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## Press Release

### School Visit Program by the Consulate-General of Japan

On May 28, 2014, the Consulate-General of Japan at Karachi arranged a school visit program for the Hamdard Public School, which took place at the auditorium of the main campus of the Hamdard Public School, in Bin Qasim Town, Karachi.

The school visit program by the Consulate-General of Japan is designed to introduce Japan and Japanese culture to Pakistani students, through presentations on various topics, such as school life in Japan, Japanese food culture, Japanese festivals and so on, followed by cultural workshop, such as *Origami* workshop, and interactive activities where, for example, students will have opportunities to learn basic Japanese greetings, counting numbers in Japanese and learning how to use chopsticks.

This time, the school visit program to Hamdard Public School was held for students in Grade 9 and 10. A total of 305 students, 145 students from grade 9 and 160 students from Grade 10, participated in the program. A brief general introduction to Japan was given by Ms. Hiroko Tsuchiya, the Consul for Consulate-General of Japan at Karachi, followed by screening of DVDs “*Japan Video Topics*”, which offers a comprehensive view of Japanese culture, nature, science and technology, and tourism. *Origami* workshop and interactive lesson for learning basic Japanese greetings were also held.

On this occasion, four Pakistani university students, who have visited Japan this February under the youth exchange program called “*JENESYS (Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange of Students and Youths) 2.0*” participated in this school visit. They made presentations of their stay in Japan and shared their experiences with the students of the Hamdard Public School.

Students expressed enthusiasm throughout the program and a lively question and answer session was held, in which students’ interests were mainly related to Japanese culture, Japan’s modern technology and some information in regard to studying in Japan. Ms. Fatima Munir Ahmed, on behalf of the Chairperson of the Hamdard Public School, expressed sincere gratitude to Ms. Tsuchiya, the Consul for Consulate-General of Japan, for conducting this very informative program in which students and faculty members of the Hamdard Public School were able to gain more knowledge and better understanding about Japan.

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For further information, please contact the Consulate-General of Japan at Karachi: 35220800 (Ext. 134). Also please kindly visit our web-site: <http://www.kr.pk.emb-japan.go.jp/> in regard to this program.

