

# Patrons of Pakistan

November 2017



Clockwise: Light to Pakistan's leprosy patients and Pakistan's 'Mother Teresa,' Dr. Ruth Pfau, born in Germany, remained a beacon of hope for almost six decades. Wenny, the Swedish nurse who gave 38 years of her life in Pakistan serving sick and dying people. German Dr. Chris Schmotzer has been working with leprosy patients in Pakistan for 29 years. Daniel Pearl, a journalist for the Wall Street Journal, killed in Pakistan in the line of duty.

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## **WOMEN & CHILDREN**

### **AUSTRALIA**

August 2, 2017

The Australian High Commission through its Direct #Aid Program is pleased to support training in women's #entrepreneurship at Bahria University - Official in Islamabad. More than 100 young women

from Islamabad and surrounding areas attended the training session as part of a project designed to encourage entrepreneurship and provide business development skills to aspiring women **#Women's #EconomicEmpowerment**.



August 1, 2017

**#WorldBreastfeedingWeek**: Australian Aid is supporting early and exclusive breast-feeding for infants and children in Balochistan through advocacy and counselling of mothers, fathers and mothers-in-law under the Multi Donor Trust Fund for Nutrition. According to the World Bank more than 40,000 children in Balochistan have benefitted from improved nutrition practices, including breast feeding, since July last year. **#WBW2017**



JULY 31, 2017

Check out how the Australia Government funded **Market Development Facility** Program is helping to empower women in **#Pakistan**. Baloch Hamza Brothers Date Co. opened a women-only work facility with flexible hours. The company operates in an area where gender norms traditionally keep women in the home. The facility has set an important precedent while increasing the production of its pitted dates. Read more at <http://bit.ly/2tM39Lr>



**JULY 25, 2017**

The Australian High Commission has partnered with the **fatima jinnah women university** in establishing the Fatima Jinnah **#Women's #Entrepreneurship** Development Centre. The Australian High Commission provided funding for the Centre through its Direct **#Aid** Program (DAP). Acting Deputy High Commissioner, Nicole Guihot, and the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof Dr Samina Qadir, formally inaugurated the Centre. The Centre will empower women through the provision of opportunities for research and development, technical and legal assistance, skills training and capacity building. It will also act as an incubator for ideas, and will benefit university students by providing direct access to business. The centre represents the Australian Government's commitment to educating and empowering women – a critical feature of Australia's foreign policy and development programming



**JULY 24, 2017**

The Australian Government is supporting a challenge that will prepare youth in the Indo-Pacific region, including Pakistan, for the workforce of the future. We particularly encourage applications that address the needs of women and girls, and people with a disability. Submit your ideas by 1 August 2017 – click on the link. <https://ixc.dfat.gov.au/projects/announcing-new-partnership-with-mits-solve-and-atlassian-to-see-the-best-ideas-to-prepare-the-workforce-of-the-future/>

The Australian Aid supported Civil Society Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Fund project with Plan Pakistan, Scaling Up Pakistan Approach to Total Sanitation in Punjab, is supporting the inclusion of women in decision-making processes for #WASH. This is giving women in Layyah district a chance to have a voice and take ownership – and action – on issues important to them: <http://ow.ly/FjlU30d0yrO> #AustraliaAid #gender #inclusion <http://www.cswashfund.org/our-work/postcards-from-the-field/right-be-heard?platform=hootsuite>

**JULY 20, 17**

University of Canberra Social Scientist, Dr Sandra Heaney Mustafa is currently visiting Southern Punjab to work with #farmers, in particular #women, on improving #WaterManagement. Her visit is part of the Australian Government's 'Enhancing Irrigation Skills of Farmers' project which is benefitting farmers in Balochistan, Sindh and Punjab. The project is being delivered in partnership with the Pakistan Council for Research in Water Resources (PCRWR), Society of Facilitators and Trainers - SOFT and S&S Services Pvt Limited.



## **GERMANY**

**August 24, 2017**

Dr. Jürgen Zoll, head of the Economic Cooperation and Development Section at the German Embassy along with representative of KfW, inaugurated a Portable Container Health Centre (PCHC), in Babaji village in Nowshera in KP yesterday. The project is dedicated to the memory and services of Dr. Ruth Pfau.

