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From Coordinator General's Desk



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Year 2022 is ending with new challenges and opportunities for us as individuals, nations, Ummah, and as a global community. The effect of global pandemic is still felt for and wide, in the form of global recession, economic meltdown of already impoverished countries, unprecedented energy and food inflation, unemployment and many more. On the brighter side, the world's fast track transformation into digital, more resilient, technology-based developments are unleashing unimaginable opportunities. Science and technology has played a central role in saving humanity from existential threat during the pandemic. S&T can help in creating better, more inclusive, and sustainable world. Emerging technologies, such as IoT, block chain, AI, new energy devices, genomics, regenerative medicines, robotics, 3D printing etc. can generate tremendous wealth and opportunities to ensure food security, mitigate environmental degradation, and restore ecosystem. Many of these technologies are not capital intensive, but more intellectual intensive, especially suitable for

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CG COMSTech Calls on the President of Pakistan

Coordinator General COMSTech, H. E. Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary called on the President of Pakistan, H. E. Dr. Arif Alvi at the President Secretariat, Islamabad.

The President of Pakistan who is the Chairman of COMSTech, appreciated COMSTech programs and mentioned that today COMSTech is one of the most active institutions in OIC system.

Dr. Alvi appreciated COMSTech Health Program for Africa and suggested to enhance it further to address the health issues being faced by the African and other OIC member states in crises.

Dr. Alvi advised the Coordinator General, Prof. Choudhary to start digital skills program for OIC member states, so that the benefits

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Secretary General OIC Visits COMSTech

The Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, H. E. Mr. Hissein Brahim Taha, visited COMSTech along with his ten-member delegation. Senior officials of Ministry of Foreign Affairs accompanied the OIC delegation.

The Coordinator General COMSTech, H. E. Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary, along with his team extended a very warm reception to the Secretary General

and his team. Prof. Choudhary briefed the Secretary General about COMSTech establishment, vision and mission, past achievements, current programs and future plans. He also conducted an orientation visit of the delegation to the COMSTech facility and briefed on the state of the art training facilities available at COMSTech for the capacity building of OIC states.

During the presentation of the COMSTech report by the

Coordinator General, the Secretary General of OIC discussed different COMSTech programs and their impact on the development of the science and technology collaboration among the OIC member states. He also shared insightful thoughts and recommendations for the inclusion in COMSTech future plans.

Mr. Taha appreciated the current COMSTech programs: COMSTech Consortium of

Excellence, Palestine program, Yemen program, Africa program in health, fellowships program, COMSTech-IFS research grants program, COMSTech-ICGEB cooperation program, COMSTech-TWAS Science in exile program, Research fellowships for OIC LDCs program, and capacity building webinars, workshops, conferences and exhibitions. ♦



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COMSTech organized foundation meeting of the Alliance of Islamic Universities of Africa at COMSTech Secretariat. Vice Chancellors/Rectors of Muslim Universities from Uganda, Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, Kazakhstan, and Pakistan participated in the meeting.

Chairman HEC, Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed was the chief guest of the meeting. He welcomed the delegates to the foundation meeting of Alliance

of Islamic Universities of Africa and appreciated the efforts of Coordinator General COMSTech, Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary, for organizing this much needed meeting to support our Muslim brothers/sisters, and young minds of Africa in the fields of science, technology and higher education.

Chairman HEC suggested that the collaborations, knowledge sharing, best practices, exchange of scholars, educational technology

transfer, and joint programs among higher education institutions of Africa and Pakistan can help to overcome the challenges if initiatives like the Alliance of Islamic Universities of Africa are well thought-out and well executed in true spirit.

Dr. Mukhtar said that the alliance will open avenues to share ideas, skills, expertise, and best practices to pool resources for mutual support and benefit for each institution. He,

on the behalf of the HEC, assured sustained support to COMSTech programs.

