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Editorial



Dear readers,

The current issue of the newsletter features King Charles III on the cover with the phrase below '**first new monarch in 70 years**'. It gives me immense pleasure to inform the readers that I had the privilege of being present in London during the Coronation Ceremony. The day was marked by incessant rain, witnessed by billions of people worldwide through electronic media, and is known to be the

most watched televised event ever in recent years.

Furthermore, I had the opportunity to attend the **ESU's International Public Speaking Competition (IPSC) in London**. The event saw confident participants from around the world competing in person. The winning trophy was claimed by a talented young individual from Mongolia, with a Romanian participant securing the runner-up position. ESUP congratulates them both on their achievement.

My visit to London was at the invitation by the **Queen Mary University of London**, where I had the chance to advance ESUP's collaboration to the next level. A tightly scheduled agenda with back to back meetings were arranged for me to meet the individuals involved in our joint initiative project, the **Resilient Futures Pakistan Initiative**. During the visit, I had productive discussions with the Heads of various disciplines at the University, exploring ways to strengthen the project further.

To enhance the experience, I have included a pictorial presentation as pictures often convey more than words.

I'm confident that you will find the content engaging to read and the pictures worth viewing.

Happy reading!!!

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Message from

AZIZ MEMON
Patron-in-Chief, English Speaking Union of Pakistan
President, International Council English Speaking Union

Coronation of King Charles III is a landmark event just not for Great Britain but for International community at large.

After a long and successful tenure of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, it will be the beginning of a new era.

I have been interacting with King Charles III on several forums including Rotary and ESU.

We did have good interactive discussions when he was rejuvenating at the Institute of Naturopathy in Jindal in the year 2010 after the inauguration of Commonwealth Games in Delhi.

I congratulate and wish King Charles III a successful term as the King of Great Britain.

We just finished the International Public Speaking Competition (IPSC) and I want to congratulate the students of Mongolia and Romania who stood first and second respectively and also wish well to the other participants who could not make it to the top.

After the successful ICM we hosted in Karachi last year, we will be participating in ICM Paris 5th to 8th of Oct, 2023. It will be a great event at a beautiful location and I look forward to meeting and interacting ESU Leaders from across the globe.

Two weeks back I had a very good meeting with Director General of ESU Jane Easton in London and exchanged the ideas of expansion and consolidation and looking forward to working with her and with her new deputy Consola who must have joined on 29th of June, 2023.

We will be having a regular Zoom interaction with my two Vice Presidents, Jagdish Bhain & Alina Maciag and the Special Advisor Education Barbra Firth.

While in London a breakfast with ESU Chair Miles Young was useful and provided an opportunity to discuss plans for working together.

Prof. James Raven, Vice Chair also has offered his full support and he will be with us in ICM Paris.

Before I finish let me add that three months back I visited Toronto and Algoma University Vice Chancellor Asima Vezina hosted me a Reception and Dinner and we look forward to working together with Algoma University on the lines of our successful partnership with Queen Mary University London.

Message from

KALIM FAROOQUI
President, English Speaking Union of Pakistan



ESUP has attempted to bring out quarterly issues of its newsletters and grouped them as winter, spring, summer, and autumn issues appropriately. You are now reading the spring issue of 2023. Spring is more than just a season, it is also a verb that means to rise, leap, move or to describe an object being released from a constrained position. However, to many it reminds of the buds in waiting to bloom with their colors, shapes and fragrances.

As you would have noticed, the cover page of the magazine is dedicated to the coronation of King Charles III who acceded to the throne last September and was crowned on May 6th this year. Spring was in the air in London and so was our editor Afshan Lalani who was invited by Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) to follow up on **Resilient Futures Initiative** introduced in Pakistan by Aziz Memon and Colin Grant and about which the meetings in Karachi in March 2023 and was covered in detail in the winter issue of the newsletter. The editor has covered both her visit to QMUL and the coronation in this issue.

