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Foreword

The Foreign Service Academy Islamabad in addition to training and grooming new entrants of Pakistan Foreign Service has had the privilege to host and train diplomats from all across the globe. Our signature programmes and courses have helped impart knowledge and skills to hundreds of diplomats and high officials belonging to foreign services ranging from Africa to the Middle East to Europe, and from Central Asia to Latin America .



Iftekhar Aziz
Director General

Roughly, for every single fresh entrant of our own, we have trained two from abroad. During 2016-17, we have been able to run the 36th Specialized Diplomatic Course for FSP officers in which 22 probationers graduated. Moreover, two courses for foreign diplomats were also held in which over 65 diplomats from over 37 countries participated. The third course for foreign diplomats is scheduled in Oct/Nov 2017. It is a measure of success that within the developing world diplomatic fraternity, our programmes are highly rated, and eagerly sought after.

In facilitating a greater understanding of complex twenty-first century challenges, we have sought to give primacy to the developing world perspective. In upholding Pakistan's finest traditions of hospitality, friendship and goodwill, we have endeavoured to give our valued guests a glimpse of the real Pakistan, and through in-depth discussions and analyses, as well as field trips and tours, a deeper appreciation of the country's outlook, promise and potential.

We view our foreign trainees also as ambassadors for Pakistan and their respective countries. The caucus of these Ambassadors, our international alumni, has grown in number over the years, and is happily today, more than twelve hundred strong. We firmly believe that the profound relationships we have forged here must not be allowed to be withered away by time or distance. This tree of friendship must be nurtured further.

I am glad that after a gap of few years, the Academy has been able to publish its magazine, which I am sure, will provide the readers with a glimpse of the academic and extra-curricular activities at the Foreign Service Academy. The editorial team of the magazine has in addition to generating creative contents, worked extensively to report on events in and around the Academy. I hope the Magazine team will further build on this information.

Amb. Iftekhar Aziz
Director General
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Islamabad

Editor's Note



There is never a dull moment at the Foreign Service Academy!

The past year has been a busy year with number of courses and delegation visits. The courses included activities related to academic sessions, field trips and numerous study tours to exciting places stretching from Khunjrab Pass in the North to Gwadar & Karachi in the South. This year, the Academy also resumed study tours of foreign participants to Karachi, after a gap of eight years, a reflection of improved security situation.

It gives me immense pleasure to present you the third edition of Academy's Magazine. This edition is a colorful combination of articles, experiences and poetry contributed by probationary officers and foreign participants. The Magazine also includes information about various courses held at the Academy during past one year.

It highlights all the academic and non-academic activities of the courses in addition to the visits by foreign delegations.

My sincere thanks to the Director General, Ambassador. Iftekhar Aziz and Director Programme, Mr. Sajjad Haider Khan for their guidance and support in putting this edition together. I hope, this edition, would not only help our course participants to refresh their memorable time at the Academy but also provide an opportunity to its readers to have a glimpse of the activities of this prestigious institution of Pakistan which is playing a crucial role in training diplomats from around the world.

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An Introduction of Foreign Service Academy and its Achievements

The Foreign Service of Pakistan consists of civil servants who represent Pakistan at the international stage. The Service is as old as the country itself. Notwithstanding the crucial role of the Foreign Service of Pakistan, there was no institution before 1981 for imparting training to the new entrants in the Foreign Service.



Sajjad Haider Khan
Director Programme

Appreciating the need to establish an Institute in Pakistan with a clear mandate to impart Specialized Diplomatic Training to the newly selected Foreign Service Officers, the Cabinet in its meeting held on December, 1980 appointed an eight member committee headed by the Establishment Secretary as (Chairman) which held three meetings to look into all aspects connected with the training of FAG Officers since 1949. Two U.N. Consultants Mr. Edmund Gullion, former Dean of Fletcher School and Prof. Ralph Feltham, Director, Oxford University Foreign Service Programme, were also consulted.

Consequently, the institution to train diplomats was established in July 1981 as the Foreign Service Training Institute, which became an autonomous body in July 1985. The Institute was re-named as Foreign Service Academy in 1993 and with years of hard work the Academy was able to receive ISO Certification in year 2000.

The Foreign Service Academy has been imparting training not only to fresh entrants of the Pakistan Foreign Service but also diplomats (mainly developing countries) from around the world.

Since its establishment in 1981, the Foreign Service Academy has successfully conducted thirty six specialized diplomatic courses each of approximately nine-month duration, imparting training to Pakistan Foreign Service officers. The thirty-seventh Specialized Diplomatic Course (SDC) comprising 26 officers is currently underway, and is expected to be completed by January 2018.

The subjects being taught at the Academy include: Pakistan Foreign Policy and External Relations, International Law, International Politics, International Economics, International Organizations, Diplomatic Theory, Practice and Protocol and Pakistan Foreign Trade.

The Course is conducted by the Academy's visiting faculty, which includes a rich mix of experienced academics as well as eminent practitioners including serving and retired members of the Foreign Service of Pakistan. Foreign experts specialising in courses taught at FSA are also invited on a regular basis.

The Academy's own signature programmes and courses, being run regularly since 1986, have imparted training and skills to 1277 diplomats and high officials belonging to foreign services ranging from Africa to the Middle East and Afghanistan, and from Central Asia to Latin America and Europe (Summary of these courses and foreign participation is given in the chart below). This has afforded an opportunity to forge linkages, and project the Pakistan's strengths and capabilities. It is a measure of success that within the developing world diplomatic fraternity, our programmes are rated high, and sought after.

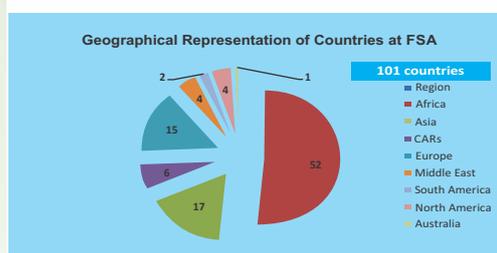
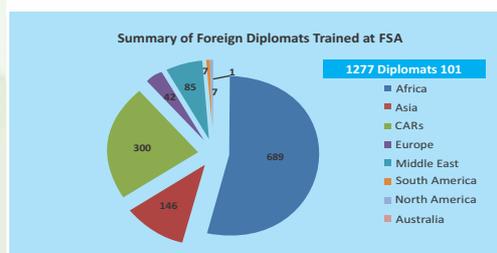
In addition to the above core functionalities, the Academy has been conducting comprehensive Pre-Posting Orientation Courses for officers and spouses, both from the Foreign Service as well as other national Services represented abroad. The Academy has also been conducting short duration courses and seminars on diplomacy and financial management for defence and community welfare attaches. Details of these short courses can be seen in the chart below. The aim of the courses is to prepare families for the discharge of representational duties abroad.