The Coordinator General COMSTech, Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary said that the idea of forming an alliance of Muslim Universities in non-OIC countries or in Muslim majority areas of OIC member states came out of discussion with Prof. Ismail, Vice Chancellor Islamic University in Uganda. He said the key motivation

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OIC Countries Endorse the OIC-15 S&T Platform

Representatives of 17 OIC member states endorsed the proposal for establishing a Ministerial platform for jointly undertaking science, technology and innovation initiatives.

This platform which is an initiative of the Republic of Kazakhstan is identified as the OIC-15 Dialogue Platform and constitutes fifteen plus countries of the OIC that are leading the others in science and technology. The Senior Officials' Meeting

of OIC-15 was of hybrid nature and was attended physically by the representatives of the OIC General Secretariat, COMSTech, Iran, Qatar, Pakistan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, and Morocco, while Turkey, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Azerbaijan, Cameroon and UAE participated virtually.

Member countries discussed in detail the objectives, terms of reference, and working procedures of the OIC-15 and recommended

for adoption by the Ministerial Committee. The OIC-15 will serve as a platform where bilateral or multilateral initiatives of STI may be presented for cooperative actions to be implemented through COMSTech, The OIC Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation that is hosted by Pakistan.

The meeting was jointly organized by the Republic of Kazakhstan, COMSTech and the OIC General

Secretariat.

Speaking on the occasion, the Assistant Secretary General OIC for S&T lauded the outcome of the meeting as the first step towards a very important initiative for scientific uplift and cooperation. The Coordinator General COMSTech emphasized that his organization will make every effort to practically realize the initiatives endorsed by the member states and looking

forward to them sharing the human and material resources required for major initiatives.

The representative of the Government of Kazakhstan thanked all the participants for their attendance and contribution to the meeting and announced that Kazakhstan will hold the first Ministerial Meeting of the OIC-15 Dialogue Platform in Astana, Kazakhstan in the first half of 2023.♦



Afghan Envoy Calls on Coordinator General, COMSTech

Ambassador of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, Sardar Ahmed Khan Shakeeb, met with Coordinator General, COMSTech, Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Chaudhary, at COMSTech Secretariat.

Prof. Chaudhary highlighted the role of COMSTech to strengthen the science and technology in 57 Muslim Countries. He informed about the ongoing joint programs with Palestine, Yemen, and

Somalia. Coordinator General highlighted that the President of Pakistan, who is chairman of COMSTech has emphasized the need of supporting high education and skill development in Afghanistan. In this regard various programs for the academic and research training of Afghan students and researchers in CCoE universities of Pakistan will be started. → ON PAGE 3



COMSTech Funds Rupees 50 Million Science Projects

OIC ministerial standing committee on scientific and technological cooperation (COMSTech), Islamabad and International Foundation for Science (IFS), Stockholm, Sweden have selected 18 research projects from 12 OIC member states – Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Mali, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Togo, Tunisia, and Uganda for the session 2022. A total funding of US\$ 221,762 has been granted to projects in the fields of Food Sciences, Biological Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Natural Sciences, Biomedical Sciences, Physical Sciences, Genetic

Engineering, and Health Sciences. Project funding granted in this session ranges from US\$ 10,000 to 15,000 each project. Two Pakistani scientists have won grants worth Rs. 6.06 million for their research projects.

COMSTech and IFS agreed in February 1998 to enter into a collaborative program to strengthen the capacity in developing countries which are members of OIC to conduct relevant and high-quality research in sciences related to the management, use and conservation of biological resources. The program is funded in equal parts by COMSTech and IFS.♦

Two Fellows Complete Training Under COMSTech Fellowships Program

Two Indonesian fellows from Airlangga University, Surabaya, Indonesia, Ms. Rizkiyah Dewi and Ms. Yuli Handayani completed 6 weeks COMSTech Consortium of Excellence (CCoE) Technicians Training Fellowship from School of Chemical and Materials Engineering, National University of Science and Technology, Islamabad.