Talking of spring, I can't resist mentioning cherry blossom (Sakura) of Japan where I was travelling to thank our Japanese friends for the honor bestowed upon me by their Emperor with "**Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon**". I also had the opportunity of meeting my Japanese counterpart of the English Speaking Union of Japan, Saadaki Numata who was also Japan's Ambassador to Pakistan in 2001. While in Japan a well know name in Pakistan, Kimihide Ando who was the country director for Mitsubishi Corporation, President of Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OICCI) and currently nominated as the Honorary Investment Counselor in Japan by the Board of Investment (BOI) was extended an invitation to visit Pakistan and address ESUP. He was kind enough to accept and do so in May.



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About ESUP

The English-Speaking Union (ESU) is an educational charity and a membership organization. It believes that education forms the strongest links among people, by promoting a message of international understanding and human achievement through the widening use of the English language globally.

The ESU was founded on June 28, 1918 by the writer and journalist Sir Evelyn Wrench to foster good relations between Britain and the USA, but later increased its area of activity to the Commonwealth. There are around 90 chapters in over 56 countries and its membership is growing.

The Vision of the ESU Pakistan is to give young people the speaking and listening skills and cultural understanding they need to thrive Speak - Listen - Succeed

English Speaking Union of Pakistan (ESUP) was formed in 1961 by a group of prominent individuals which besides others, included Mr. Ahmed E.H. Jaffer and Mr. Dinshaw Avari. It has since been headed by equally well-known personalities and to name a few from the recent past, include Mr. Kader Jaffer, Mr. Byram Avari, Mrs. Shahida Jameel, Mr. Hussain Haroon and the present President Mr. Kalim Farooqui. The Patron-in-chief of ESUP is Mr. Aziz Memon who is now the President, International Council of ESU and was immediate Past President of ESUP. All respected and recognized icons in their respective fields.

The Mission of the ESU is to promote international understanding and human achievement through the use of English Language.

These aims are achieved through scholarships, awards, debating and public speaking competitions that encourage speaking skills and a variety of other educational programmes for young people from all over the world. School children, students and young professionals are our main focus because the future of international relations will be in their hands. They share a common language in English through which they are able to share thoughts and feelings, to transmit information, to explain and through an expanding programme of live internet debates, to discuss, argue and persuade.



Ms Jane Marriott OBE has been appointed British High Commissioner to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. She will succeed Dr. Christian Turner CMG, who has been transferred to another Diplomatic Service appointment.

Ms Marriott will take up her assignment during July 2023.

Curriculum vitae

Dates	Role
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2019 to present	Nairobi, British High Commissioner
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2016 to 2019	Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO)/Home Office, Director, Joint International Counter Terrorism Unit
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2015 to 2016	FCO, Additional Director, Middle East and North Africa Directorate
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2013 to 2015	Sana'a, Her Majesty's Ambassador
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2012	National Security Council, Deputy Director, Americas, Middle East and Africa
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2010 to 2021	Tehran, Chargé d'Affaires and Deputy Head of Mission
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2006 to 2010	Roles including FCO, Deputy Head of Afghanistan Group, Senior Advisor to US CENTCOM Assessment Team and Senior Political Advisor to US Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan
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2003 to 2006	Roles including Counsellor (Political-Military and Economic) British Embassy Baghdad, Political Advisor to Coalition Forces, Southern Iraq, Political Advisor to US-led combined Coalition Forces in Afghanistan, and Team Leader (Political-Military), Iraq Policy Unit London
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2001 to 2003	FCO, Head of Nuclear Non-Proliferation
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1998 to 2001	Roles in the Cabinet Office
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Appointment of British High Commissioner to Pakistan: Jane Marriott

**Jane Marriott has
been appointed
British High
Commissioner to
Pakistan**



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Britain's newest monarch has now been crowned

It's a scaled-back event, compared to Charles' mother's coronation 70 years ago. With a shorter parade route and a nod to Britain's many religions. It was also a bank holiday weekend - a day off work Monday to commemorate the coronation.

Taking the opportunity of my presence in London, I had the privilege to witness the coronation.