The Portable Container Health Centre (PCHC) will serve basic healthcare needs of mothers and children. It is supported by Greenstar Social Marketing (GSM).



## The USA

OCT 11, 2017 [US Ambassador commemorates the International Day of the Girl Child](#)

SEP 20, 2017 [Pakistani "TechWomen" Travel to the United States for Mentorship and Exchange Program](#)

## FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY

### JAPAN

A ceremony was held at the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations Representation office in Islamabad to mark the conclusion of the project "Assistance to the Recovery and Development of Agricultural Economy in FATA". The project was funded by the Government of Japan. The closing ceremony was attended by the Ambassador of Japan, H.E. Mr. Takashi Kurai, Chief Representative of JICA Pakistan, Mr. Yasuhiro Tojo, top officials from development agencies and representatives of the government of Pakistan. Farmer households in Khyber and Kurram agencies of FATA have received assistance from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) with the help of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to rebuild their lives as they continue to return to their homes after years of displacement.

77,200 households (33,143 in Khyber and 44,057 in Kurram agency) of FATA received this assistance which helped the returning small holder farmers to produce food and earn income for their families. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Takashi Kurai, Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan said "We had supported recovery of FATA including rehabilitation of community infrastructure. In addition to these assistant to provide these basic services, the recovery of livelihood of returnees is very important for

stable lives of returnees and stable return of TDPs and this project is a part of these assistance. Japan will continue assisting people of Pakistan including returnees in FATA and TDPs to keep peace in this country.”



## The Netherlands

Sep 26, 2017

Ambassador Ardi Stoios-Braken and Deputy Head of Mission Renate Pors visited Chakwal to meet the beneficiaries of Pink Rickshaw Initiative under the Youth Economic Employment Project being implemented by **Plan International** with the support of the Dutch government.

One of the 456 direct beneficiaries (276 women and 180 men) - Balli Rani - now supports her family by driving a rickshaw and she no longer have to beg. To find out more, please visit <https://plan-international.org/.../female-rickshaw-breaks-bar...>



## The UK

October 20, 2017

[Food Fortification programme launched in Punjab](#)

## The USA

October 31, 2017

[USAID, UNDP, and FATA Secretariat Launch PKR 1.6 billion \(\\$15 million\) FATA Economic Revitalization Program](#)

September 6, 2017

[Protecting Pakistan's Most Important Crop: USDA Leads Wheat Productivity Enhancement Program Annual Meeting](#)

## HEALTHCARE

### AUSTRALIA

October 31, 2017 - Press Release - Australian support provides clean drinking water and sanitation to

## [Bullay Bala, Punjab](#)

October 16, 2017

**#WorldFoodDay**: The Australian Government is supporting **Telenor Pakistan's** Khush'haal Zameendar SMS service which will help educate Pakistani farmers to grow nutritious food and encourage them to choose nutritious food to grow. The service, which starts in early 2018, is an idea developed under Australia's global **#LAUNCHFood** challenge that aims to support innovations to improve health outcomes around the world and enable people to make healthy food choices.

**#WFD2017**



August 11, 2017

Acting Australian High Commissioner Jurek Juszczuk discussed **#nutrition** issues with **#journalists** in **#Islamabad** at a **#workshop** which aimed to enable journalists to better report on the state of malnutrition in Pakistan. The workshop was one of a series of workshops being held across Pakistan involving more than 100 media professionals and journalists. The Australian Government is supporting **Mishal Pakistan** to deliver the workshops which recognise the critical role that media can play in creating awareness of malnutrition and influencing policy and decision-making. Australia is a lead donor in improving nutrition outcomes in Pakistan.





August 16, 2017

The Acting Australian High Commissioner, Jurek Juszczyk announced Australian support of AUD 300,000 to improve training, research and responsiveness to **#malnutrition** in Pakistan. A series of **#workshops** are organised to train 125 young researchers, academics and members of Scaling Up Nutrition Academia and Research (SUNAR) in **#Islamabad**, **#Lahore** and **#Karachi**.