The fellowship completion

certificate award ceremony was held at COMSTech. Coordinator General COMSTech, Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Chaudhary extended gratitude to the National University of Science and Technology for kind participation in the CCoE and generous offer of fellowships to the scholars from OIC member states and hosting the visits of international delegations. Prof. Chaudhary highlighted the future

joint activities with the National University of Science and Technology. NUST has so far trained four fellows and hosted two distinguished international scholars to negotiate and explore joint avenues.

Pro-Rector, RIC, NUST, Dr. Rizwan Riaz, graced the occasion with his team and presented a shield to Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Chaudhary.♦



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nations with young population. However, to harness the benefits of these new opportunities for sustainable growth, nations have to invest into high quality education at all levels, skill development of youth, creating ecosystem for innovation, and focusing on high

technology based production sector. Globally all such opportunities should be available to the citizens of all countries without any prejudice.

COMSTech (OIC ministerial standing committee on scientific and technological cooperation) has

initiated several new programs to build the STI capacity of OIC member states and promote inter Islamic cooperation. Please do visit the COMSTech website (www.comstech.org) and provide your feedback.♦

COMSTech Invites Applications for Awards 2023

COMSTech bestows biennial awards to distinguished researchers of OIC member states for their scientific contributions.

The life time achievement awards are given in the fields of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics. This year nominations are being sought for the awards in the fields of Physics and Mathematics. In this category each award consists of a certificate, shield, and US\$8000.

The Awards for Excellence in Science & Technology are classified in four categories: COMSTech Young Researcher Award (under 40 years), Best Scientific Book

(Authorship) - published by an international publisher during the last two years (2021-22), Patent - the patent must have been registered during the past five years (2018-22). Each award carries a certificate, shield, and US\$4000.

The Best Research Paper awards are given for the best paper published in an impact factor international journal during the last two years (2021 & 2022) in the fields of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics. Each award carries a certificate, shield, and US\$2500.

The deadline is 31st March 2023, citizens of all OIC states are eligible.♦

COMSTECH Virology Fellowships Closing Ceremony held in Surabaya

The closing ceremony of COMSTECH fellowship for Research and Advanced Training in Virology and Vaccine Technologies held in Surabaya, Indonesia.

Under this program, Ms. Faiza Nadeem, PhD Student at International Centre for Chemical and Biological Sciences, Karachi, Ms. Faiza Marrium, Officer In-charge, Tetanus Toxoid Production Lab, National Institute of Health, Islamabad, Dr. Mohsein Cheema, Lecturer,

University of Lahore, Lahore and Prof. Dr. Mahmoud Mohamed Tawfick, Associate Professor, Al-Azhar University, Cairo completed their fellowships at Universitas Airlangga in Surabaya, Indonesia with the cooperation of Ministry of Health, Indonesia, BioFarma and Universitas Airlangga.

Assistant Secretary General for S&T of Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) H.E. Mr. Askar Mussinov said in his remarks that I am very happy to talk to you on the

occasion of closing ceremony of very impactful program happening under joint efforts of COMSTECH & Ministry of Health, Indonesia, BioFarma and Universitas Airlangga. He said that this program does not only develops technical capacities of scientists but also promotes science diplomacy which eliminates cultural, sectoral, and knowledge barriers between different actors such as policy-makers, researchers, diplomatic bodies and civil society.

Coordinator General COMSTECH, Prof. Choudhary thanked the Ministry of Health, Indonesia for generous support towards this program. He said that many OIC countries are totally dependent on selected countries for every health care need, be it diagnostic equipment, kits, ventilators or PPEs. He said in the context of this situation, the program was started with the aim to prepare next generation of scientists of OIC nations to meet the challenges of current and future pandemics/epidemics. ♦



COMSTECH Launches S&T Cooperation Program with Nigeria

COMSTECH launched COMSTECH-Nigeria Science and Technology Cooperation Program in a press conference which has also been attended by senior diplomats of various OIC countries, officers of ministries of foreign affairs and science and technology, academicians and Nigerian students studying in local universities.

Coordinator General, COMSTECH, Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary and the High Commissioner of Nigeria, H. E. Mr. Mohammed Bello Abioye jointly addressed the press conference at COMSTECH Auditorium.