The Royal website states:

"The coronation ceremony is an occasion for pageantry and celebration, but it is also a solemn religious ceremony and has remained essentially the same over a thousand years. For the last 900 years, the ceremony has taken place at Westminster Abbey, London. The service is conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, whose task this has almost always been since the Norman Conquest in 1066."

As the heir to the throne, Charles became King immediately after the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II. Following British tradition, King Charles III crowned at Westminster Abbey on Saturday May 06, 2023.

Approximately 2,200 guests from 203 countries were invited. They included members of the British royal family, representatives from the Church of England and other British faith communities, prominent politicians from the United Kingdom, and the Commonwealth, and foreign heads of state including Pakistan's Prime Minister Muhammed Shahbaz Sharif. The events in London and Windsor drew large crowds.



King Charles III and Queen Camilla, centre, wave from the balcony of Buckingham Palace with the rest of the Royal family after their coronation



Crowds gather outside Buckingham Palace to view the Royal Air Force fly-past in central London



King Charles III Fake £1,000,000 one million pound banknote handed out on the occasion of the coronation



People watch the fly past near Buckingham Palace after the coronation ceremony



Well-wishers protect themselves against the rain as they wait along the route of the 'King's Procession'



At the Buckingham Palace after the coronation ceremony



Britain's Queen Camilla and Britain's King Charles III travel in the Gold State Coach, back to Buckingham Palace from Westminster Abbey



The King and Queen returning from Westminster Abbey to Buckingham Palace in the Gold State Coach



At the Trafalgar Square on the day of Coronation

Resilient Futures Pakistan Initiative (RFPI)

by Afshan Lalani, RFPI Secretary

The formal launch of Resilient Futures Pakistan Initiative took place in March 2023 with a team from Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) arriving Karachi comprising Prof. Colin Grant, Professor Paul Heritage, Professor Vicky Bird and Professor Christophe Eizaguirre. The presence of core RFPI partners as well as the Representation from the Government of Sindh, Corporate Sector, Academia and Philanthropists demonstrate a strong commitment to making a positive impact in Pakistan.

Consequently, I was invited by QMUL for my orientation with the individuals involved in the initiative as well as some who were recently introduced on campus and were eager to introduce and execute the project in Pakistan - a joint project envisioned by Aziz Memon, Patron-in-Chief English Speaking Union of Pakistan and Prof. Colin Grant, Vice Principal (International) Queen Mary University of London.



Presenting ESUP flag to Prof. Colin Grant, Vice Principal (International) Queen Mary University of London



Queen Mary University of London

RFPI Vision

Resilient Futures Pakistan Initiative (RFPI) is a multilateral, multi-disciplinary partnership initiative between Queen Mary University of London, ESUP and the leading universities, educational institutes, think tanks, businesses and NGOs in Karachi. Its vision is to translate research and education into lasting social impact for the benefit of Sindh.



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The back-to-back meetings arranged with relevant individuals at QMUL, have left a lasting impact about the program itself and the benefits it can provide to the deserving in Pakistan. The customized program, tailored to Pakistan’s culture, needs and topography, seems well thought out. It’s encouraging to see a diversified range of areas being addressed, such as capacity building, law programs, health care with a special focus on lady health workers and mental health care, global public health training in the public sector, plant genetics and breeding acceleration, evaluation of carbon credits, translation of research into action, special attention to English language programs to build resilience. Additionally, the emphasis on promoting understanding and empathy through art and performance.

After a hectic week-long visit, during which I tried to absorb all that I could assimilate, I have returned with renewed enthusiasm to implement the program in Pakistan. My optimism is derived from the fact that QMUL has already visited Pakistan and have gauged an affirmative response in their meetings with all stakeholders which speaks volumes about the potential success of the RFPI program.

