

**Consulate General of Pakistan  
Toronto**

**PRESS RELEASE**

The National Day of Pakistan was celebrated in Toronto at Markham Town Hall. The Consul General of Pakistan Mr. Imran Ahmed Siddiqui raised the Pakistan flag to the tune of the national anthem in the presence of Canadian parliamentarians, members of diplomatic Corps and Pakistani community.

The Government of Ontario was represented by Honourable Michael Chan, Minister of International Trade. Additionally, Hon Rob Oliphant, Hon Yasmin Ratansi and Hon Iqra Khalid, Members Parliament, Mayor of Markham His Worship Frank Scarpitti and Dr. Shafiq Qaadri, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration attended the ceremony.

The ceremony started with recitation from the Holy Quran. The messages of the President and the Prime Minister of Pakistan were read out by the Consul General.

In their speeches, the Canadian dignitaries highlighted the importance of bilateral relations between Pakistan and Canada. They also praised the positive and constructive role being played by the Pakistani community in Canada for further strengthening of this relationship.

The Premier of Ontario, Hon. Kathleen Wynne sent message of felicitations on the occasion which was read out by Hon. Michael Chan. On this occasion two documentaries titled “Ancient Pakistan” and “Emerging Pakistan” were also screened.

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