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H.E. Mr. Kuninori Matsuda, Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan, presenting his credentials to H.E. Dr. Arif Alvi, President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan at Aiwan-e-Sadr on Friday 29th March 2019.

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Message from Ambassador

Assalam-O-Alaikum!

This is my first time to be assigned to Pakistan in my 37-year career in Foreign Service. Nevertheless, through many opportunities of meeting friends from Pakistan in my career, I have been keenly interested in and had a great respect for Pakistan. I am determined to further enhance Japan-Pakistan relationship, which is already very close and has a long history.



H.E. Mr. Kuninori Matsuda

Japan and Pakistan have strengthened ties of friendship since we established diplomatic relations in 1952. To this day, we have deepened our relationship in political, economic, cultural, educational, and other areas. As our relations have still plenty of room to expand, both countries are willing to develop our full potential in many areas. In this regard, I am committed to exploring every possible avenue. With Pakistan's more than 200 million people, we are expecting great development in our business relations. Our embassy is happy to offer its increased support to the Japanese business community engaging with Pakistan, as well as Pakistani businesses which are interested in economic relationship with Japan. We would also like to promote cultural exchanges, especially exchanges of the youth, the foundations of our future friendship.

As Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan, I reaffirm my commitment to further strengthen our bilateral relations and look forward to meeting wonderful friends of Pakistan.

Pakistan-Japan friendship Zindabad!

Ambassador's Profile

Kuninori MATSUDA

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Pakistan

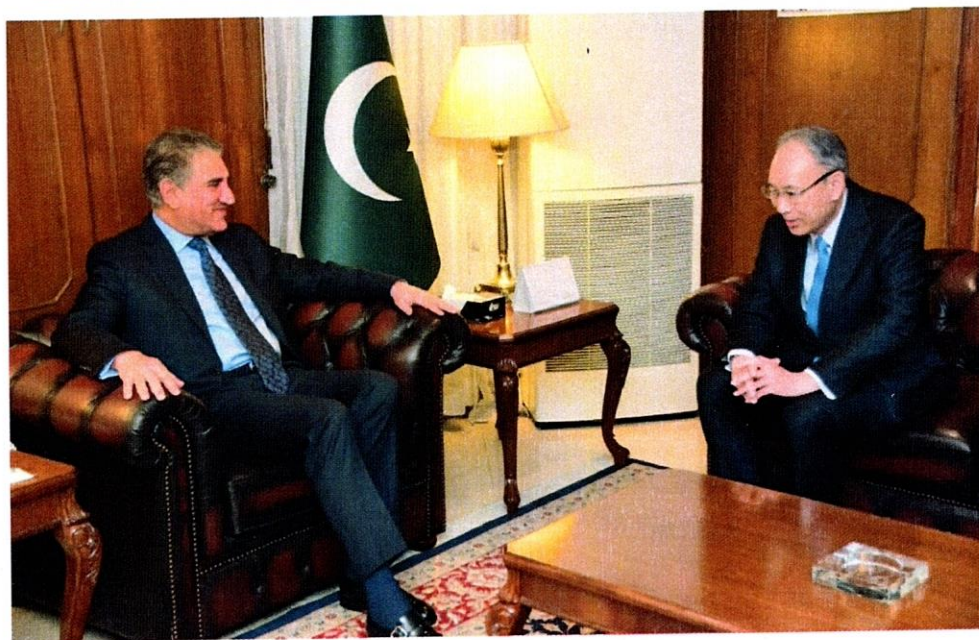
April 1959 Born in Fukui, Japan

EDUCATION

March 1982 Graduated from College of Arts and Sciences, University of Tokyo, Japan
June 1984 Graduated from Defense Language Institute, USA

CAREER

April 1982 Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
July 1996 First Secretary, Embassy of Japan in USA
July 1998 Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in Russia
August 2001 Director, Overseas Public Relations Division
April 2003 Senior Fellow/Director of Research Coordination, The Japan Institute of International Affairs
February 2004 Director, Russian Division
March 2007 Minister, Embassy of Japan in Israel
July 2010 Consul-General, Consulate-General of Japan in Detroit
July 2013 Deputy Director General, National Institute of Public Administration, National Personnel Authority of Japan
Sept 2015 Consul-General (Ambassador), Consulate-General of Japan in Hong-Kong
Dec 2018 Ambassador-Designate, Embassy of Japan in Pakistan



ACTIVITIES BY THE EMBASSY

Conferment of Decoration to Dr. Muhammad Amin



The Government of Japan conferred "The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette" upon Dr. Muhammad Amin on 4 December 2018.