PRIORITY THEME PANELS

- **Panel A: Health and Well-being**
 - Sub-themes: Mental Health, Health Literacy, Health advocacy for funding, equity and access to services, arts and action
- **Panel B: Climate and Society**
 - Sub-themes: Climate change impact on indigenous eco system & its adaptation, Innovation, Resilient Growth – on rural and urban, arts and action
- **Panel C: Education and Literacies**
 - Sub-themes: English literacy, Leadership, Learner Autonomy, public private partnership, arts and action

RFPI PARTNERS:

1. Institute of Business Administration (IBA)
2. Institute of Business Management (IoBM)
3. Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology (SZABIST)
4. Dow University of Health Sciences (DUHS)
5. Interactive Research and Development (IRD)
6. Sindh Technical Education & Vocational Training Authority (STEVTA)
7. National Academy of Performing Arts (NAPA)
8. Pakistan Institute of International Affairs (PIIA)
9. Government of Sindh



Library at Queen Mary University of London



Resilient Futures Pakistan Initiative (RFPI) Way Forward

My Visit to Queen Mary University of London

Welcome Lunch

A welcome lunch was planned for me at Ciao Bella, an Italian restaurant in London. The attendees included QMUL Team comprising Prof. Colin Grant, Vice President (International), Mark Coddington, Global Projects and Policy Manager, Rachel Miles, Executive Officer (International), and Jocelyn Maclean, Executive Assistant to the Vice President (International).



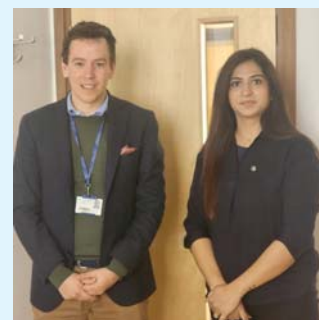
Meeting at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS)

Met Professor Ioannis Kokkoris, who is a Professor of Competition Law and Economics as well as the Dean for International at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. We had a discussion about bridging the gap between Pakistan and London in areas such as Maritime Law, Commercial Law, Shipping Law, Cyber Law, Procurement Law, and related subjects. After the successful meeting, presented ESUP flag to Professor Ioannis. Prof Colin Grant, VP (International) also joined us in the meeting.



Meeting with Dr. Matthieu Burnay, Senior Lecturer in Global Law

Dr. Burnay who holds multiple roles at QMUL including Co-Director International, Co-Director of the Centre for European and International Legal Affairs (CEILA), Academic Lead for the Double Degree in English and French Law, and Academic Coordinator for the Association of Transnational Law Schools (ATLAS). Our discussion focused on strengthening the relationship between the English Speaking Union of Pakistan and Queen Mary University of London. We particularly emphasized the importance of promoting a sustainable economy while advocating for RFPI in global governance.





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Resilient Futures Pakistan Initiative (RFPI) Way Forward *My Visit to Queen Mary University of London*

Meeting with Lee Wildman at Department W Director of Global Engagement

The person whom I had met several times on Teams calls, I finally had the opportunity to meet him in person. His name is Lee Wildman, and he is passionate about and actively working towards increasing the visibility of Queen Mary University of London in Pakistan. During our meeting, we specifically highlighted the importance of enhancing QMUL's prominence through the Resilient Futures Pakistan Initiative (RFPI) and emphasized our focus on engaging the youth.



Other than that, I had back to back meetings with various individuals as follows:

1. Prof. Paul Heritage, Professor of Drama and Performance Director of People's Palace Projects
2. Dr. Victoria Bird, lecturer in Mental Health Care and Principal Investigator-global health projects
3. Dr. Christophe Eizaguirre, Professor of Evolutionary and Conservation Genetics, Head of Biology Department
4. Prof. Irene Leigh, Professor Cellular and Molecular Science
5. Prof. Kathryn Richardson, Chair/Director of The Language Centre, and Director of The Confucius Institute
6. Dr. Saima Shirazee, Head of the Language Centre
7. Prof. Parvati Nair, Professor of Hispanic, Cultural & Migration Studies and Head of the School of Languages, Linguistics & Film
8. Sonal Hathi, Global Alumni Engagement Manager
9. Rachel Miles, Executive Officer (International)
10. Mark Coddington, Global Projects and Policy Manager
11. Pete Biggs, International Communications Manager
12. Nabeel Vehra, Regional Manager, Pakistan

Professor Colin Grant was kind enough to book a tour of campuses of Queen Mary University of London in which one of the student was giving a tour by wearing a t-shirt labeled as Ambassador.