Prof. Choudhary said that COMSTECH launches a purposeful COMSTECH-Nigeria S&T Cooperation Program for capacity building of the brotherly state. Prof. Choudhary thanked the Government of Nigeria for accepting proposed collaborative program and constituting an inter-ministerial Committee to explore the implementation of this initiative. The Raw Materials Research and Development Council, (RMRDC), Abuja, Nigeria is focal organization to implement the program.

The High Commissioner of Nigeria, H. E. Mr. Mohammed Bello Abioye appreciated the efforts of COMSTECH and offered full support from his office to COMSTECH-Nigeria S&T Cooperation. He assured that Nigeria would also help the other African OIC countries for their uplift.

H. E. Ambassador Askar Mussinov, Assistant Secretary General Science and Technology OIC addressed the session online. He said OIC General Secretariat is working closely with COMSTECH on several major initiatives and programs. He

appreciated efforts of Coordinator General COMSTECH for taking a large number of activities for S&T and healthcare capacity building and for fostering international linkages, specially Palestine, Yemen, Sudan, Nigeria, and Somalia.

The representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Pakistan Mr. Mohammad Adeel appreciated the efforts of COMSTECH for the promotion of science diplomacy in OIC region and assured full cooperation for such capacity development programs. ♦



International Symposium on Post COVID HE Challenges Held

COMSTECH, (COMSTECH Consortium of Excellence CCoE), IUCPSS, American Institute of Pakistan Studies, and The Hollings Centre for International Dialogue organized an International Symposium on Post COVID Higher Education Challenges and Way Forward at COMSTECH. Vice Chancellors/Rectors of Muslim Universities from Uganda, Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, Kazakhstan, and Pakistan participated in the symposium.

The Coordinator General COMS-

TECH, Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary said in his welcome address that the topic of today's symposium is both relevant and important.

Prof. Choudhary said that the education has been given least importance. We are technologically illiterate and our competency in the use of technologies is not at par.

Pro-Rector Superior University, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin said in his keynote address that we need to conduct study to find how higher education sector responded

to the pandemic. Prof. Nizamuddin recommended to strive for technological advancement, building community centers and making access to higher education easy for everyone.

The chief guest of the concluding session of the symposium was the chairman standing committee on foreign affairs, senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed. He said like other parts of the world, COVID-19 has severely affected higher education sector in South Asia. He said that a dire need is being

felt to bring higher education leadership/vice chancellors across the globe on one platform not only to deliberate on post COVID higher education challenges but also suggest solutions.

National Coordinator IUCPSS, Mr. Murtaza Noor said that the purpose of today's symposium was to bring all stakeholder close together to discuss and find solutions to the challenges being faced by higher education section after COVID. ♦



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of this vision was to foster linkages between the Islamic universities of Africa and leading universities of the OIC region.

Prof. Choudhary said that harnessing the creative potential of young

African Muslims is the only way forward for the prosperity and development of Muslim communities in African continent. With this objective in mind, this alliance is created under the

leadership of Prof. Ismail Gyagenda. Prof. Choudhary concluded his remarks with the commitment to work closely with universities in Africa and Pakistan for a prosperous future of youth in African countries.

Opening remarks were delivered by Prof. Dr. Asmat of ICCBS. She welcomed the participants and gave comprehensive introduction of the meeting agenda, aims, and objectives. ♦

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from the emerging employments in the fields of ICT can be harnessed as early as possible. He said that digital skills can help reduce unemployment rate in OIC states by providing income generation opportunities to youth.

Prof. Choudhary briefed the President on the COMSTECH Africa Program, recent visit of the Secretary General of OIC to COMSTECH headquarters, implementation of the decisions of the 31st executive committee meeting, holding of the 16th general assembly meeting of COMSTECH, announcement of the 20 fellowships for Kazakhstan, and holding of the first rectors' conference of African alliance.