Existing Linkages

To further build the capacity of our probationers, as well as upgrade teaching methodologies, the Academy has concluded a Memorandum of Understanding with the Netherlands Institute of International Relations, Clingendael since 2005 which envisages fully funded six-week training to ten of our probationers every year up till 2018.

With a view to ensuring equitable capacity building of the entire batch of FSP officers, the Academy and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is endeavoring to explore the possibility of getting fully-funded short-term courses of two-three weeks for the left over trainees from Clingendael Institute.

No of Courses	Course Name	No of Participants
25	Advanced Diplomatic Courses	499
14	Specialized Diplomatic Courses (upto 23 rd SDC)	136
24	Junior Diplomatic Courses	609
1	Specialized Diplomatic course for Afghanistan	09
1	Special Diplomatic Course for Iraq	10
1	Advanced Diplomatic Course for ASEAN	14
	Total Foreign Participants	1277



No of Courses	Course Name	No of Participants
36	Specialized Diplomatic Course for FSP Officers BPS-17	596
02	Advanced Diplomatic Course for FSP Officers BPS-19	12
12	Diplomatic Orientation Course (Attaches')	155
09	Orientation Course (Spouses)	294
04	Capacity Building Course for FSP officers	49
07	Financial and Administrative Course for FSP officers	100
01	Short Orientation course for Labour Attaches	10
01	Course for Foreign office Interus	15
01	Six Days combined training programme for FSP probationers and Information Service and Commerce and Trade group probationers	21
01	Workshop on Diplomatic Practices & Organization	41
	Total Pakistani Participants	1293

Region	No. of Countries	Total participants
Africa	52	689
Asia	17	146
CARs	6	300
Europe	15	42
Middle East	4	85
South America	2	7
North America	4	7
Australia (Fiji)	1	1
Total:	101	1277

A Defense of Daydreaming

Daydreaming is all about creating a beautiful world of our choice and living life on our terms in that imaginary domain. Unfortunately, this highly entertaining activity is often looked down upon as a waste of time. Remember those occasions when you were pulled up in class because your faraway looks gave you away? If you were just called plain lazy then, you could be labelled as 'attention deficit' now - a more politically correct term for those of us who shut out the boring lectures and find relief elsewhere.



Shahnawaz Khan

Daydreaming comes in many shapes and types. Mainly, there is the accidental wandering of the mind that happens to almost everyone, and then there's the deliberate type of daydreaming that some of us set time aside for. Psychologists say that about 30% of our waking time is spent in mind wandering, whether we do it intentionally or not.

Some of us daydream about disjointed events like winning a lottery and splurging on luxuries or performing on stage and basking in the applause of the audience. Others create elaborate alternate worlds populated by imaginary characters that form their friends, lovers and family members. They live out their dream careers and have all the success they crave for. The virtual game of Second Life is a poor comparison to the world our daydreams wander in.

Daydreaming has its uses. In kids, we call it imaginary play or role playing, and consider it quite normal. Kids learn about social life and develop a sense of justice and morality through this activity. But, as we grow older, we tend to turn inwards and do the daydreaming almost completely in our mind. Many youngsters spend hours in the fantasy world of their own making, but they tend to do it away from others fearing ridicule. Their parents and teachers worry—often unnecessarily—about the amount of time being wasted doing 'nothing.'

Freud considered daydreaming infantile, but many of the latest studies are extolling its virtues and lamenting that digital devices are usurping the time we used to spend on this activity. The creative freedom offered by daydreams can help us realize our goals in real life. They provide insights that are otherwise hidden from our conscious mind.

Unlike dreams, daydreams are always friendly, and we are in complete control of any situation. Where else can we race our bikes like the professionals and escape without a scratch? We can have perfect conversations with someone we fancy, or polish it over many sessions. We could take revenge on those who have hurt us; settle scores; all without hurting a soul. It is cathartic at the very least. With the yarn of an exciting daydream in our hands, we don't need drinks or drugs to give us a high.

So, don't be discouraged the next time someone ridicules you for daydreaming. Just give them a smug look and pity them for having an obviously boring life.

The Boy in Ambulance

A fictional story based on Syria

I was born just like any other ordinary child. My father was a local merchant. He had a carpet shop in the market located in the central Aleppo. Many people including Westerns would go daily to visit this market to buy or check Persian carpets, or shops selling wooden work of old Arabic calligraphy or purchase old Persian-Arabic style artifacts and crockery from there. In the afternoon the market would always be buzzing with onlookers, window shoppers and serious buyers. It was a time when Aleppo was a peaceful and serene city. Bashar ul Assad the successor of Hafizul Assad, who ruled Syria with an iron fist for many decades, had brought stability to the country, but there was a lot of resentment also. After his departure the rein of the throne was transferred to Assad, his progeny.



Fahad Ur Rehman

It was a period when the region was passing through a lot of tumult and transition. In the December of 2010 a man in Tunisia burned himself in protest of his treatment by the police. That started a wave of resentment, upheavals and a kind of revolution in the region. Everyone thought that the time is ripe now to show exit doors to the old and worn out monarchs and dictators. To whom the rein of power has been transferred through bloodline as dynasty.

My family belonged to the Sunni sect of Islam, where majority of my family members thought that it is their religious duty now to resist and take up arms against a leader, who represent the other sect and whose family has been undeservedly ruling them since decades.

Someone was thudding the door very aggressively. It was midnight and we were all sleeping in a dungeon like basement, where a lot of other kids and families were also sleeping with us. Mothers were holding their kids as closely as they can in their embraces as if someone would come and just snatch them. The basement has an eerie type of stench that was probably due to the closure of the space for too long and no ventilation. Every day in the morning till noon, we would hear loud banging of bombs, buildings falling down, and voices of ambulances carrying the injured victims. All this was so repeated every day that now when in the evening there would be some respite or pause at late night we would consider it abnormal probably deep down inside wanting the loud music to begin again the next morning.

