

**Remarks by Mr. Akira Ouchi, Consul-General of Japan in Karachi,
On the Occasion of the Formal Launching Ceremony of MAAP, Sindh Chapter
on Saturday, May 9, 2015**

Dear MAAP Sindh Chapter members,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalam-o-Alaikum.
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It gives me a great pleasure to welcome you all here this afternoon and congratulate you on the formal launching of MEXT Alumni Association of Pakistan, (MAAP) Sindh Chapter.

It is indeed a milestone event. The Consulate-General of Japan in Karachi and the alumni of MEXT Scholarship have worked together to realize our common goals, an official establishment of MAAP Sindh Chapter and I am very pleased to see it realized today.

All of you here today share a precious experience of living and studying in Japan, through the Japanese Government MEXT Scholarship Program. After coming back to Pakistan, you attained respectful positions in your career, utilizing the knowledge and expertise which you had acquired in Japan. Today, you are actively working in the academia, public and private sectors and have made significant contributions to the development of Pakistan in various fields as well as the friendly relationship between Japan and Pakistan.

Today, the first Executive Committee members, including President, Vice-President and Secretary General will be sworn in and the rules of MAAP, Sindh Chapter will be adopted. With the formal launching of MAAP, Sindh Chapter today, I hope that the MAAP members will start networking as well as contacting each other and expand the members' list and organize some events in relation to Japan. We look forward to working with you, through various activities in the future.

To conclude my remarks, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations again on the formal launching of the MAAP, Sindh Chapter, and express my compliments to every one of you who have contributed to the establishment of the organization. I am confident that the MAAP Sindh Chapter will serve as an important bridge of friendship between Japan and Pakistan.

Bahot Shukria.
ありがとうございました。

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