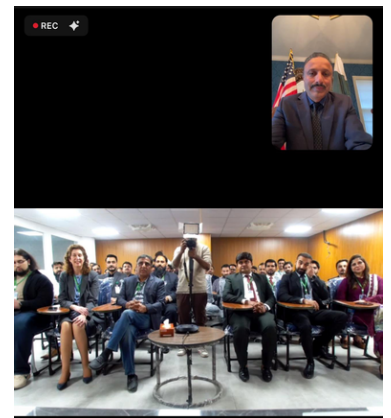
(December 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended an event hosted by NED Engineers Association of Greater Chicago. In his remarks, he expressed appreciation for contributions of NED alumni in US & encouraged them to continue playing an active role in the economic development & technological advancement of Pakistan.



(November 2024)

CG Tariq Karim spoke virtually at the 2024 Tri-State Silk Road Conference, hosted by CAPRC, a think tank. He highlighted Pakistan as a key trade & investment destination, the significance of Pak-US relations, & the vast potential for enhancing economic and trade partnership.



(October 2024)

CG Tariq Karim virtually inaugurated the Physicians Revenue Group (PRG) office in Gujranwala, Pakistan. He praised PRG's expansion to hire 800 new employees, showcasing Pakistan's vibrant IT sector and the growing Pak-U.S. economic partnership.



(October 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended & spoke as chief guest at APPNA Michigan Annual Event. In his remarks, the CG lauded APPNA MI for its role in the socioeconomic development of Pakistan & the US. He urged them to continue investing in Pakistan through capacity-building & philanthropic work in healthcare, other fields



(October 2024)

CG Tariq Karim visited St. Louis, MO, where he attended the annual event of APPNA St. Louis Chapter. In his remarks, CG lauded the Pakistani-American community & professionals for their contributions and encouraged them to continue investing in Pakistan.



(November 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended the PPS annual event in Chicago, alongside elected officials. In his remarks, he highlighted the vital role of the Pakistani-American community & physicians in socioeconomic development of Pakistan & the US. He encouraged continued investment in Pakistan & an active role in promoting Pak-US partnership.



(September 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended the opening ceremony of the PPS House in Forest Park, Illinois. The event was also attended by elected officials. Speaking on the occasion, the CG commended PPS for their longstanding charitable & capacity building initiatives in both the US & Pakistan.



(September 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended the annual event of the Human Development Foundation (HDF) held in Naperville, IL. The event attracted a large number of the Pakistani-American community members & philanthropists. Speaking on the occasion, the CG praised HDF for its impactful projects & services in Pakistan.



(December 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended a philanthropic & cultural event in Naperville, IL, dedicated to improving access to healthcare services in Pakistan. In his remarks, the CG praised the Pakistani-American community for their charitable efforts & capacity-building initiatives in healthcare, both in Pakistan & US.



(July 2024)

CG Tariq Karim participated in a Diabetes awareness event organized by the KD Organization in Warrenville (IL). In his remarks, the CG commended the organizers & community for their proactive approach in addressing Diabetes.



(November 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended an event in IL aimed at promoting access to clean drinking water in Pakistan. In his remarks, the CG emphasized the importance of such initiatives & praised the Pakistani-American community for their philanthropic efforts. He encouraged them to continue their efforts.



(August 2024)

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. Elected officials also joined the parade.



(August 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended & spoke at an event in Glendale Heights, IL, to celebrate Pakistan Independence Day. The CG & Mayor Chodri Ma Khokhar of Glendale Heights hoisted the Pakistan flag & cut the Pakistan Day cake. The event was attended by a large number of people, including elected officials.