Japanese Calendar Exhibition 2019



Mr. Takahiro Tamura, Head of Public Affairs at the Embassy, together with Mr. Ather Ali Khan, Executive Director of Alhamra Arts Council, inaugurated annual Japanese Calendars Exhibition 2019 on 3 January, 2019.

Provision of a Bus to Fukuoka School in Lahore



The Government of Japan under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Program provided financial assistance of US\$80,236 to Lahore Association, for the provision of a bus to Fukuoka School on 21 February 2019.

Grant Contract Signing Ceremony



Ambassador Matsuda, Mr. Ignacio Artaza, Resident Representative, UNDP Pakistan and Mr. Finbarr Curran, Representative & Country Director, WFP Pakistan signed a partnership agreement as the Government of Japan has announced its contribution of US\$ 10.6 million to fight malnutrition, improve livelihoods and increase resilience to natural disasters in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh and Balochistan provinces of Pakistan through WFP and UNDP.

Welcome Reception for Ambassador Matsuda



Welcome Reception hosted in honour of the new Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan, Mr. Matsuda.

Farewell Reception for MEXT Scholarship Students

Ambassador Matsuda hosted a farewell reception for the



awardees of the Japanese Government's MEXT Research Scholarship 2019 on 22 March 2019.

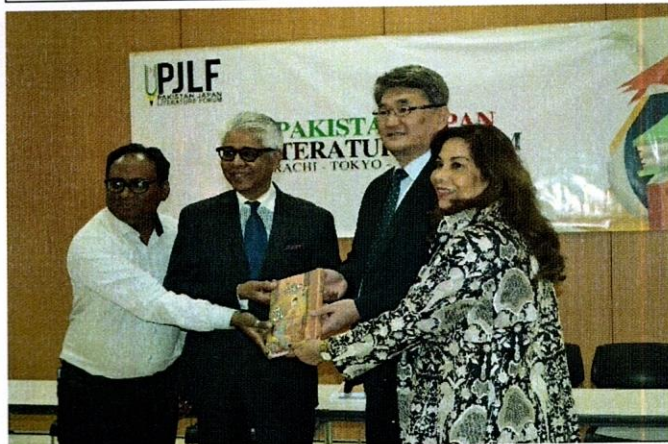
ACTIVITIES BY THE CONSULATE

Conferment of Decoration to Ms. Sadia Rashid



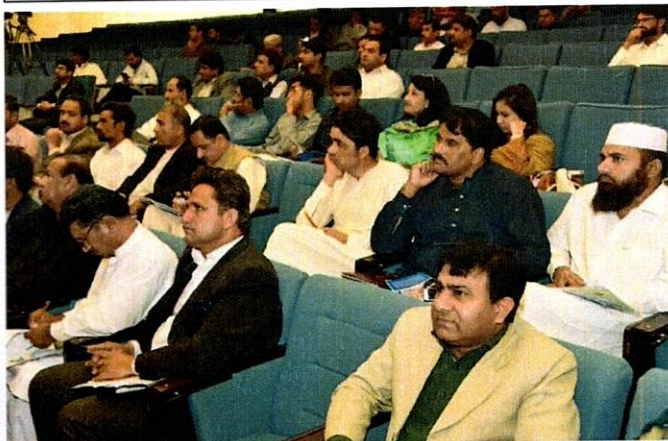
The Government of Japan conferred "The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon" to Ms. Sadia Rashid on 24 January.

Book Launching Ceremony by PJLF



The Consulate and Pakistan Japan Literature Forum (PJLF) held book launching ceremony of the Saqi's Japan Edition at the Japan Information and Culture Center (JICC) on 28 January.

GGP Interactive Seminar in Sukkur



A one-day seminar was conducted on Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) on 27 February.

Tuna Fillet Making Demonstration



Under the theme of "HAMARA DOSTANA 2019," the Consulate and Pakistan-Japan Cultural Association (PJCA), Sindh, co-hosted the "Tuna Fillet Making Demonstration" on 10 March.

The 34th Japanese Language Speech Contest



The 34th Japanese Language Speech Contest was organized by PJCA on 24 March.

Karate Workshop by Mr. Katsutoshi Shiina



Mr. Katsutoshi Shiina, a former karate champion, conducted Karate Workshop at JICC from 27-28 March.

