

**Consulate General of Pakistan
Toronto**

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Press Release

A flag hoisting ceremony to mark the 77th Pakistan Day was organized by the Consulate General of Pakistan at Markham Civic Centre on 23rd of March, 2017. The event was attended by prominent Canadian politicians, members of consular corps and members of Pakistani community.

Consul General Mr. Imran Ahmed Siddiqui raised the national flag to the tunes of the national anthem. He welcomed the guests and read the messages of the President and the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the Republic Day. In his brief remarks, the Consul General urged all Pakistanis to remember all those who laid their lives for Pakistan in their prayers.

Speaking on the occasion, Member of Ontario Parliament, Dr. Shafiq Qaadri fondly recalled his Pakistani roots and hoped that Canada-Pakistan relationship will grow in the days ahead. In his remarks, the Mayor of Markham HW Frank Scarpitti hoped that vibrant Pakistani-Canadian community will continue to play a constructive role in the promotion of Canada Pakistan relationship.

A recorded message from the Premier of Ontario, Hon Kathleen Wynne was also played. In her message, the Premier highlighted the positive role played by Canadians of Pakistan origin in the social, economic and political development of Ontario.

A documentary “Pakistan the land of Wonders” was also screened on the occasion.

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