## DENMARK

October 29, 2017

**Novo Nordisk**, leading Danish healthcare company organized a one-day interschool sports festival in collaboration with Ministry of National Health Services and **@MeethiZindagiDiabetes** at F-9 park today. The purpose of this festival was to promote and create awareness about the importance of

physical activities and healthy lifestyle in reducing the risk of health issues, in particular diabetes. The event inspired and motivated the youth, specifically those living with health conditions, and showed that they can live normal lives and that they can also play.

The Danish Ambassador, H.E. Rolf Holmboe supported the cause through active participation, wearing the 'TakeAction' shirt, encouraging the people to engage in healthy activities, praising the engagement of Novo Nordisk in diabetes prevention and doing the 'Tug of War' with the children. According to [International Diabetes Federation Atlas](#), 415 million adults will have diabetes, and by 2040 this will rise to 642 million. The solution lies in healthy lifestyle, healthy food and regular exercise, to reduce global obesity rates by 25% over the next two decades.

“Physical activities are the vehicle to improving public health”, so we encourage you to go out and indulge in a healthy activity this Sunday



## The USA

August 25, 2017 [USDA holds workshop to chalk out a plan to control Zoonotic diseases in Pakistan](#)

August 10, 2017 [American Embassy Sponsors Tech Camp for Persons with Disabilities](#)

New building for U.S.-Pakistan Center for Advanced Studies in Water inaugurated

<https://pk.usembassy.gov/new-building-u-s-pakistan-center-advanced-studies-water-inaugurated/>

## EDUCATION

## AUSTRALIA

October 5, 2017

[#WorldTeachersDay](#): The Australian Government is supporting [Act for Peace](#) through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program to train teachers and improve the quality of education for girls in Sindh.

The project, implemented in partnership with [Community World Service Asia](#), delivers targeted training for teachers in [#Thatta](#) and [#Umerkot](#) in [#Sindh](#) with a focus on student-centred approaches to learning. Teachers are also trained in educating and supporting girls to better understand their rights, improve gender relations and engage in community-based development activities. [#AustralianAid](#)



September 8, 2017

The Australian Government has awarded 47 Pakistanis with Masters-level [Australia Awards](#) Scholarships and awarded one Fellowship with the Australian National University on Rule of Law Impact of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) for study in Australia in 2018. For further information about the scholarships, please visit [www.australiaawardspakistan.org](http://www.australiaawardspakistan.org)

September 2, 2017

[#InternationalLiteracyDay](#): Australian Government support to the Sarhad Rural Support Programme (SRSP) has helped establish 18 Adult Literacy Centres in [#Peshawar](#), [#Charsadda](#) and [#Nowshera](#), [#KhyberPakhtunkhwa](#). These centers, managed by women community organisations, are providing certified courses in literacy, numeracy and functional skills to 360 rural women.



**July 12, 2017**

**Australia's A/g Deputy High Commissioner David Preston attended a stone laying ceremony at the Higher Secondary School Begum Shahab-ud-din in Peshawar. Australia, in partnership with the UK, is supporting the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to improve the infrastructure of hundreds of schools which will provide better learning environments and lead to increased enrolments, especially for girls [Dfat UK in Pakistan](#) [#australianaid](#) [#humqadam\\_SCRP](#) [#girlseducationmatter](#)**



**July 11, 2017**

**Accessing education is a challenge, especially for girls in rural Pakistan. Kaku and her community are working together to establish and manage their own community school, promoting education and a brighter future for girls and boys with the support of the Australian Aid program and TEAR Australia's partner the Diocese of Hyderabad Primary Education Project. Kaku says: "We now have good quality education. We have an excellent teacher ... and so we have confidence to present in front of others."**



## DENMARK

Denmark provided USD 10 million to support **UNICEF Pakistan** Country Program (2013-2017) in strengthening integrated cross-sector program implementation for maximum impact for the most **#vulnerable #children** and women of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), and Balochistan.

By 2017, Pakistan's most vulnerable and disadvantaged children especially girls and minority groups are participating in structured **#learning** and completing 10 years of **#quality #education**.  
**#SustainableDevelopmentGoal4 #Education4All**

## JAPAN

H.E. Mr. Takashi Kurai, Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan seen off a delegation of 10 students of National University of Science and Technology (NUST) along with their one Professor Dr. Yasar Ayaz who will be visiting Japan on the invitation by the Government of Japan from 22nd to 30th July, 2017 under the Japan-Asia Youth Exchange Program in Science which is known as the "SAKURA Exchange Program in Science". The selected students are currently enrolled in the PhD and Masters programs of NUST School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering.