Meeting at the British Council to strengthen relation between ESUP and British Council

Meeting at the British Council to strengthen relation between ESUP and British Council On behalf of ESUP had a fruitful meeting with Joseph Field, Head of English and Empowerment at the British Council. We discussed youth promotion strategies between the British Council in London and the English Speaking Union of Pakistan.



Kalim Farooqui President ESUP honored by Japan

On February 17, 2023 Mr. ODAGIRI Toshio, Consul-General of Japan in Karachi, conferred the “The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon” upon Mr. Kalim Farooqui, in recognition of his significant contributions towards Japan.

Mr. Farooqui is one of the founding members of the Pakistan Japan Business Forum (PJBF) & has served critical positions on the Forum for over 10 years now. He has additionally served as the Chairman of PJBF for 3 years, from 2020 to present.

From 2015 to 2018, Mr. Farooqui led a delegation consisting of Pakistani small & medium-sized enterprises on a visit to Japan & connected businesses from Japan and Pakistan by creating networking events such as B2B meetings.

In 2012, he published a book titled CONCORDIA on behalf of the Pakistan Embassy in Tokyo highlighting the 60 years of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Pakistan which was presented to all Japanese attending the celebration ceremony in Tokyo invited by the then Ambassador of Pakistan, H.E. Noor Muhammed Jadmani.

In September 2022, Mr. Farooqui also attended the Joint Government Business Dialogue held in Islamabad along with Commerce Minister Mr. Naveed Qamar, as one of the representatives from the Pakistani side.

Mr. Farooqui has made a significant contribution not only to the deepening of bilateral economic and trade relations but also to the strengthening of friendship between the two countries by promoting Japanese culture in Pakistan.

As an honorary patron of the Pakistan Japan Cultural Association, Sindh, Mr. Farooqui actively participates in the PJCA's cultural events and has consistently supported the Consulate General of Japan's cultural events in Karachi.

In addition to this, he is the Managing Director of Technology Links. Technology Links being a private limited company incorporated in 1989 in Pakistan. It exclusively represents several quality manufactures of High-tech equipment and sources them from various countries across the globe.

Mr. ODAGIRI, while extending his congratulations lauded the efforts of Mr. Farooqui and commended him on his ongoing efforts in further relations between Japan & Pakistan.

Mr. Farooqui, concluding the event, extended a note of thanks to the Consul-General for being bestowed with the honour. He aims to continue working with the support of the Consulate General and Japanese companies to further strengthen the bilateral and cultural ties between Japan and Pakistan.



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Kalim Farooqui decorated by the Japanese Government



The Consul General of Japan, ODAGIRI Toshio on behalf of the Government of Japan, presented Kalim Farooqui with the **Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon**. The award was conferred upon him by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, as stated on the PATENT OF DECORATION with the seal of the Prime Minister, KISHIDA Fumio and Director General of Decoration Bureau, Cabinet Office, ONODA Hiromu. He was amongst the 27 recipients selected globally for the spring conferment of awards 2022.



In a simple but graceful ceremony held at the house of the Japanese Consul General in Karachi, the immediate family of Kalim Farooqui was invited, the Patent of Decoration read out and the prestigious medal decorated. Later, the Consul General elaborated upon the numerous contributions made by Kalim Farooqui over the years in connecting the business

communities of Japan with that of Pakistan with a special mention about the several delegations of SME's he took to Japan and the Joint Dialogues he attended, with the last one in Islamabad in September 2022 which he chaired for business to business. Also mentioned was his support and cooperation to promote culture which included art, literature, music, and the like.

Later in the evening, members of the Pakistan Japan Business Forum (PJBF) of which Kalim Farooqui is the Chairman, and Pakistan Japan Cultural Association (PJCA) of which he is the Patron, were invited over dinner by him to celebrate the honour bestowed on him. In attendance were his close friends, city notables including many from the diplomatic corps based in Karachi.