The President of Pakistan advised to continue these excellent initiatives and offered his full support to the COMSTECH programs focused towards the socioeconomic uplift of the Ummah. ♦

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The second part of the program will incorporate Afghanistan includes food security which is the dire need of the community.

The Islamic organization for Food Security (IOFS), Kazakhstan and Pakistan Agriculture Research Council, Ministry of National Food Security and Research are organizing a workshop during February, 2023. This 3-Day joint IOFS-COMSTECH-PARC workshop on "Climate Resilient Wheat Crop Improvement for Food Security" will dedicate one day for the problems of wheat growing in drought conditions in Afghanistan under the theme of "Afghanistan Wheat Issue: Breeding Nutritious and Climate Resilient Varieties".

In the third part of the program COMSTECH in collaboration with Health Services Academy and University of Lahore will help health sector in Afghanistan. He said we can work together in Public Health in primary health settings, disease surveillance, medical technologies, ventilator, medicines and regulatory affairs to train Afghan healthcare workforce.

Sardar Ahmed Khan Shakeeb, Ambassador of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan thanked Prof. M. Iqbal Choudhary and appreciated the outstanding work of COMSTECH for Muslim Ummah. He said that there are strong indications, from leadership of Afghan government for people and government of Pakistan and OIC member states and COMSTECH, of close liaison. Mr. Shakeeb said that the Afghan students desire to study in Pakistan and other OIC states and avail the opportunities. He assured that the embassy of Afghanistan is strongly committed to follow up proposals, programs and initiatives for the benefit of Afghan people.

Consultant Health initiatives COMSTECH, Dr. Abdur Rashid and Head of Political, Cultural and Education, Embassy of Afghanistan, Mr. Ali Mansoor Khaliqyar, were also present at this occasion. ♦

OIC States Need to Change Attitude, Adopt New Technologies to Achieve Success, Urges Dr. Alvi

Those who are ahead in OIC states come forward and provide leadership for changing attitude towards the adaptation of new technologies to achieve success in all spheres of life, said the President of Pakistan, Dr. Arif Alvi while addressing the inaugural session of "Youth Forum on Biotechnology" organized by COMSTech in collaboration with Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum, Turkiye and Islamic Organization for Food Security, Kazakhstan.

Dr. Alvi said that biotechnology is a landmark development, without this technology the green revolution could not have been possible. He said we need to develop intellect and evolve new ideas. He said that the scientific instruments guide the humanity to find the truth. The President mentioned that new technologies like gene therapy and CRISPR techniques help the humanity to make tailor made specific changes in the genome to develop new traits of

any living being.

The President mentioned many examples from the past like human body dissection and the printing press innovation and said we adopted these technologies many centuries late which is the reason of our lacking behind from the advanced world.

Dr. Alvi urged the young scientists to work hard and come up with novel and innovative ethical and moral solutions for the humanity and quick adoption of the new

technologies for the rapid growth of the developing world. He asked COMSTech to take the lead in the prompt adaptation of emerging technologies in OIC region.

Coordinator General COMSTech, Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary welcomed the participants of the forum. He said that this forum is significant to address the challenge of food security. He urged the need of the introduction and use of new technologies and better management to tackle the issue of food security faced by OIC

states. He said that agricultural biotechnology will help in producing enough food to feed the hunger. Director IOFS, Dr. Ismail Abdel Hamid said that the biotechnology is critical for the human development and achieving food security. He said that this forum will help us to explore new avenues, generate novel ideas and methodologies to understand the biotechnology and its use to address the issue of food security. Dr. Hamid presented a brief review of IOFS program and projects. ♦



COMSTech Organizes Seminar on Food Insecurity in the Science Summit of 77th Session of UNGA

COMSTech Forum on Environment and Ecosystem Restoration (CFEER) organized an international virtual seminar on "solutions to combat food insecurity and malnutrition in the Sahel". The Seminar was hosted by COMSTech Forum on Environment and Ecosystem Restoration (CFEER) in cooperation with the Sahel Coalition based in Brussels (Belgium), Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control (CILSS) based in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso), Regional Climate Centre for West Africa and Sahel -AGRHYMET

based in Niamey (Niger) and Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS), based in Nur Sultan City, Kazakhstan. The event was held during the United Nations General Assembly Science Summit on September 26, 2022.

