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ASEAN Committee in Islamabad (ACI) Economic Delegation Visit to Gujranwala 01 to 02 March 2024



02 March 2024 - The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Committee in Islamabad visited Gujranwala to link with Gujranwala-based industries and businesses to promote the ASEAN member countries with representation in Islamabad as an investment and alternative export hub for Pakistani-based companies and multinational companies.

The ASEAN Committee in Islamabad (ACI) led by the Chair H.E. Maria Agnes M. Cervantes, Ambassador of the Philippines, was joined by the Ambassador of Vietnam H.E. Nguyen Tien Phong, Ambassador of Thailand H.E. Chakkrid Krachaiwong, High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam H.E. Col. (Rtd) Pengiran Haji Kamal Bashah bin Pengiran Haji Ahmad, Charge d' Affaires a.i of the Embassy of Myanmar Mr. Aung Kyaw Thuya, Charge d' Affaires a.i of the Embassy of Indonesia Mr. Rahmat Hindiarta Kusuma, Charge d' Affaires a.i of the High Commission of Malaysia Mr. Mohd Syafik Firdaus Hasbullah. They were received and hosted by Gujranwala Business Center (GBC) Chairperson Mr. Ahmad Ikram Lone at the Meridien Hotel, Gujranwala.

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During the first day of the visit, the ACI members presented the ASEAN Economic Community and the individual economic development thrusts of each member country. GBC exhibitors were also provided an opportunity to present their product portfolio and business expansion strategies for their individual industries. These companies are Ashrafia Group, Sonex, Super Asia, Minhas Group, Waqar Rice, Okto Home Appliances and Hunting Knives Association. The ACI were able to visit the GBC and the Gujranwala Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI) on the second day. The ACI delegation also visited factories such as Super Asia and Sonex Diecast.



ASEAN Committee in Islamabad (ACI) Chair and Ambassador of the Philippines H.E. Maria Agnes M. Cervantes (seated middle) with Mr. Ahmad Ikram Lone, Chairman of the Gujranwala Business Center (GBC), with ACI Ambassadors, High Commissioners, and CDAs at the Meridien Hotel, Gujranwala.



Ambassador Cervantes was flocked by the local press during her arrival at the ASEAN Business Forum in Gujranwala



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Mr. Khurram Dastgir Khan, Chairman of the Privatization Commission and the Federal Minister for Commerce, Defence and Foreign Affairs (2013-18), and Federal Minister for Energy (Power) in 2022-23, received the ACI Delegation during the second day of the visit. He welcomed the ACI and emphasized on the potential of Gujranwala-based industries to expand in the ASEAN region. He thanked the ACI for visiting his city and expressed hope for the realization of economic potentials between ASEAN member countries represented in the delegation and Gujranwala industries in the near future.

The ACI visit to Gujranwala resulted in a number of business leads for ASEAN and the Gujranwala-based industries. /END



ACI Delegation at the Gujranwala Business Center (GBC) Office.



Ambassador Cervantes with Philippine Honorary Consul to Lahore Mr. Fahdel Shiekh visit the Waqar Rice Exhibit Stall at the GBC.



Ambassador Cervantes with Philippine Honorary Consul General to Karachi and Philippines Pakistan Business Forum Patron Dr. Muhammad Imran Yousuf visit the Minhas Pipes and Fittings Exhibit Stall at the GBC.



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ACI Delegation at the SuperAsia Group office and factory visit.



Ambassador Cervantes led the call to Mr. Khurram Dastgir Khan, a political figure in Gujranwala.



Mr. Khurram Dastgir Khan with the ACI delegation, GBC representatives and Philippines Pakistan Business Forum officers.