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International Public Speaking Competition (IPSC) Grand Final

I am delighted to have had the opportunity to attend the prestigious International Public Speaking Competition (IPSC), organized by the English Speaking Union (ESU). The Grand Final took place at the renowned Royal Institution, a renowned venue for public speaking in the U.K. This was followed by a reception party at the ESU headquarters in Dartmouth House. The IPSC brings together participants from over forty countries worldwide.

The Chair judge for the ESU-IPSC Grand Final was Mr. Simon Bucknall, an award-winning speaker and public speaking coach. The panel of judges included Ms. Catherine West, the Labour MP for Hornsey & Wood Green and Shadow Foreign Minister (Asia and the Pacific); Ms. Maryam Pasha, director of TEDxLondon and a curator for TED's climate conference, as well as a visiting fellow at Oxford University; and Professor James Raven, former Chair of the ESU, who has held senior positions in international and national educational charities.

The final round featured six exceptional speakers representing Mauritius, Chile, Mexico, Romania, Mongolia, and Sri Lanka. Following their speeches, a Question/Answer session took place, during which I had the opportunity to pose a question to a young participant from Sri Lanka. The trophy was picked up by Mongolia, with Romania as the runner-up. ESUP congratulates both on their achievement.

The competition concluded with an early dinner at Dartmouth House.



With Former President International Council ESU Jonathan Callund and Vice President International Council ESU Jagdish Bhain at ESU London

ESU INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2023

GRAND FINAL

PARTICIPANT	COUNTRY / REGION	SPEECH TITLE
Mohamud Suhail An-Naas Hussain Thawkalkan	Mauritius	Who is to be held accountable?
María Trinidad Guzmán Schmidt	Chile	The Recipe for the Perfect Relationship
Valeria Fonseca	Mexico	Aid, Not Political Stances
Beatrice Maria Paun	Romania	30 seconds
Egsheglen Javkhlan	Mongolia	We the Government
Shaakya Nathavitharana	Sri Lanka	The stories we tell, the stories we become

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Director General
Jane Easton



IPSC Winner Egsheglen Javkhlan from Mongolia
holding the IPSC trophy with pride



With Ambassador of Georgia to the
UK, H.E Sophie Katsarava at ESU



With IPSC winner Egsheglen Javkhlan



IPSC Grand Finale Judges Maryam Pasha,
Afshan Lalani and Simon Bucknall



IPSC Grand final participants
from all over the world



One of the Judges Prof James Raven
with the Audience at the IPSC Grand
Final at ESU



Former President Jonathan Callund, ESU
Trustee Babara Firth, ESU VP Jagdish
Bhain, Afshan Lalani, Joint Secretary ESUP



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Algoma University, Canada



After the roaring success of our partnership with Queen Mary University of London, we were approached by Algoma University through our friend Samir Dossal who is the President of Canada Pakistan Business Council. Last year we signed an MOU with them when the Vice Chancellor Asima Vezina visited Karachi and as a follow-up, President English Speaking Union and Patron-in-Chief English Speaking Union of Pakistan visited Toronto, Canada. On the first day of his visit to Algoma University, they arranged a welcome reception in which many prominent personalities participated including the Mayor of Brampton Patrick Brown and many other

distinguished members attended. Several gifts were presented to him.

During his visit, a call was made on the Member of Parliament along with the Vice Chancellor and Samir Dossal, Platinum Jubilee was presented to Aziz Memon and Asima Vezina. He praised our effort and they have taken a commitment from Aziz Memon that he should be visiting the new campus in Canada which is two-hour flight from Toronto. They had one-on-one meeting and several impediments standing in our way were sorted out.



Samir Dossal hosted a dinner in which Vice Chancellor Asima Vezina was there too. Besides, Asima, there were dignitaries, parliamentarian, businessman attending the dinner. Asima Vezina praised ESUP and our relation.