(August 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended & spoke at an event hosted by the city of Aurora (the second-largest city in Illinois) to celebrate Pakistan's Independence Day. He hoisted the Pakistan flag. The event, organized by the Pakistani Association of Aurora & Naperville (PAAN), was attended by a large number of people, including elected officials



(August 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended Pakistan Independence Day celebration in Maine Township, IL. The event was attended by a large number of people, including elected officials. In his remarks, the CG highlighted the historical significance of Pakistan Independence Day, importance of Pak-US partnership & role of the vibrant Pakistani-American community



(August 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended & spoke at the 33rd flag hoisting ceremony & “Taste of Pakistan” event in Bolingbrook, IL. The ceremony, organized by APA in Bolingbrook as part of the Pakistan Independence Day celebrations, was attended by a large number of Pakistani-American community members & elected officials.



(September 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended an event held in Wheaton, IL, to celebrate Pakistan Independence Day. The event attracted a large number of people, including elected officials. Speaking on the occasion, the CG highlighted historic significance of Independence Day & role of the vibrant Pakistani-American community.



(August 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended and spoke at an event held in Detroit, Michigan, to celebrate Pakistan Independence Day. The event, organized by Pakistan Association of America (Michigan), was attended by a large number of people. The CG led the parade & cut Pakistan Day Cake.



(August 2024)

CG Tariq Karim participated in the Pathways Parade held in Bolingbrook, IL, where the Pakistan float won 1st prize out of 77 entries. The float was adorned with vibrant green & white decorations, along with Pakistan & US flags. Members of the Pakistani-American community joined the parade to proudly represent Pakistan



(July 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended Boolingbrook IFest 2024 and interacted with Mayor Mary Alexander Basta. The Pakistani pavilion exhibited Pakistani handicrafts. The CG highlighted Pakistan’s diverse cultural heritage, landscapes & hospitality of its people.



(October 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended the Celebration of International Cultures event held in Oakbrook, Illinois. The Pakistani pavilion at the event showcased Pakistani arts, rich cultural heritage, handicrafts, and traditional dresses.



(August 2024)

The Consulate General hosted a seminar and photo exhibition to observe Youm-e-Istehsal Kashmir & express solidarity with oppressed people of IIOJK. CG Tariq Karim & other prominent speakers highlighted various aspects of Jammu & Kashmir dispute & worsening humanitarian situation in IIOJK

(October 2024)

The Consulate General hosted a seminar and photo exhibition to observe Kashmir Black Day & express solidarity with oppressed people of IIOJK. CG Tariq Karim & key speakers highlighted various aspects of the J&K dispute, worsening situation in IIOJK & reiterated Pakistan's unwavering support for Kashmiris' struggle.



(August 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended the 46th Anniversary of Peace Day Chicago, where he participated in the World Peace Flag Ceremony. Members of the Chicago Consular Corps, elected officials, and students also participated in the event.



(December 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended the Sindh Cultural Day event in IL. He highlighted Sindh's rich cultural tapestry & attractions, which showcase Pakistan's diverse heritage & tourism potential. He encouraged the Pakistani-American community to continue playing an active role in socioeconomic development of both Pakistan & US.



(September 2024)

The Consulate General hosted an event to commemorate the Defense & Martyrs Day of Pakistan. CG Tariq Karim highlighted the significance of Defense Day in Pakistan's history, paying rich tributes to the Defense Forces & Martyrs who valiantly defended their homeland & freedom against aggression.



(November 2024)

CG Tariq Karim visited the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) & met with Commissioner Daniel Pogo Pogorzelski & other officials. They discussed ways to enhance partnership between Pakistan and Greater Chicago region in sustainable water management.



(November 2024)

CG Tariq Karim met Lindsay Fair, the newly appointed Regional Director of the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) of the U.S. Department of State in Chicago. He welcomed her and thanked the OFM for its continued support.



(November 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended the 2024 University of Chicago - CCC Reception held at UChicago. During the event, the CG engaged with President Paul Alivisatos and faculty members to discuss opportunities for enhancing academic collaboration between UChicago & leading academic institutions in Pakistan



(September 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended a dinner reception hosted by UIC Dept of Surgery for international participants, including physicians from Pakistan. In his remarks, the CG highlighted the importance of academic & research collaborations & people-to-people exchanges.