## The UK

August 25, 2017 [British Chevening Scholarship awarded to 63 Pakistani scholars](#)

## The USA

September 19, 2017 [United States Supports International Higher Education for Pakistani Scholars](#)

## ENERGY

### FRANCE

**FRANCE PROVIDES 165 MILLION EUROS (19.6 BILLION PKR) SOFT LOAN FOR THE POWER TRANSMISSION ENHANCEMENT INVESTMENT PROGRAM AND FOR THE MANGLA POWER PLANT REHABILITATION PROJECT**

On July 20th, 2017, in the presence of Honorable Senator Ishaq DAR, Minister for Finance, Mr. Shahid MAHMOOD, Secretary of Economic Affairs Division (EAD), H.E. Mrs Martine DORANCE, Ambassador of France, and Mr. Jacky AMPROU, Country Director of the French Agency for Development (AFD), signed two Credit Facility Agreements for a total amount of 165 million euros.

75 million euros have been allocated to the Power Transmission Enhancement Investment Program implemented by the National Transmission & Despatch Company (NTDC) to improve energy supply and security by reducing bottlenecks and losses of the transmission system.

90 million euros have been allocated to the Mangla Power Plant Rehabilitation Project implemented by WAPDA to upgrade the plant and increase its capacity from 1,000MW to 1,310MW. These programs will contribute to the Government of Pakistan's strategy to provide a more reliable and secure energy sector.

For the last ten years, France through the French Agency for Development has provided more than 600 million euros to Pakistan to solve the energy crisis and to fight climate change through investments in low-carbon-emission energy generation in line with COP21 Paris agreement approved by the Parliament of Pakistan in November 2016.



## The USA

September 12, 2017 [U.S.-Sponsored Energy Conference Brings Together Experts to Find Solutions to Pakistan's Energy Needs](#)

## MEDIA SUPPORT

### DENMARK

Danish government commits 72 million DKK over four years for media support

<https://www.mediasupport.org/danish-government-commits-72-million-dkk-over-four-years-for-media-support/>

## DISASTER RELIEF & CLIMATE CHANGE

### AUSTRALIA

September 18, 2017

World Water Monitoring Day: Scientists from Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (**CSIRO**) are working with Pakistan Ministry of Water Resources to improve **#WaterMonitoring**. The AUD15m program also includes the mapping of current and future needs of the **#Indus** Basin and three farm-level projects to improve groundwater management in **#agriculture**. **#MonitorWater**



### DENMARK

Ambassador Designate, H.E. Rolf Holmboe promotes Climate Change Diplomacy Day

H.E. Rolf Holmboe, Ambassador Designate of Denmark to Pakistan commenced his new assignment by promoting eco-friendly mode of transport to curtail growth of greenhouse emissions by participating in a climate change diplomacy event organized by EU Delegation, in collaboration with WWF.

Ambassador Rolf cycled around the Constitution Avenue with hundreds of Pakistanis from all walks

of life, ambassadors, Government officials, students and media.

The world renowned Danish healthcare company, Novo Nordisk with more than 90 years of leadership in diabetes care also contributed by checking diabetes of participants and giving medical advice from diabetes educators.

The event later showcased a Danish documentary “There Will Be Water” produced by Copenhagen Film Company. It is about a fantastic project with a Norwegian NGO and British engineer to produce water and food more sustainably. It gave the audience inspirational ideas to tackle the world’s chronic shortage of fresh water without the use of fossil fuels.

Do you know that in 2017, the World Bank nominated Denmark as the leading green country in the world. The Danish cycling culture is another example of a green and sustainable society and Copenhagen alone has around 400 km of cycle paths. About 40 per cent of the capital's population commute to work by bicycle as the city has recently been ranked 2nd in the Urban Mobility Index as the best places in Europe to get around.



KP formally launches phase-II of MDTF



<http://epaper.brecorder.com/2017/07/03/5-page/886254-news.html>

## GERMANY

**13th October: International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction!**

13th October, the International Day for Disaster Reduction, promotes global risk-awareness and disaster reduction. This year, the focus is on the Sendai Framework's Target B, which aims at reducing the number of people affected by disasters by the year 2030.