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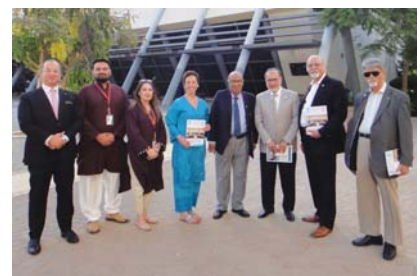
During the visit of Vice Chancellor, Algoma University to Karachi, she visited Institute of Business Administration (IBA) where they discussed the possibility of IBA students attending the Summer Program at Algoma University, Canada.



Asima Vezina and Samir Dossal from Canada at IBA



Samir Dossal and Mansoor Syed



Group picture with ESUP and IBA representatives with Algoma University



Algoma University Meeting at IBA



Vice Chancellor Asima Vezina, Ajaz Saya and Samir Dossal listening to Kalim Farooqui



President ESUP speaking at the meeting with Asima Vezina, Vice Chancellor Algoma University



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Atlast!!!!

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King Charles III and I have waited 70 years for this. The last coronation he and I saw was that of his mother Queen Elizabeth II on June 2, 1953. He, a five-year old, sat in the Royal Box in London's Westminster Abbey. I, an 11-year-old, watched the colourful ceremony on a small black and white television set at my Prep school in Pangbourne, Berkshire.

The 1953 coronation was more than a spectacle. It allowed the war-weary British to demonstrate that they had emerged finally from drab war-time constraints. They could look towards a brighter future, a second Elizabethan era. And as the British tend to do on such moments of national cohesion, they did so by reverting to their historic past.

Everything about the 1953 coronation bore the weight of symbolism - the heavy crowns ("**Jewels are after all only stones,**" the Queen noted), the sceptre containing the largest of the Cullinan diamond's fragments, the golden orb symbolising the Christian world, and the ancient wooden throne of King Edward, made in 1296.

Beneath its seat is the equally ancient Stone of Destiny (said to be the Prophet Jacob's pillow), appropriated from the Scots as the Kohinoor once was from the Punjabis in 1849. The stone was stolen by Scottish nationalists in 1950. It is lent to England for coronations. It has been sent southwards for Charles's coronation by Scotland's First Minister Humza Yousaf.

The coronation ceremony is essentially a religious ritual, during which the monarch is anointed with consecrated oil in imitation of the anointing of King Solomon. That part of the ceremony is held in privacy below or behind a canopy.

The 1953 coronation, at Prince Philip's insistence, was televised live. Therefore, it had to be well rehearsed - by hundreds of supporting nobles, guardsmen, men at arms, even the Queen herself.

Everything had a significance. The dresses of the maids of honour had embroidery accented on the back rather than the front, as that would be more visible to the camera.

Similarly, the Queen's heavily encrusted dress (designed by Norman Hartnell) contained four national emblems - England's rose, Scotland's thistle, Ireland's shamrock, even Wales's mundane leek. Nearer the hem were included symbols of the distant dominions - Canada's maple leaf, Australia's wattle,

New Zealand's silver fern, South Africa's protea, lotus flowers for India and Ceylon, and for Pakistan wheat, cotton and jute.

The 1953 ceremonies were flawless in their execution, unlike some of the mishaps that occurred in previous coronations. The young Queen Victoria in 1838 had to endure excruciating pain because the Archbishop of Canterbury forced the Coronation ring on the wrong finger.

King Edward VII's coronation in 1902 had to be postponed because the king suffered an attack of appendicitis. At the actual ceremony, the unsteady Archbishop Temple dropped holy oil on the nose of Queen Alexandra.

In 1911, a wary Queen Mary, as a precaution, had a pocket for a small handkerchief inserted behind the embroidered rose on her dress.

In 1953, rain forced the VIPs to raise the covering of their carriages - except for the genial Queen Salote of Tonga who, braving the weather, waved with undiminished dignity at the sodden spectators.

The coronation of King Charles III and his Queen Consort Camilla, scheduled for May 6, by comparison to earlier coronations, is likely to be a shorter, muted affair. The drive by coach from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey and back will follow a truncated route. Queen Elizabeth recalled that she had to traverse "almost half of London".