Finally someone opened the door and a group of people in uniform armed with AK-47s, RPGs, military daggers and grenades entered the dark basement with full force brandishing their AK-47s on the first person who opened the door for them. They were covering their faces with black masks also to cover their identities. The basement had only one source of light that had a small dim presence, may be due to the dwindling of its batteries. The little florescence of this dim light was created by a collective effort of shining small bluish white dots of torch lights that are commonly imported from China. These days nobody can afford

expensive torch lights from Western countries. China has solved many problems of the poor people. The force of armed men quickly inspected the entire place, throwing rugs, blankets, and paraphernalia of kids and women across the entire basement. After completion of ritual they turned towards some of us and asked with angry grim faces where your men are? We had no idea where they were, the only thing we knew was they had joined ranks of different groups fighting against the government forces. These armed men also knew it that women in such a chauvinistic world are usually not aware of the affairs of men. But they still asked us getting the same answer from us that they were already expecting, which was clear from the lack of any expression on their faces. Then as a departing note they warned us that if any one of us hid any information about the whereabouts of men or gave them refuge then we would be treated in the same manner as our men are. We nodded in agreement.

My mother was holding me in her embrace and we were happy that they left, despite of the fact that we knew that they would not harm us as it's common in this world. At least there is some sanity in this manly chauvinistic world that in their conflicting affairs usually they pardon us women and kids from their ferociousness. But maybe that is another way of telling us that we are not equal players. So they left and all of the women started gathering their blankets and pillows to once again get back to their old positions. Two of them had a fight also because both had a similar printed and colored blanket and they were unable to decide that which much fresher looking blanket belongs to whom. Someone intervened to stop them from getting at each other's throat.

The next morning we were told there is a period of ceasefire agreed between the rebels and the government forces so my parents and I along with my three siblings aged one, five and six went back to our apartment in the building nearby. Omran my 5 years old brother had a great fascination about fighter jets and he would always tell my parents and his friends in the streets below that he would become a fighter pilot one day. This fascination was even vivid during this bloody war. He would always look and point with excitement to any fighter jet that would pass by and start jumping in the balcony to see it and rise as high as possible with the help of iron grills to see the sight of jets as long as possible.

Later in the evening there were announcements that the ceasefire has been lifted and the government blamed the rebels for it, while the rebels blamed the government for it. To our utter dismay we had to move back to the same dungeon like basement. My father was upset and furious and he told us to stay in our apartment what may come. At night we could clearly hear bomb explosions, large bangs and artillery pounding in different parts of the city. My mother was sitting on the prayer rug after offering her prayers. Her voice was even audible during the prayer and she was praying for the safety of the city, its people and specially us. After offering her prayers suddenly she asked all of us to come close to her and she warmly embraced us all. There was so much warmth and comfort in her embrace. Deep down inside I wanted this to continue for a long time. Even during embrace my brother Omran was holding one hand in outward direction making a shape of jet with his hands and swirling it around with force back and forth like a fighter jet. Suddenly we could hear the

thundering of a real jet in our surrounding. My mother felt frightened but she didn't show it to us and took us to another room. The moment we entered the room we heard the sound that we couldn't associate with anything and then there was complete darkness. Time had stopped!

When I opened my eyes I was lying on something which I couldn't figure out there were men who looked terrified but they were a bit relieved after seeing me opening my eyes. I was alive but I could feel terrible pain around my right knee my head and a lot of bruises all over my body. After some moments I could see the whole mess and rubble of the building scattered across the place. I guess the jet that we heard actually hit our building with a bomb. After a few moments I got worried for my parents and my siblings. But someone among the crowd and amidst the loud ambulances told me that they are safe. When I was taken on the stretcher that was so dilapidated as if some clothes are tied to two worn out steels, the stretcher was laid and put to rest on the ground near an ambulance. I had a flash of some images inside the ambulance which were subliminally filtered by my mind. However, something struck me and my heart sank inside my body I gazed again at the inside of the ambulance and now I was so terribly shaken that I thought my emotions had become numb. My young brother Omran was sitting like a statue inside the ambulance and I had no clue what to say. My heart was bleeding and his gaze was fixed at one spot as if he is a soulless figure devoid of any breath, life or blood. Bloody was dripping from his head and his whole face was drained in blood. I started shouting and crying but I couldn't stand up I tried but then people around caught me and forced me to lie down again. I was in pain but the sight of my little brother whose face was drained in blood and the injuries on his face was more painful for me, I wanted to do so much for him, save him from this agony, take him away to some far flung peaceful place. I started shouting and crying the names of my parents. But I could hear no voice in return.

I had never been so helpless in my entire life. I was so young but even at that point I wanted to shout so loud and take revenge from all those people who did this to my family and my younger brother. The one who bombed us; did he know what happened to us? The next morning the government blamed the attack on rebels and Western countries, while the rebels and Western countries condemned Assad for it.

My Life in Islamabad

I still wouldn't forget the day I arrived Islamabad for the first time on 6th April, 2016. It was a beautiful day of spring, when the wind still blows cold and the sun still feels pleasant on your skin. Being the capital of the country, I had expected the city to be filled with the usual metropolis hustle bustle but the settled calm of Islamabad came as a total surprise to me. I had just moved here from the city of Lahore, where things come to life as the sun goes down—traffic, markets, eateries, people, all get charged up as the evening arrives and it gets only better with the passing of time—and so settling down in a city with the markets closing down at 9 at the evening was not easy. To be honest, it was not less than depressing. It was the first time I was experiencing living by myself independently in a separate room, paying for my living expenses while also battling homesickness at the same time, add to that the fact that we were not paid our salaries until the third month and so I had to spend every penny like it was my last.



Murk Aijaz

However, as much as I would have hated to admit it before, Islamabad grows on you. You begin to appreciate the serenity it provides, and the chance to be closer to nature. It used to rain all the time when I had arrived, for hours, all through the day and night, bringing nothing but darkness and gloom, but soon I became used to the weather. The dark clouds and the wet green fauna became the colors of my life. The heat of the sun that I had grown up loathing became something to look forward to every day.

It is a popular joke in cities like Karachi and Lahore that Islooites go to sleep at 9 in the evening. Though it might be a little exaggeration but it's true that if you go out after 9, you'll find most of the places either empty or closed. The traffic would have thinned to minimum that you could probably sit in the middle of the road and it would be hours before you'd hear a horn asking you to take a side (trust me I've tried it). However, you begin to like it—it becomes a habit, all your activities are timed in such a way that you get to have a healthy social life as well as get time for yourself. You begin to enjoy solitude and appreciate nature. Here one gets to let go of the hectic routine of a normal city life of habitual eating out and shopping, rather you get to enjoy more natural things like hiking, trekking and sight-seeing on weekends. However, it's not like we don't ever dine out. In F-5 where I live, Nandos and Khyber Dodai are two nearby places I like to eat at.

