

**Speech by Mr. Akira Ouchi, Consul-General of Japan in Karachi,**  
**at the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Signing Ceremony**  
**on April 23, 2015**

Honorable Madam Sadia Rashid, President of Pakistan Japan Cultural Association (PJCA), Sindh,

Respected Mr. Ashfaq Ahmed, Chief Executive Officer of Hussain International Services,

Representatives from PJCA Sindh and Hussain International Services,

Japanese Language Course teachers,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalam alaikum.

It gives me a great pleasure to attend the signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Pakistan Japan Cultural Association (PJCA), Sindh and Hussain International Services concerning the PJCA's Japanese Language Course today.

Since I came to Karachi, I have been delighted to see so many young people are studying hard to acquire the Japanese language. And I know that most of them are studying at PJCA's Japanese Language Course.

I would like to reiterate that to learn a foreign language is the best way to learn about the culture and society of the country, and I hope that by learning the Japanese language, many Pakistani people will deepen their knowledge about Japan and Japanese culture, and thus Japan becomes much closer to them. PJCA's Japanese Language Course has a long history of conducting Japanese language classes in Karachi. I truly hope that you will continue to conduct the classes successfully so that more Pakistani people will be able to learn Japanese language.

To conclude my remarks, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations again on the reopening of the Japanese Language Course, and express my compliments to every one of you who have contributed to the finalization of this important MoU and wish a successful future of the Japanese Language Course.

Bahot shukriya.

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