(November 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended the Chicago International Gala, hosted by World Business Chicago & Chicago Sister Cities International. The event celebrated global leadership & highlighted Chicago's role on the world stage.



(July 2024)

The Consulate General hosted an event to welcome a delegation from Pakistan visiting Chicago as part of the Green Urban Development (GUD) initiative. CG Tariq Karim welcomed the delegation and emphasized the importance of GUD for Pakistan.



(October 2024)

CG Tariq Karim visited Harper College in Palatine, IL, where he was warmly welcomed. During his interaction with students, the CG discussed contemporary diplomatic practice, his priorities as CG, various dimensions of Pakistan-US relations & the role of vibrant Pakistani-American community.



(December 2024)

Community Representatives at the Consul General's Residence: Highlights from December Events.



(October 2024)

Legendary Pakistani Qawwal Rahat Fateh Ali Khan delivered a captivating performance in Chicago. CG Tariq Karim also attended this enchanting Qawwali event.



(December 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended an enchanting Qawali performance by Jamshaid Ali Sabri Brothers in Naperville, IL. The event showcased 's rich cultural heritage through the art of Qawali music. In his remarks, the CG emphasized significance of Qawali in celebrating Pakistani traditions



(November 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended an engaging Qawali performance by Imran Aziz Mian Qawal in Bensenville, IL, celebrating Pakistan's rich cultural heritage. He commended the artist's talent, emphasizing how Qawali plays a vital role in preserving traditions and strengthening community bonds.



(December 2024)

CG Tariq Karim with Pakistani actor Fahad Mustafa and actress Hania Amir during their event in Chicago.



(November 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended and spoke at an event hosted by The Citizen Foundation, USA (TCF-USA). The foundation has established and operates over 2,000 schools, providing education to more than 300,000 children in Pakistan, particularly in underdeveloped regions.



(December 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended & spoke at the Christ Church of Pakistan's Christmas event in IL. In his remarks the CG extended Christmas greetings saying spirit of Christmas is to share & spread happiness. He highlighted steps taken by the Government of Pakistan to empower minorities



(November 2024)

CG Tariq Karim spoke at an event hosted by Dawoodi Bohra community to mark Int. Day of Tolerance in IL. The CG emphasized vital role of tolerance & respect for diverse beliefs, cultures. He highlighted the steps taken by Pakistan to empower minorities, & promote tolerance & peace.



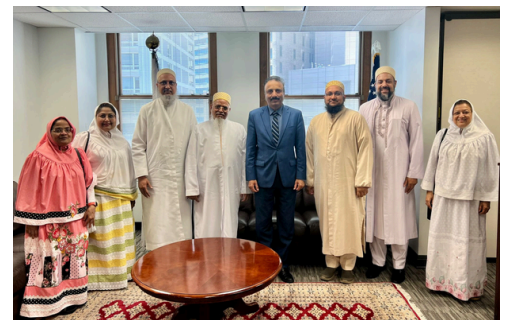
(July 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended an event hosted by the Pakistani American Association of Naperville (PAAN) to celebrate Eid. In his remarks, the CG appreciated PAAN for its efforts & encouraged the Pakistani-American community to continue playing their active role in the socio-economic development of the two countries.



(October 2024)

CG Tariq Karim attended an event dedicated to observing Eid Milad ul Nabi. In his remarks, the CG highlighted the key aspects of Seerat ul Nabi, emphasizing that the life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) serves as a guiding light for all humanity.



(August 2024)

A delegation of Dawoodi Bohra community met CG Tariq Karim & expressed gratitude for the exceptional support by the Consulate General of Pakistan in Chicago & Gov of Pakistan during their visit to Pakistan to participate in Ashara Mubarak. The CG welcomed them while reiterating Pakistan's commitment to facilitating such visits