Some of the biggest challenges of this century are rapid population growth, high levels of rural-urban migration and diminishing natural resources.

Every year, millions of people are displaced by disasters. To reduce such risks, disaster displacement planning needs to be integrated into national and regional strategies. We also need to address the protection needs of people displaced by disaster and promote durable solutions to displacement, such as migration and relocation with dignity.

Currently, Germany chairs the Platform on Disaster Displacement. In Pakistan, the German government supports initiatives which help in reducing the risks to natural disasters. For example; within the scope of the German-Pakistani Project 'Geohazard Assessment in Northern Pakistan (GANP)' (2009-2015), a Risk Exposure Assessment (REA) has been carried out for the Districts of Mansehra and Torghar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. The objective of this study was to quantify the endangered population and selected infrastructural elements at risk from landslide hazards, and draft recommendations. On behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), this work is being carried out under the project "Promoting Resilience of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Against Natural Disaster Impacts", jointly implemented by the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR) and the Provincial Disaster Management Authority of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (PDMA KP).

Germany will continue to support its partner countries through bi- and multi-lateral development projects in strengthening capacities for disaster risk reduction at all levels.

## COMMERCE & TRADE

### AUSTRALIA

**JULY 31, 2017**

The Australian Government's [#FrontierInnovators](#) program, calls for nominations for innovative businesses in the Asia-Pacific, including Pakistan, that are delivering impact through their work - supporting the Sustainable Development Goals ([#SDPs](#)). Winning businesses will receive funding and support, along with access to advisors, potential partners and investors! To apply, visit [www.frontierinnovators.org](http://www.frontierinnovators.org)



## DENMARK

CM assures full support to Danish companies, making investment in KP

<http://www.brecorder.com/2017/07/28/361832/cm-assures-full-support-to-danish-companies-making-investment-in-kp/>

Danish cos keen to invest in Pakistan: Envoy

<http://nation.com.pk/business/20-Jul-2017/danish-cos-keen-to-invest-in-pakistan-envoy>

## The Netherlands

October 3, 2017

Ambassador Ardi Stoios-Braken witnessed the opening of the Netherlands-based International Apparel Federation's (IAF) office in Sialkot. It is IAF's first overseas office. IAF also signed an agreement with the Pakistan Ready-made Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association to increase mutual cooperation and textile exports, encouraging sustainable production by the Pakistani textile manufacturers.



## Sweden

Ecolean to expand its operations

<https://pakobserver.net/ecolean-expand-operations/>

September 4, 2017

Pakistan's economy has been developing at a steady pace during the last decade and the growth is set to accelerate in the coming years, due to factors such as pro-business government, increases in FDI and improved security. The market has great potential for companies in a vast array of sectors going ahead, concluded the Pakistan market study which was presented by **Business Sweden** at a seminar held in Stockholm on September 4.

H.E. Ingrid Johansson was present on the occasion and she shared her views on the current political and security developments in the country. Mattias Martinsson of **Tundra Fonder AB** shared his exciting growth journey and the logic behind his commitment to invest in Pakistan.

The seminar was organized by Business Sweden together with the Swedish Embassy in Islamabad and Export Credit Agency with focus on business opportunities in Pakistan and doing business in the country.



## The UK

October 19, 2017 [UK commits to more support for small and medium sized enterprises in Pakistan](#)

September 22, 2017 [UK Trade Minister visits GlaxoSmithKline Pakistan to see first hand UK trade success in Pakistan](#)

September 19, 2017 [Joint UK-Pakistan Statement on trade](#)

## ARTS & CULTURE AUSTRALIA

October 19, 2017

Sydney-based photographer Andrea Francolini recently took out third place in the children's category of the [International Photography Awards](#), for a series of three portraits he shot in [#Pakistan](#). His ongoing subject is a young student by the name of Khizra, who he first met in 2013 after travelling through the northern Pakistan for his own development project, '[My First School Pakistan](#).' Through My First School Francolini and his local team have ongoing engagement with the village of Shitindas to promote the value of education and improve the standards of living for children and families in the village.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-10-11/award-winning-photographer-helps-pakistani-girls-go-to-school/9022912>

October 5, 2017

The Australian High Commission's Direct Aid Program (DAP) in Pakistan is supporting the [#Kalash](#) community to safeguard its cultural heritage. The project, being conducted in partnership with [UNESCO](#) and the [Hashoo Foundation](#), involved a workshop for women aimed at improving the

marketing of their handicraft products and which introduced them to successful women entrepreneurs who shared their expertise. The Australian High Commission's DAP also funded a fruit drying facility to enable the Kalash community to maximise the economic potential of their produce.