When I look back at all these months that I've spent in Islamabad, they form a beautiful beginning of my career—away from usual metropolitan worries and chaos, settling in the country's capital and learning to work as a diplomat for the rest of my life.

Islamabad might not have been easy to settle down to initially, but it sure isn't easy to move back to a life in Karachi or Lahore after the tranquility of the Capital.

Wander Lust

He always wanted to see and tour the world. He had itchy feet. After completing his education he was appointed as a clerk. With a salary in his hands, he got a chance to tour some parts of the country with his friends. But then he married and within a few years there was a string of children around his neck. He got mired down in a family life. But even now he sometimes would hold a pen between his teeth and look out of the window of his office and his eyes would rest on the green trees swaying in the gentle breeze and the birds chirping and fluttering in them. He would think about flying away with the birds and touring the world. And then his peppery boss annoying voice would wake him up from the reverie. And he would stumble towards his room.



Farhat Haider

Winters, autumns, summers and springs came and went by. And the ogre of time turned his hair salt and pepper.

It was the last of day his duty. He had served for almost forty years. His colleagues had arranged a party in his honor. They praised his precious services he had rendered for the department. They gave him cheap farewell presents packed in tinselly wrappers.

There were some problems which his pension papers and his gratuity was delayed for some days, he paid frequent visits to the account office to get his papers corrected. Restlessly all his family members were waiting for his gratuity. His one son wanted to buy a new motorbike, his second son had planned to buy a laptop and a tablet and yet another wanted money for a long tour across the country. His two daughters wanted money for their needs. The longest list of demands came from his better half. Some of his relatives and friends had also fixed their ravenous eyes on his pension and pestered him for a loan.

In the end they paid him twenty lakhs.

He held the wad of money to chest and closed his eyes whose light was dimming. For a moment he felt as if he was flying in the air over a huge world map and he could see the people of every country he passed over. He even heard their conversations that were being conducted in their languages. He thought of running away with the money and setting on a world tour without informing his family about it. He sat pondering over the pros and cons of this idea.

Then he saw his two daughters whose dowries had to be bought and his sons who were still jobless and his wife who had become old in his house washing, scrubbing, cooking. He pondered and wandered in the streets, rested in parks, sat in cafes, drank many cups of tea and smoked countless cigarettes, unaware of the traffic and noise and people around him.

He had kept his passport hidden from his family. He told them that he was going to Islamabad to see one of his friends.

And then one fine morning his family received a call from a strange number. They panicked. The terrified lady asked her son to lift the receiver. It was his father talking from Iran. 'How the hell did you get there? His wife shouted into the receiver. 'Were you kidnapped?'

'No, I came on my own accord.'

'What for?'

'I am on world tour. From Iran I would move to Turkey and then you know it is Europe. The land of my dreams.'

'What? It means that you are going to spend all your money on god dam world tour. What world tour has got to do with us, the poor folks. It suits the European people who are rich and have no families and headaches. They don't have to worry about the marriages and engagements of their kids. You are running from your responsibilities. We all have been waiting for your gratuity. You are so selfish. The dreams we could not fulfill with your monthly salary were supposed to be fulfilled with your gratuity. We had dreams. Everyone one of us had their dreams.'

'What about my dreams. All my life I kept my dreams buried in my heart. This heart of mine is a grave for the unfulfilled dreams. Never ever in my entire life I catered for my own wishes. I always strangled my wishes at the expense of your dreams. But after this moment I am not going to spend a single penny on you people. I will spend it on myself. I, me, myself. I am sorry. I might sound selfish but...I waited and waited and waited, all my life I had been waiting for this moment when I will have some money in my pocket. The money I will be able to call my own.'

'What better dreams a married man can have than to build his kids a decent house or buy one's daughters dowry and marry them off into decent families.'

'I don't care.'

'You don't know how much you have shocked us.' His sons and daughters stood aghast at this talk between their parents. 'Ok don't call us from this moment onwards. It is finished between us. Fine, His wife slammed the receiver into the cradle.'

Towards the evening he found himself in his house, surrounded by his family. Their house rang with happy jubilant voices.



By: Ms. Kiran Kazmi

Hope (Umeed)

With courage great a war i wage against evils of the present age:
I do not bear a fighter's name'
To chieftainship I lay no claim.

I am not conscious "bout this fact
If it is verse or other tact:
God has bestowed on me since long
His praise, reflection, charm and song.

The flood of light that makes its show
On true and faithful Man's brow:
With grandeur same is quite replete
That fills being's soul and make complete

You do not call it unbelief,
No less it is than disbelief:
That truthful man may get content
With today, for change shoe no intent.

Don't grieve, for millennium and aeons more
Still lie ahead for man in store:
That ever spinning heaven blue
Is not devoid of planets new.

Zarb e Kaleem

People don't Plan to Fail, They Just Fail to Plan

Attributed to John L. Beckley of the mid-20th century, these words have been repeated often enough by famous personalities as well as management course trainers. The sentiment behind it is that the main reason for failure is lack of planning. Well and good, but we also know that good planning is not always a guarantee for success.



Shahnawaz Khan

Planning has limitations

It makes sense to spend some time sharpening our axe before cutting the tree as Abraham Lincoln suggested. In a situation where we know exactly what we would need, planning and preparation can be easy. But soon we learn that a sharp axe alone will not cut the tree. We need skill and perseverance too.

Failure can result from improper execution of well thought out plans as well as from external factors we have no control over. For instance, Manhattan Project was a success, thanks to meticulous planning and execution, but that planning prowess didn't help in many a guerrilla war. But that is no excuse to go on a military expedition without accurate planning, though. It would be suicide.

The first phase in any venture is planning, first in our head and then in black and white. Many successful people have insisted that chance had more to do with their success than planning. But that is no reason to wait for chance to smile on us. To every success wrought out by chance, there may be hundreds achieved by proper planning and execution.

If planning is so important to prevent failure, why do so many of us fail to plan the course of our lives?

Unfortunately, planning your life is not easy. It is like driving on a mountain course with twists and turns and danger of avalanches and landslides. It is nowhere like driving on a highway where you have enough visibility to factor in obstructions ahead and make alternate plans.

