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ISLAMABAD, 5 May 2025—Ambassador-designate Dr. Emmanuel R. Fernandez and Mme. Alicia Kalaw-Fernandez attended the inauguration of “Through Pakistan, An Artistic Journey: Artists Residency Program for South Asian Countries, 2025” at Gallery #6 of the National Art Gallery, Islamabad.

This collaborative initiative, organized by the Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan, featured the works of distinguished artists from the Maldives and Nepal: Aishath Laisha Saud, Mariyam Barsha Mohamed, and Bidhata KC. Supported by the High Commission of Pakistan in the Maldives and the Embassy of Pakistan in Nepal, the exhibition aimed to foster cultural exchange and mutual understanding among South Asian nations.

The showcased artworks reflected a harmonious blend of traditional and contemporary influences, illustrating the artists' unique interpretations of their cultural narratives—capturing the essence of Maldivian heritage, offering insights into Nepal's evolving artistic expressions, and providing a window into South Asia's rich artistic traditions and contemporary perspectives.

Ambassador-designate Fernandez praised the residency program as a vibrant celebration of South Asia's rich artistic spirit and a powerful platform for building deeper regional connections through creativity and collaboration, further emphasizing that such initiatives not only celebrate the diverse artistic expressions of South Asia but also pave the way for deeper diplomatic and cultural ties among the participating countries. END





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AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE FERNANDEZ JOINS
DIPLOMATIC TOUR SHOWCASING LAHORE'S
CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL LEGACY
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Ambassador-designate, H.E. Dr. Emmanuel R. Fernandez,
and Mme. Alicia Kalaw-Fernandez enjoying refreshments
during the night tour of historic Lahore



A group photo of Ambassador-designate, H.E. Dr. Emmanuel R. Fernandez,
and Mme. Alicia Kalaw-Fernandez (eighth and ninth, respectively, from left)
with fellow diplomats and their families, captured at one of the historic sites
during the tour, showcasing the unique architectural heritage of Lahore