September 2, 2017

The Australian Government is supporting the visit to Australia of **#Pakistani#artists**, Rabbya Naseer and Hurmat Ul Ain, to showcase their work in **#Sydney** at “The Public Body .02” exhibition and to participate in a six-day program to build links with Australian galleries and curators. The visit, co-hosted by **Artspace Sydney**, Australia's leading organisation for the creation and presentation of contemporary art, highlights the Australian Government's support for art as a medium to represent and debate global issues. Rabbya and Humrat's exhibiting artwork, *White as Snow*, challenges the perceived role of women in Islamic societies. The exhibition will also showcase the work of Pakistani artist Farida Batool which alludes to the appropriation of violence in society and the normalisation of brutal imagery through social media and television. For details, please visit <https://www.artspace.org.au/.../exhi.../2017/the-public-body-02/>

Aug 30, 2017

Australian High Commissioner, Margaret Adamson today opened the **Satrang Art Gallery** Islamabad **#exhibition** 'Occupying the Third Space' by Uswa Ahmed, Nazia Akram and Seyhr Qayum. The art works explore **#FemaleIdentity** in liberal and conservative societies, the evolution of **#spirituality** and the concept of time and space in a fictional and experiential universe.



**Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan 'Lost Tapes' Found**

<https://epnews.com/nusrat-fateh-ali-khan-lost-tapes-found-144872/>

## **GERMANY**

The Kalash forms the smallest minority in Pakistan living in the North of the country, in three valleys near Chitral. The German Embassy supported the last Zoshi festival in May 2017, which marks the arrival of spring. This small movie might give you a slight impression of this joy- and colorful feast.

Click for video <https://www.facebook.com/GermanEmbassyIslamabad/videos/1437182346327641/>

## **FRANCE**

**Bastille to Karachi Jail showcases 60 artworks by inmates**

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1344251/bastille-to-karachi-jail-showcases-60-artworks-by-inmates>

## **JAPAN**

September 20, 2017 [NIHON unplugged: Music from Japan and Pakistan](#)

September 8, 2017 ["the Fusion 2017" A joint Cultural Performance by Japanese & Pakistani artistes at Lahore](#)

## **The UK**

September 27, 2017 [Hyderabad hosts British High Commission photography exhibition](#)

## **The USA**

August 17, 2017 [U.S. Consul General Lahore visits Wazir Khan Mosque Chowk following U.S.-funded](#)

## AWARDS | SCHOLARSHIPS | SPORTS | YOUTH'S DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA

October 13, 2017

Australian youth from **PACE 48** joined young people from Pakistan, China, Japan, Nepal, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Germany, and the US earlier this month for the 2nd Lahore International Culture Conference to share knowledge and experiences of the role of multiculturalism and the preservation of cultural heritage. The conference was opened by Punjab Minister for Education Rana Mashood Ahmad Khan, chaired by CEO-Founder of Melbourne-based **Cultural Infusion**, Peter Mousaferiadis and organised by the Lahore-based **Youth Revolution Clan**. The conference also discussed issues around creating a cultural identity and the role of media in promoting culture for nationalism.



### AUSTRALIA AWARDS FELLOWS DISCUSS CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM IN PAKISTAN

[http://pakistan.embassy.gov.au/files/islam/170525\\_PR\\_AustraliaAwardsFellowsinCriminalJusticeReformEvent.pdf](http://pakistan.embassy.gov.au/files/islam/170525_PR_AustraliaAwardsFellowsinCriminalJusticeReformEvent.pdf)

## GERMANY

Colleagues from the embassy visited the beautiful Swat valley to meet the officials and community representatives. Through UNDP, Germany is supporting an initiative for the youth in the district of Swat that aims to give people who have faced difficult circumstances a second chance. Their resilience and commitment to change left a lasting impression on us. We will continue to support them on their way to a brighter future.