Short-term plans have more success than long-term ones owing to the predictability of external factors. There are more opportunities for error on a longer course, but is there anyone who'd rather have a shorter life than make some mistakes along the way?

How early can we start planning our future? Before CTP or after we formally start our jobs? New doors open at every step, new choices to be made as times change, so charting our course beforehand and following it through might mean missing opportunities.

Keeping it flexible

Haven't you noticed that unplanned parties and unscheduled holidays seem to be more fun than planned ones? A backpacking trip with no schedule, no reservations or timeframe can be most satisfying and successful. But the same will not work out for a business trip. You need to plan your travel itinerary and book tickets and accommodations and fix appointments.

The difference is that the former is experience-based and its success is assessed subjectively. On the other hand, a goal-based project has a definite objective, and if that is not achieved, it will be counted a failure. Unfortunately, life cannot be put into either category; it is a mixture of both worlds.

Some of us make the mistake of making no plans and drifting aimlessly, while others make watertight plans that are inflexible and suffocating. One may find the highly planned and streamlined lives of many academics absolutely boring.

Make plans to achieve some goals in life, but do allow a great degree of flexibility to make life worth living.



Aimen Nadeem

How can I beseech Thee from Thyself?

How can I beseech Thee from Thyself?
My cup is a way too small to contain
The infinity of the Love You behold.
You see me immersed
In this pain of longing for Thee
You listen the songs of joy and of sorrow
That my heart sings in Your remembrance
And I hope You listen as well
The song of silence
Echoed all around the universe
And which primarily emerged from
The fathoms of my heart.

I might not appear broken
But be it known to You
That my spirit is scattered
In a thousand many pieces.
They don't see me crying or weeping
But You Know it all and See it all
That the tears of my soul
Have drenched all life's being
That I wear splendid garments of splendid colors
Yet the robe of my love is but tattered.
That the color has faded from its countenance
And the wounds inflicted by Your Indifference
Need to be healed now
And that also
By Your Own Loving Hand.

O My Lord!
Even though my cup is a way too small
To contain the infinite Love of Yours
Let me have a draught or two
From the splendid oceans of Love
That You behold!

If the union with your soul
Could only be acquired
Through the purification of my soul
Since Yours is the purest soul
Then burn me my Love!
Burn me in the fire of Your Love.
Burn as fiercely as You want
And consume all that is bad in me.
If my soul needs ablutions to be purified
Drench me, immerse me, and dip me
Into the very waters of Life and Love and Light
But expunge my soul at all costs.
Keep me into the waters
Until my breath comes to a halt
But wash away all the dirt
Of fear and of doubt and of sin.
If you would let me embrace Thyself
Only when I transform myself
Into Light and Love and Life
And if this transformation needs
Becoming endued
With the attributes of Your appellation
Please do that.
Do that the way you want
But grant me an encounter
With Yourself --- with Myself.
I know not a thing about Your ways and schemes
You might do that with force
Since You are all Force
And You might do that with Love
Since You are all Love.
I beg You to arrange a meeting
Between You and Me
Albeit between Me and Me
Through the medium of Your finest and highest quality -
Love.

CLINGENDAEL CHRONICLE

'To travel, to experience and learn: that is to live.'

Tenzing Norgay

The Netherlands Institute of International Relations 'Clingendael' is one of the world's leading think tank and diplomatic training academy that has its alumni spread over more than half of the world. Almost one third of the officer cadre of Pakistan's Foreign Service has been trained at this renowned institution. It was indeed a life time experience to have been trained at Clingendael this year.



Sumair Gul

The Five week training at Clingendael was our first exposure to the world of diplomacy. The uniqueness of this course could be judged from the fact that it consisted of ten participants from Bangladesh also. Moreover, frequent interactions with officers from Dutch Foreign Ministry made it an all in one package of learning and networking. Training methodology at Clingendael consisted of theoretical introductions followed by in-depth interactive sessions, which were deliberately designed to allow application of our academic excellence gained at FSA to practical situations. The customized training modules encompassed negotiation skills, International economics, Security and sustainability Issues, Public diplomacy and Public International Law. Each module consisted of simulation exercises which once added with real time scenarios and analysis oriented dilemmas became litmus test of our acquired abilities. Some of the interesting training activities at Clingendael included:

- Case studies on UN peacekeeping missions and role of UN Security Council
- Case studies on application of diplomatic immunities and privileges
- Exercises in debating and effective argumentation techniques
- Bilateral and multilateral negotiation simulations
- Exercises in speech writing and delivering

Being hosted by the city of Hague, how could one miss cherishing its stately architecture and soothing sea breeze of the North Sea. With International Criminal Court and the Peace Palace that houses International Court of Justice and Permanent Court of Arbitration at its center, the city of Hague is rightly called the International city of peace and justice. As part of our training we visited all three courts, where we not only discussed the intricacies of legal matters affecting Pakistan directly with the office holders in these courts but also witnessed the proceedings of the International Criminal Court.

The real charm of Foreign Service is in meeting and interacting with the global elites and policy makers. During our training module on EU we travelled from The Hague to Brussels to interact with the actual practitioners of EU policies; the representatives of European Commission and the Members of the European Parliament. These conversations helped us in understanding and analyzing the perspective and perceptions of the EU leadership about Pakistan in particular and South Asia in general.

The concluding module of the training contained discussions on international economic and

sustainability issues with experts from WTO, Clingendael International Energy Program and the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Finally, it was time to discover the secret of Netherland's prosperity; the Port of Rotterdam, the largest in Europe. The way the operations of that gigantic port were being managed through use of technology and innovation was truly an astounding learning. In nutshell, the Clingendael gave us some indelible souvenirs in the shape of its lasting lessons, memories and cherishing experiences.



