

**Consulate General of Pakistan
Toronto**

Press Release

**A meeting of Consul General of Pakistan, Toronto with President and Vice
President of Seneca College, Toronto on 24 February 2020**

The Consul General of Pakistan, Mr. Abdul Hameed, met Mr. David Agnew, President of the Seneca College, and Mr Nevzat Gurmen, Vice President of the College, on 24 February 2020.

Highlighting the need for taking advantage of the Student Direct Stream, the Consul General stated that Pakistan is one of the most attractive markets for Canadian education system due to its large youth bulge and the proficiency of Pakistani students in English language. He urged the College authorities to make more vigorous efforts for recruiting additional students from Pakistan. He hoped that from the current academic year onwards, the number of Pakistani students will increase in Canadian academic institutions as a result of the inclusion of Pakistan in Student Direct Stream programme.

He also explored the idea of a long-term partnership with the Seneca College in vocational training, curriculum development, joint degree programs, faculty exchange and online training. He added that an institutionalized relationship between vocational training institutes will serve interests of both countries. A large number of Pakistani students in Canada will provide significant links for people to people interaction.

President of the Seneca College, Mr David Agnew, thanked the Consul General for visiting the campus and briefed him about different aspects of education and practical training at the college. He appreciated the quality of Pakistani students and expressed keen interest in enhancing the number of students from Pakistan in the Seneca College. The President also agreed in principle to visit Pakistan possibly during the last quarter of the year and the Consul General undertook to facilitate the visit.

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