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ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN



ASEAN Committee in Islamabad and ISSI mark 57th ASEAN day in Islamabad



07 August 2024. The ASEAN Committee in Islamabad (ACI) and the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) conducted a roundtable discussion on “Pakistan and ASEAN: A Growing Partnership”, at the ISSI Library.

All ACI Heads of Missions were present and were given opportunity to provide their remarks on the topic. H.E. Pengiran Haji Kamal Bashah Bin Pengiran Haji Ahmad of the High Commission of Brunei Darussalam, ACI Chair, led the ACI delegation. H.E. Dato Mohammad Azhar Mazlan-High Commissioner of Malaysia, H.E. Maria Agnes M. Cervantes- Ambassador of the Philippines, H.E. Wunna Han- Ambassador of Myanmar, H.E. Pham Anh Tuan- Ambassador-designate of Vietnam, Mr. Rahmat Hindiarta Kusuma- Charge d’Affaires of Indonesia, and Ms. Kamolwan Sriposil- Charge d’Affaires of Thailand delivered their remarks during the discussion. Ambassador Sohail Mahmood, Director General, and Chairman Khalid Mahmood of the ISSI led the ISSI side. Ministry of Foreign Affairs Additional Secretary (Asia Pacific) Ambassador Imran Ahmed Siddiqui served as the Chief Guest. Dr. Talat Shabbir of ISSI- China-Pakistan Study Center (CPSC) served as moderator for the roundtable discussion.

Chief Guest Ambassador Siddiqui emphasized on the benefits that cooperating with ASEAN pose for Pakistan and called on enhanced collaboration in the fields of tourism, climate change, counter-terrorism, combating Islamophobia, and cybersecurity. The Philippines, during the discussion, emphasized on the Philippines’ milestones and thrusts in ASEAN and called on advocating for deeper collaboration across all three ASEAN-Pakistan Practical Cooperation Areas for 2024-2028. These areas for cooperation are Political-Security, Economic, and Socio-Cultural.

The roundtable discussion was concluded with a cake-cutting activity to mark the celebration. END/

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(From upper left photo) H.E. Pengiran Haji Kamal Bashah Bin Pengiran Haji Ahmad of the High Commission of Brunei Darussalam and ACI Chair, Ambassador of the Philippines H.E. Maria Agnes M. Cervantes, High Commissioner of Malaysia H.E. Dato Mohammad Azhar Mazlan deliver their remarks during the ACI and ISSI roundtable discussion "Pakistan and ASEAN: A Growing Partnership", at the ISSI Library. (Lower right) Members of the ACI working group attend the roundtable discussion. (Photo credit to WENews Pakistan)



ACI Chair H.E. Pengiran Haji Kamal Bashah Bin Pengiran Haji Ahmad of the High Commission of Brunei Darussalam (sixth from right) and Chief Guest Ambassador Imran Ahmed Siddiqui (sixth from left) led the ASEAN way photoshoot with ACI Heads of Missions and Resource Speakers who participated in the ACI and ISSI roundtable discussion "Pakistan and ASEAN: A Growing Partnership", at the ISSI Library. (Photo credit to WENews Pakistan)