Indoor Classes



Visit to European Commission



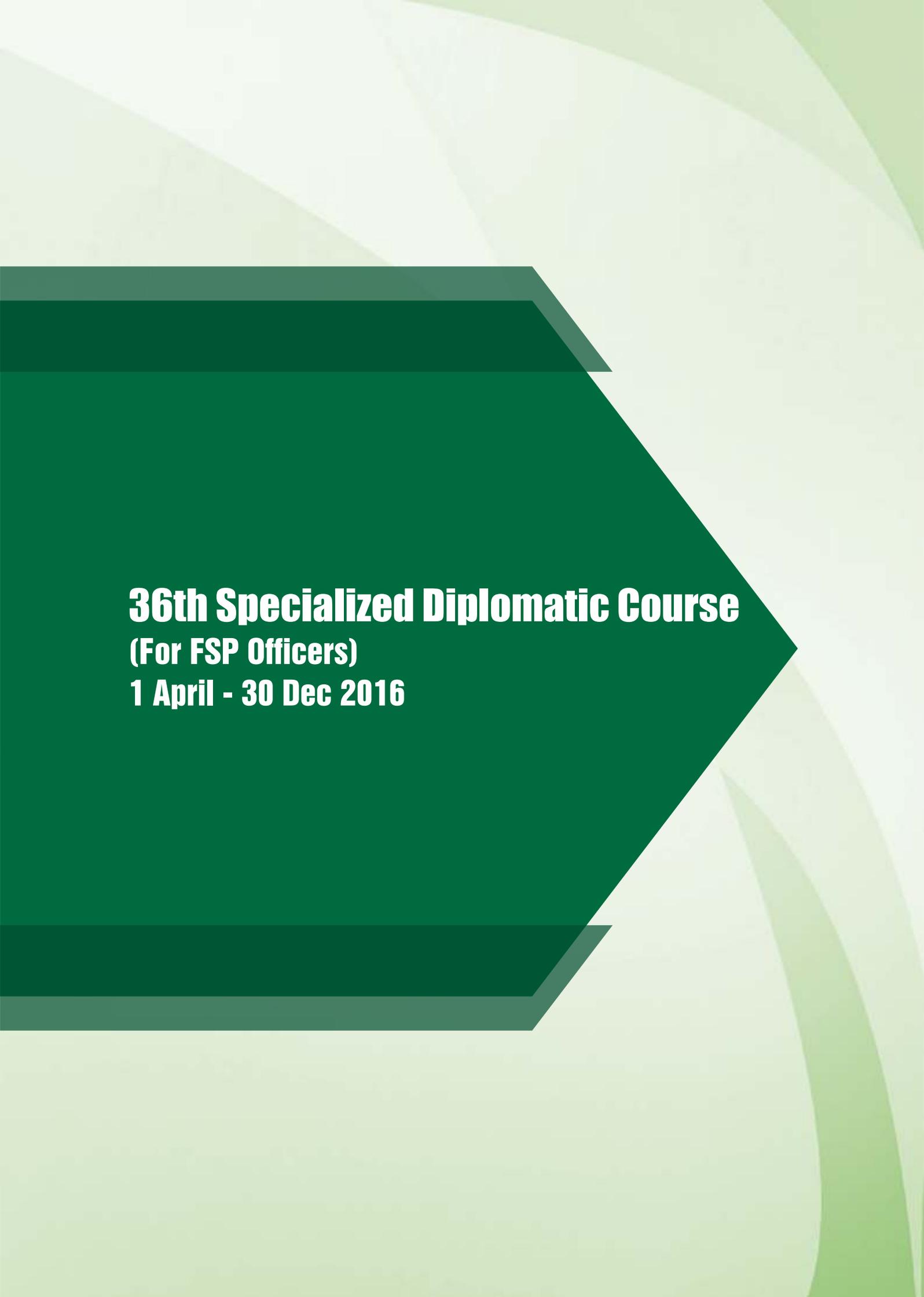
Visit to Berlin



Dinner at Pakistan House, the Hague



Visit to Prague



36th Specialized Diplomatic Course
(For FSP Officers)
1 April - 30 Dec 2016

36th Specialized Diplomatic Course

The nine months long Specialized Diplomatic Course meant for the new entrants of Foreign Service of Pakistan commenced on 11 April 2016. Twenty Two probationary officers successfully completed this course and graduated on 30 December 2016.

Participants



Ahmad



Aimen



Arslan



Abdul Bari



Fahad



Faisal



Farhat



Gulnaz



Habib



Khayal



Kiran Akbar



Kiran Kazmi



Mariah



Moazzam



Murk



Ramiz



Razzaque



Saima



Salman



Shafiq



Shahnawaz



Sumair

Course Directors



Amb. (R) Saeed Khalid
Diplomatic Theory, Practice & Protocol



Ambassador (R) Khalid Mehmood
International Organizations



Ambassador (R) Shafkat Saeed
Pakistan's Foreign Policy and External Relations



Dr. Faqir Hussain
International Law



Dr. Syed Rifaat Hussain
International Politics



Dr. Aneel Salman
International Economics, Pakistan's Foreign Trade

Indoor Classes

The course helped broaden the knowledge and intellectual base of the trainees besides promoting cross-cultural understanding and sharpening the analytical and public relations skills of the participants. During the training period, the Academy invited prominent scholars, resident foreign Ambassadors, senior serving/retired foreign service officers for extensive interaction with the young trainees.

A pictorial glance of the Academic and non-academic activities are here:-



Mr. Shafkat Jalil DG EP Ministry of Information



Dr. Mohammad Irfan Deputy Secretary WTO



Dr. Safdar Sohail



lecture on Digital Diplomacy by Mr. Shakeel Ramay



Amb. Syed Tariq Fatemi SAPM MOFA



Inaugural Day



Mr. Ashfaq Mahmood



Mr. UXI Mufti



Workshop on Negotiation Skill



Mr. Mohammad Nafees Zakaria Spokesperson
& Additional Secretary



Mr. Khayyam Akbar Director General Personnel



Mr. Tauqeer Ahmed



Ms. Tasnim Aslam AS (UN)



Ms. Salma Malik Assistant Professor QAU



Foreign Ambassadors



Ambassador of Netherlands



British High Commissioner



Ambassador of Netherlands



Ambassador of Argentina



Ambassador of Iran



British High Commissioner



Ambassador of Iran



Ambassador of Turkey



Ambassador of Germany



Political counsellor, Russian Embassy



Ambassador of Turkey

Field Visits

The trainees were taken to a number of tours/trips including visits to important organizations/ Ministries i.e NADRA, Passport office, National Assembly, Supreme Court, National Security Division, Strategic Plans Division, Military Operations Directorate, ISPR, POF Wah and Heavy Mechanical Complex Taxila etc. Some of the activities can be seen in the following pictorials:-



Visit to PTV



Visit to PTV



visit to National Assembly



visit to Supreme Court



Visit to PTV



Interaction with DG Military Operations



Visit to PNCA



Visit to Military Operations Directorate.