## FRANCE

H.E. Mrs. Martine Dorance, Ambassador of France to Pakistan, conferred the French Award of the National Order of Merit (Ordre national du Mérite), with rank of Officer (Officier) on MNA Ms. Marvi Memon.

Chairperson/Minister of State, Benazir Support Programme, at a reception held at the French Residence Islamabad, on 21st July 2017.

Having spent part of her childhood in France where she received her secondary schooling, Ms. Marvi Memon is fluent in French.

Ms Memon was twice elected as a Member of the National Assembly of Pakistan in 2008 and 2013 and, in February 2015, she was appointed by the Prime Minister of Pakistan as Chairperson/Minister of State Benazir Income Support Programme.

In recognition of her actions towards the improvement of the condition and the rights of the people of Pakistan, especially women, and her devotion to promote relations between France and Pakistan, she was conferred the National Order of Merit.

## JAPAN

October 11, 2017 [Asia Leadership Fellow Program 2018 announced](#) 

## The USA

U.S. Exchange Program Alumni Work Together Toward Peace

<https://pk.usembassy.gov/pr-08042017/>

Public Affairs Officer Congratulates “English Works” Graduates in Karachi

<https://pk.usembassy.gov/news-events/page/3/>

Pakistani Student Robotics Team Heads to International Competition in the United States

<https://pk.usembassy.gov/pakistani-student-robotics-team-heads-international-competition-united-states/>



173 Pakistanis Prepare to Begin Fulbright Studies and Research in the United States

<https://pk.usembassy.gov/173-pakistanis-prepare-begin-fulbright-studies-research-united-states/>

## TRAINING (NON-MILITARY) AUSTRALIA

August 3, 2017

Congratulations to the 32 participants that today completed the '#PlantHealth Pest Risk Analysis Workshop' led by Australian phytosanitary experts Dr Simone Perrone and Bill Magee. The four-day #workshop was held in #Islamabad and participants included representatives from the federal and provincial governments, the University of Agriculture Faisalabad - Official and Australia Awards alumni. The purpose of the workshop was to enhance participants' understanding of international standards for phytosanitary measures, analyse pest risks and develop appropriate risk management strategies. The workshop will assist Pakistan in accessing export markets for its produce as well as managing risks around imports. The workshop was an initiative of the Pakistan-Australia Joint Trade Committee. Australian government agencies are delivering a range of support in Pakistan's #agriculture sector creating opportunities including in agri-business, animal husbandry, water management and dry land farming.



JULY 25, 2017

Mr Zulfiqar Ahmad Cheema, Executive Director National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC) and Mr Craig Robertson, Chief Executive Officer TAFE Directors Australia today signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote cooperation in #vocational and #TechnicalTraining between Australia and Pakistan. The signing ceremony was held at the High Commission for Pakistan, Canberra and was also attended by HE Ms Naela Chohan, Pakistan's High Commissioner to Australia, Dr Muhammad Khalid Ejaz Pakistan's Deputy High Commissioner to Australia, Ms Farah Hamid Khan, Secretary Department of Industries, Commerce and Technical Education Khyber Pakhtunkwa and Ms Michele Forster A/g Assistant Secretary of the Pakistan and Afghanistan Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The MoU will facilitate further linkages between Australian and Pakistani #TVET institutions and promote capacity building

opportunities and exchange of knowledge between our two countries.



**AUSTRALIAN EXPERTISE TO STRENGTHEN PAKISTANI PROVIDERS OF TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

[http://pakistan.embassy.gov.au/files/ism/170714 PR AustraliaAwardsTVETcourse.pdf](http://pakistan.embassy.gov.au/files/ism/170714_PR_AustraliaAwardsTVETcourse.pdf)

## **NORWAY**

**Norway to provide \$1.1m to train Punjab police**

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1468266/norway-provide-1-1m-train-punjab-police/>

## **The Netherlands**

**September 19, 2017**

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The World Bank in Pakistan <http://www.worldbank.org/en/country/pakistan>

Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Pakistan <https://www.adb.org/countries/pakistan/main>

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