Vice Chief of Staff, Joint Staff of Japan Self-Defence Forces (JSDF) Visit to Pakistan

Islamabad: 18-20 February 2019

Lieutenant General Takashi Motomatsu, Vice Chief of Staff, Joint Staff of Japan Self-Defence Forces (JSDF), visited Pakistan from 18 to 20 February 2019. During his stay in Islamabad, he held meetings with Chairman Joint Chief of Staff Committee General Zubair Mahmood Hayat, Chief of the Air Staff Air Marshal Mujahid Anwar Khan, and Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Zafar Mahmood Abbasi and discussed matters of mutual interest.



JENESYS Program: Visit to the Land of the Rising Sun



MR. NOUMAN MANZOOR

**MBBS Student at Foundation University Medical
College Rawalpindi**

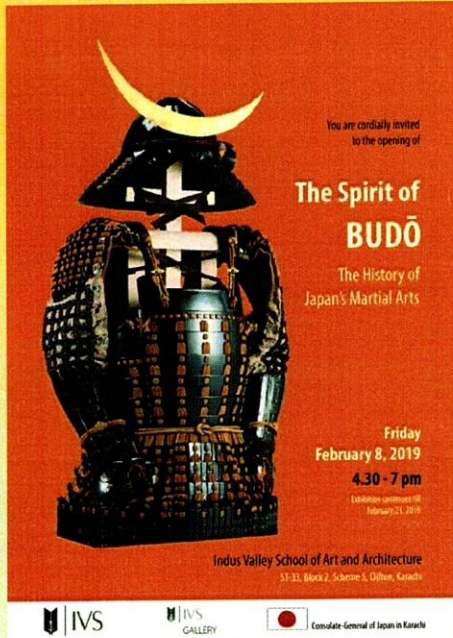
Japan, "the land of Rising Sun," is a wonderful country with rich history and culture. I was lucky to be a part of the group that got a chance to see how nations with commitment and hard work can rise from ashes to the zenith of progress and development. Hospitality, humility, and longing for peace are the most prominent characteristics of the Japanese nation. After dreadful incident of August 1945, they have become the ambassador of peace. It has been a great experience and knowledge being in Japan for one week on JENESYS program.

MR. HASSAN SHAKOOR

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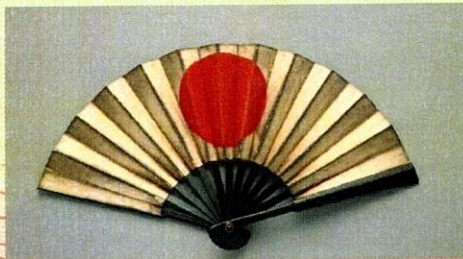
Our trip started in Tokyo as it is the main gateway to Japan. Japan is a scientifically advanced country and we were lucky to witness some of its advanced technologies in Panasonic Center Tokyo. The best time of the trip was the time I spent with a Japanese family. It was scheduled under the program that we have to spend 1 day with a Japanese family. The name of the family that hosted me was the Nishiyama family. I am very thankful to all the authorities who provided me this opportunity of visiting Japan.

The Spirit of Budō



On February 7, 2019, Mr. Katsunori Ashida, Deputy Consul-General of Japan in Karachi, inaugurated an exhibition "The Spirit of Budō: The History of Japan's Martial Arts" at the Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture (IVS).

This travelling exhibit has been shown around the world including Pakistan.