Visit to ISPR



Visit to POF



Interaction with National Security Adviser



Presenting Souvenir to National Security Adviser

Study Tour to Gilgit - Baltistan

The course participants were also taken for Country Study tours including to Gilgit-Baltistan and AJK region, Lahore- Sialkot and Karachi-Gwadar. Besides day trips to WahCantt, Taxila & Hassanabdal were also undertaken.

During the study tour to Gilgit-Baltistan, Naran and Azad Jammu & Kashmir, from 3 -10 September 2016, the officers held meetings/interactions with a number of senior officials and NGOs including Home Secretary GB, Secretary Tourism (GB), Chief Minister GB, Chamber of Commerce (GB), Agha Khan Development Network, NATCO. In Hunza, probationary officers visited Baltit Fort, Eagles Nest, Khunjrab Pass and Sust Dry port. On return journey, probationers received briefing on Diamer-Basha Dam at Babusar Top, visited Lake Saif ul Muluk and then in Muzaffarabad had the opportunity to meet the Speaker of AJK Assembly besides visiting the State Disaster Management Authority AJK.

Some of the pictures are:-



Gilgit



Speaker AJK Assembly



Interaction with CM GB



Interaction with Secretary Home



Baltit Fort, Hunza



Khunjab Paas



Lake Saif ul Maluk



Lake Saif ul Maluk



Lake Saif ul Maluk



Chinar Bagh Gilgit



Where Three Mountain Ranges Meet



Sost Dry Port



Sightseeing



Study Tour to Sialkot - Lahore

Tour to Silakot & Lahore was arranged from 11-13 November 2016. During tour Probationers were taken to export oriented industries which included Forward Sports and Technimen surgical company. Besides, group interacted with senior members of Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry. In Lahore participants visited newly established Punjab Police Command, Control & Communication Centre (PPIC3). In the evening, under training officers of 36th SDC hosted a welcome for the upcoming batch (44th CTP) of FSP officers.



Dinner hosted for 44th CTP



Dinner hosted for 44th CTP



Group Photo with New Batch



Forward Sports



Forward Sports, Silakot



Sialkot Chamber of Commerce



Visit to PPIC3 Lahore



Visit to PPIC 3, Lahore

Study Tour to Karachi - Gwadar

The third and last country study tour was tour to Karachi & Gwadar. In Karachi, official activities started from Wreath laying at the Mausoleum of Quaid e Azam. In Karachi, Probationers held meeting/interactions with Chief Secretary- Sindh and were briefed on investment opportunities in the Province, interaction with Director General -Pakistan Rangers, visit to Port Qasim, briefing on Maritime Security and visit to PNS Aslat, Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Pak Suzuki Motors, Aman Foundation, State Bank of Pakistan and Briefing on Functions of State Bank of Pakistan followed by visit to Museum of State Bank of Pakistan.

In Gwadar, participants were taken to Gwadar Development Authority and were briefed about the project. They visited Gwadar Port also. Some of the photographs of tour are:-



Chief Secretary Sindh



Cruise Ride



Cruise Ride



Chief Secretary Sindh



Group Photo with Officials of TDAP



Port Qasim



Cruise Circle



Enjoyment at Gwadar Beach



Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry



Gwadar Airport



Gwadar Beach



Gwadar Port



Gwadar Port



Interaction with DG Rangers Sindh



Marina Club, Karachi



Mausoleum of Quaid e Azam



Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry



Visit to Aman Foundation



Visit to Maritime Security Agency



Visit to Naval Dockyard, PNS Zulfiqar



With DG Rangers, Sindh

Passing out Ceremony

Probationary officers successfully graduated from the Academy on 30 December 2016. Some pictures of Passing out ceremony are here:-





24th Junior Diplomatic Course

(For Foreign Diplomats)

21 Nov - 30 Dec 2016

24th Junior Diplomatic Course

(21 November - 30 December 2016)

The 24th Junior Diplomatic course comprising 37 diplomats from 35 countries from a diverse region such as Africa, South East Asia, Europe, Americas, Central Asia and Far East commenced their six-week training at the Foreign Service Academy on 21 November 2016.

Participants



Naqshbandzada
(Afghanistan)



Faridullah
(Afghanistan)



Haris
(Afghanistan)



Noelia
(Argentina)



Yancy
(Belize)



Hugo
(Brazil)



Some
(Burkina Faso)



Nao
(Cambodia)



Mario
(Cameroon)



Zhu
(China)



Jorge
(Costa Rica)



Goran
(Croatia)



Jebava
(Czech Republic)



Mesgana
(Ethiopia)



Atama
(Fiji)



Matilda
(Ghana)



Sartono
(Indonesia)



Dianaross
(Kenya)



Toulakhom
(Lao PDR)



Relebohile
(Lesotho)



Nijole
(Lithuania)



Agim
(Macedonia)



Azizah
(Malaysia)



Mariana
(Mexico)



Ye
(Myanmar)



Sahidou
(Niger)



Abbas
(Nigeria)



Andrei
(Romania)



Saïda
(Sierra Leone)



Shaahid
(South Africa)



Zokirjon
(Tajikistan)



Germanus
(Tanzania)



Shayanid
(Thailand)



Wembie
(Togo)



Otabek
(Uzbekistan)



Mashingaidze
(Zimbabwe)



Dang
(Vietnam)

The course meant to develop diplomatic skills of the participants through intensive curriculum in international relations and diplomacy. They included an overview of the basic concepts and issues relevant to contemporary diplomacy, particularly from a developing world perspective. Participants of the courses were also introduced to Pakistani culture and society, government and politics, as well as its economy.

During their stay in Islamabad, the participants have had the opportunity to experience and study first hand, Pakistan, its people, history, cultures & cuisines as well as its prospects and potentials.

During six weeks of their training, the Academy arranged orientation tours to Lahore- Sialkot, Murree and Muzzafarabad, and Karachi.



Indoor Classes

During six week long course for junior diplomats Foreign Service Academy invited eminent speakers including academicians, experts and retired/serving foreign service officials from MOFA and other Ministries also for talks/interactions on a number of issues. Few of the topics are following:

Role of media in International Relations, Cultural Mores of Pakistan, Workshop on Negotiating skills, Nuclearization of South Asia, Pakistan-India Relations and Kashmir Dispute.