COMSTech Advisor (Climate Change), Ambassador Shahid Kamal welcomed the participants of the seminar. He said that food security is in great interest of global community. Ambassador Kamal said that the degraded soils can no longer produce enough food.

Brussels based High Representative of the Sahel

Coalition, Dr. Djime Adoum addressed the session and suggested the nations to increase investment and regional cooperation for equitable land distribution and food security.

Policy officer of European Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation Cooperation with Africa and ASEAN countries, Dr. Vincenzo Lorusso gave a comprehensive presentation in the session on AU-EU R&I partnership on food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture & the AU-EU innovation agenda. ♦



COMSTech and CILSS Enters into MoU

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on bilateral cooperation signed between OIC Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTech) and Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS).

The purpose of the MoU is to define the framework as well as the

modalities of scientific and technological cooperation between CILSS and COMSTech in areas of mutual interest, with particular focus on food and nutritional security, natural resource and water management, population, gender, climate change, and conservation and restoration of ecosystems.

Both organizations will cooperate

to implement joint programs of scientific and technical nature to promote and strengthen cooperation to provide a platform for collaborative activities in the fields of mutual interest and encourage mobility and cooperation. It will include sharing experiences and best practices, development of methodologies, and mobility of experts. ♦

COMSTech Kazakhstan Alumni Forum Held

A meeting of graduates of Kazakhstani universities was held at the headquarters of COMSTech chaired by Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary, Coordinator General COMSTech.

The conference was attended by the representatives of the diplomats, Pakistan Higher Education Commission, journalists, as well as expert circles.

During the event the participants discussed the prospects for the development of cooperation between Kazakhstan and Pakistan in the field of education and science.

A unanimous opinion was expressed about the existing potential for training Pakistani youth in Kazakhstani universities.

The graduates shared their warm memories, emphasizing the quality level of education, material and technical equipment of educational institutions. The hospitality and friendliness of Kazakhstan people, the commonality of cultures and traditions of both countries were also noted.

Besides, the guests of the event also raised problematic issues that

require special attention from the Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Pakistan.

The Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan Sayasat Nurbek made a special video greeting. The Minister proposed to organize the next meeting of graduates in Astana.

In his welcome speech, Prof. Dr. Choudhary expressed the interest in developing cooperation in the field of education, science and technology between the fraternal countries. He declared his team's readiness to make a direct

China Honors CG COMSTech with China Friendship Award

H.E. Profr. Dr. Mohammad Iqbal Choudhary, Coordinator General COMSTech/ Director ICCBS honored by the government of China with the Chinese Government's Friendship Award. The award was presented by His Excellency Mr. Nong Rong, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China in Pakistan in a special ceremony held at the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad.

Chinese Government's Friendship Award is the People's Republic of

China's highest award for "foreign experts who have made outstanding contributions to the country's economic and social progress". The award consists upon a medal and an award certificate.

Prof. Choudhary has played a key China-Pakistan cooperation in the field of S&T, including establishment of Sino-Pakistan centers in various fields, including the national institute of virology at the PCMD, in collaboration of Wuhan Institute of Virology, China. ♦

contribution to cooperation.

For his part, the Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kistafin emphasized the importance of strengthening bilateral cooperation in the field of education. He noted that during the meetings of President K. Tokayev with the Prime Minister of Pakistan Shahbaz Sharif, the Head of State invited Pakistani youth to study at Kazakhstani universities.

As a result, a decision to form

"Kazakhstan is my second homeland" Graduate Association and appoint Prof. Choudhary as a President was made.

The members of the Association agreed to hold the next event in February 2023, during which they are going to approve the action plan and determine the main activity directions.

The Embassy of Kazakhstan expresses its gratitude to Prof. Choudhary and his team. ♦



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