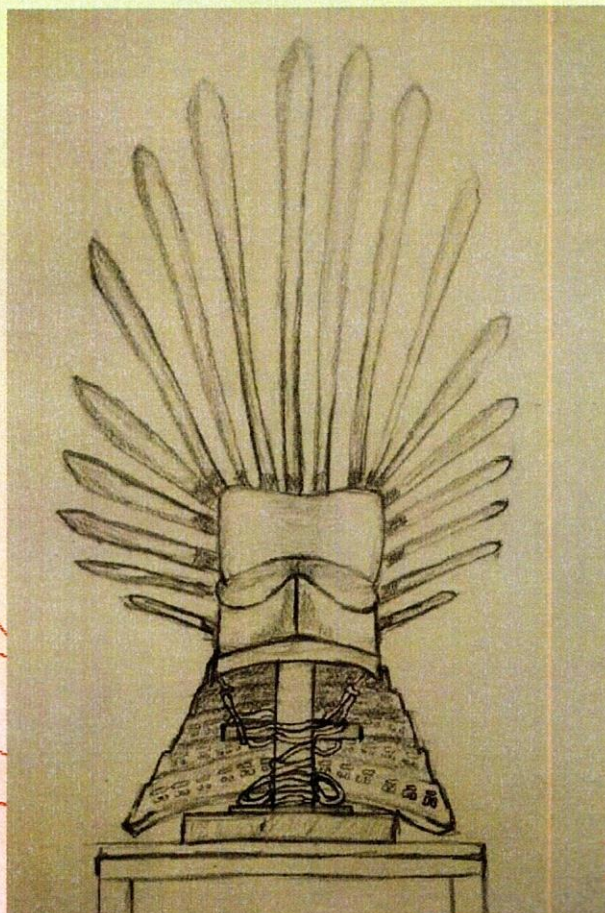
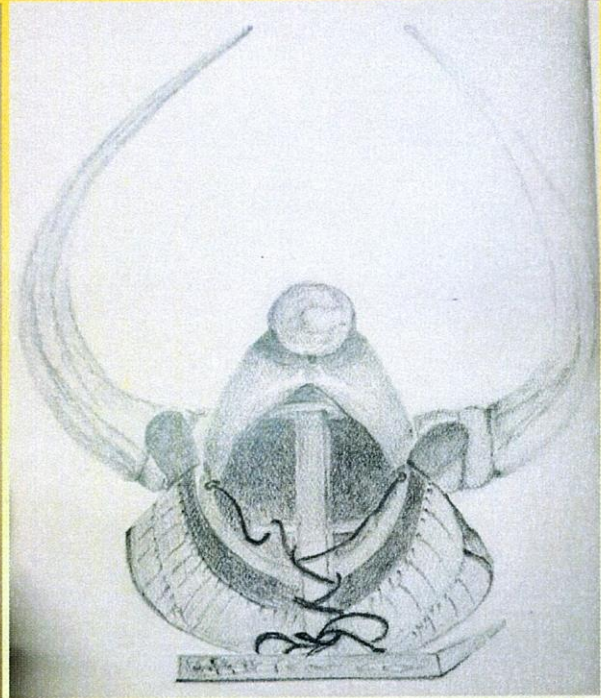
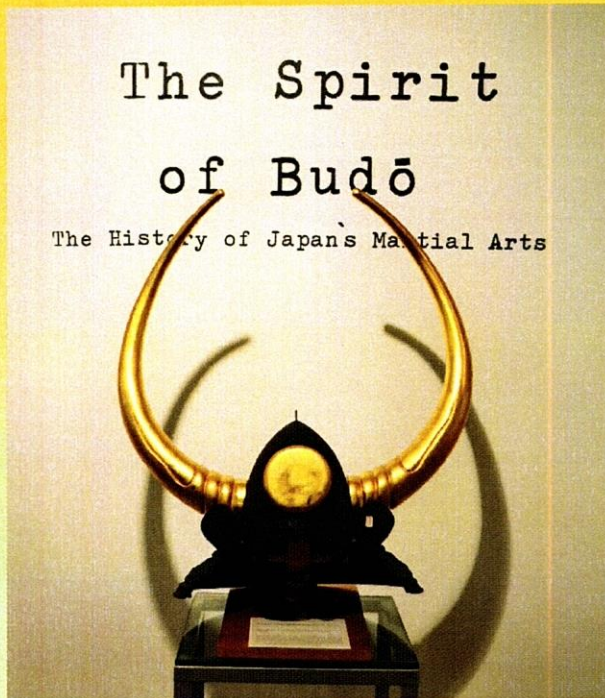


Ms. Adeela Suleman
Head/Professor at IVS

"The exhibition was a fantastic opportunity for students at IVS to get an insight into the culture of Japan. It gave them a historic perspective of the Martial Arts."



Sketches by IVS Students



Japanese Calendar Exhibition 2019

Opening Ceremony Feat. Wadaiko



The event began with *Wadaiko* (Japanese drums) performance by Mr. Katsunori Ashida, Deputy Consul-General of Japan in Karachi, along with the Consulate staffs. Mr. Ashida said "the Japanese calendars are not just to check the month or date, but they are carefully designed to be an admired art because of their themes such as Japanese gardens or sceneries, Japanese architecture, animals and many more."



Taiko literally means "great drum," and is a style of ensemble drumming that has held a significant place in Japanese culture for thousands of years.



VARIOUS ACTIVITIES HELD BY THE EMBASSY OF JAPAN IN ISLAMABAD AND THE CONSULATE-GENERAL OF JAPAN IN KARACHI

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