Charles's procession will go down the Mall, through Admiralty Arch, and along Whitehall past the Banqueting Hall, the site of the execution of his namesake King Charles I in 1649. The splendid but uncomfortable golden coronation coach will be used only for the return journey to Buckingham Palace.

King Charles has made every effort to make his coronation inclusive. The canopy that will be used during his anointing ceremony has been specially embroidered, like his mother's dress, to incorporate symbols of the dominions and Commonwealth countries. The golden orb - an emblem of Christian supremacy - though will be at obvious variance with his insistence that he wants to be Defender of Faiths, not only Defender of the Faith. Many royalists will rejoice at the replay of tradition. Some may even see this as a dress rehearsal of the coronation of King William V and Queen Catherine, whenever.

Diana loyalists, however, will share the regret the dowager Queen Alexandra expressed at the coronation of her second son as George V in 1911. Her elder son Albert Victor (then heir presumptive) had died of pneumonia almost 20 years earlier. To the embarrassment of the new king and queen, Alexandra wandered around Sandringham House, muttering: "It should have been Eddy."

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Kimihide Ando addresses ESUP

Kimihide Ando, Former Country Director and CEO of Mitsubishi Corporation, a Japanese conglomerate in Pakistan was invited by President Kalim Farooqui while in Japan to address the members of ESUP during his planned visit to Pakistan.

Ando-san as the Japanese are addressed, had lived in Pakistan for over 20 years and in the process was considered an iconic figure from Japan promoting Pakistan's interest with respect to trade and investments between the two friendly countries. Having travelled extensively before being assigned to Pakistan, he initially was seconded from Mitsubishi to the newly founded Joint Venture between Engro Corporation and Mitsubishi Corporation now known as Engro Polymers & Chemicals Ltd. Later he was assigned to take over as Senior Vice President of Mitsubishi Corporation and CEO for Pakistan. To his credit during his stay in Pakistan, he was elected President in 2013 by the Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce & Industry (OICCI), nominated as a Director to the Punjab Board of Investment & Trade (PBIT), invited to be a Member of the Governing Body of Liaquat National Hospital in Karachi, twice as Chairman at Japanese Association of Commerce & Industry (JACI) and Senior Vice Chairman of Pakistan-Japan Business Forum (PJBF); a leading Bi-Lateral Business Forum founded in 2001 of which Aziz Memon, Patron in Chief ESUP was the founding Chairman with Majyd Aziz as Secretary General and President Kalim Farooqui also as Chairman from 2020 to 2023. Coincidentally, the current Chairman of English Speaking Union of Japan, Sadaaki Numata, then Japanese Ambassador to Pakistan was instrumental in launching PJBF. On Pakistan Day, 23rd March 2018, Ando-san was conferred Sitara-i-Pakistan by the President of Pakistan. Additionally, the Board of Investment (BOI), Prime Minister's Office appointed him as the Honorary Investment Counsellor Japan, a coveted position which he still holds.

Given his background and business acumen, **"Investment and Business opportunities between Japan and Pakistan. How/where we can capture them?"** was the topic he chose to talk about and address the ESUP guests which included the members of the ESUP, city elites as also the members of the diplomatic corps of Karachi. His talk followed the usual Q&A session which witnessed many questions and were aptly answered. The emphasis was on out of box approaches citing the example of dried mango rather than fresh mango exports which require logistics, timely transportation and strict regulations governing import of fruits and vegetables into Japan. Besides Japan, dried mango is amply in demand worldwide and is being exported by the likes of Thailand and other tropical countries where mango is grown. His concern centered around the vast trade imbalance in favour of Japan and suggested ways and means to narrow it by Pakistan. His ideas were well-taken by the audience present.





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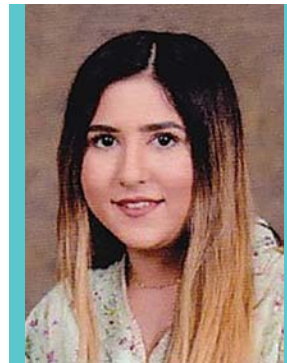
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