Group Participants during Class



Lecture on Kashmir issue



Group Photo with Aftab Hussain Wani



Talk by Spokesperson



Opening Day



Talk on Cultural Mores



With Gen Lodin, Chief of UNMOGIP

Field Visits

In addition to study tours to other cities, FSA arranged other field trips also. These trips included one day trip to POF, Wah, one day trip to POF, Kamra and Hassanabdal. In Islamabad also, Participants visited different Organizations/institution of excellence which included National Defense University, National Assembly, Board of Investment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Pakistan National Council of Arts etc. Some of the pictures are:-



National Assembly



NDU



NDU



PAC, Kamra



PNCA



Interaction with Foreign Secretary



MOFA



National Assembly



with Speaker National Assembly



with Foreign Secretary



POF, Wah



POF, Wah

Visit to Sialkot - Lahore

During the study tour to Sialkot & Lahore, the participants held meeting/interaction with high level officials and visited a number of institutions/organizations also. it included visit to export oriented industries in Sialkot (Sports company, surgical company and leather company) followed by interaction with Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Interaction with Chief Secretary Punjab, visits to Educational institutions in Lahore (Lahore university of Management Sciences, National College of Arts, Institute of Fashion Design), Wagha Border Lahore and Punjab Police Integration command, Control & Communication (PPIC3)



Shahi Fort



Rikshaw ride to walled city



Shahi Fort



Group photo with Rector of National School of Public Policy



Shahi Fort



Dinner at cuckoo's Den



Dinner at cuckoo's Den.



Group Photo with Chief Secretary, Punjab



Visit to National college of Arts, Lahore



Dinner hosted by DCO Sialkot.JPG



Walled City



Masjid Wazir Khan



Masjid Wazir Khan



Forward Sports



Forward Sports



Institute of Fashion Design, Lahore



Institute of Fashion Design, Lahore



Institute of Fashion Design, Lahore



LUMS



NCA, Lahore



Institute of Fashion Design, Lahore



SCCI



SCCI



US Appare Lahore



Wagha Border Lahore



Wagha Border Lahore



US Apparel



Wagha Border Lahore

Study Tour to Karachi

In Karachi foreign diplomats had opportunity to meet/interact with Chief Secretary Sindh, Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce, Pakistan Navy Establishment, Sindh Institute of Urology & Transplant, Aman Foundation, and Institute of Performing Arts etc.



Mausoleum of Quaid e Azam





Cruise Ride



Cruise Ride



Interactive with Chief Secretary



Dinner at Karachi



Visit to PNS Zulfiqar



Visit SIUT



Group with Members of FPCCT

Study Tour to Murree & AJK

During tour to Murree and AJK, Participants interacted with President AJK and Kashmir youth Forum. They visited sites of Neelum Jhelum Project also.



Murree



With President AJK



Mall Road, Murree



Murree



Sightseeing

To let the foreign diplomats know about our rich cultural and religious heritage, FSA arranged tours to religious Heritage/Cultural/touristic organizations/sites (Taxila Museum, Taxila Buddhist site, Lahore Museum, PNCA, Khewra Salt Mines, Badshahi mosque, Faisal Mosque, Katas Raj Temples, Punja Sahib, Walled City Lahore, Badshahi Mosque, Lahore Fort etc.



Damn e Koh



Damn e Koh



Damn e Koh



dance performance at PNCA



Dinner at Monal



Lahore Fort



Katas Raj Temples



Masjed Wazir Khan



Faisal Mosque



Fun at Monal



Khwera Salt Mine



Lok Virsa



Monal



Shopping



Taxila

Cultural Night

Participants have had the opportunity to enjoy Musical/culinary activities (Cultural night in first week, held at Islamabad Hotel. A Famous wskumtal band “Khumariyaan” performed in this audotoruim.



Graduation Ceremony

Course concluded on 30 December 2016.



Letter of Thanks by Croatian Diplomat

Allow me to start by repeating my sincere thanks the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in Sarajevo for giving me the opportunity to take part in last year's 24th Junior Diplomatic Course in Islamabad and for all the assistance provided before my trip. The fact that I was the first Croatian diplomat to take part in this program makes me even more proud and I sincerely hope that my colleagues will follow suit. They will most certainly have my strongest recommendation to do so.



(Mr. Goran Jutriša)

The course was an excellent opportunity to learn more about Pakistani foreign policy and its priorities and I was very pleasantly surprised by the level of thought and analysis that rests behind those foreign policy objectives. This was especially evident when we made a call on the Foreign Secretary Mr. Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry - an alumnus of *The Fletcher School* in Boston, like myself – who spoke clearly and candidly about the challenges that Pakistan faces and the strategy to tackle them. In learning more about the foreign policy, we were also lectured by Mr. Mohammed Nafees Zakaria, the spokesperson, and Mr. Khayyam Akbar, also of the Foreign Ministry. We also had the opportunity to visit the Pakistani Parliament and interact with Mr. Sartaj Aziz, who was the chief guest at our graduation ceremony, handing out diplomas and talking to each participant individually.

It was also very useful to learn more about the issue of Kashmir during the course. My understanding of the issue before the course was, I must admit, limited – but through lectures on the history of the area, the relationship between Pakistan and India, the issue of human rights in Kashmir, and through exploring this issue in the context of Pakistan's priorities within the UN, I feel we have all learnt much more about the importance that Pakistan attaches to this question. We also visited Kashmir and spent three days in the area, during which we spoke to President Masood Khan and interacted with youth advocacy NGOs active in Kashmir. We were also given the opportunity to visit the site of the Neelum–Jhelum Hydropower Plant close to Muzaffarabad. It is an inspiring testimony of the transformative effects that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor – of which we heard a lot – has and will likely have on your country and its neighbors.

I would have to spend much more of your time to enumerate all that we did in the six weeks that we spent in Pakistan, but let me highlight two other elements of the program that I enjoyed a lot as they made me aware of the linkages that exist between Croatia and Pakistan. First, with the help of my colleagues in Zagreb, while I was in Islamabad, I got in touch with a group of Croatian soldiers serving as military observers in UNMOGIP. Croatia is the largest troop contributing country in that mission and I was very proud to learn about their great contribution to peace in Kashmir. Thanks to Ambassador Iftekhar Aziz and Director Sajjad Khan, amendments were made to the program of the course so as to accommodate a lecture by General Per Gustaf Lodin, head of mission, and his deputy, Colonel Davorko Jokić of Croatia. Judging by the feedback from the participants, this was a very good lecture and participants appreciated an objective – yet truthful – assessment of

the situation, and it makes me very proud that I helped shape this part of the program. The second linkage between our two countries that may not be immediately obvious is the great cooperation that exists between the Croatian Institute for Transplantation and Biomedicine and the Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation in Karachi. I was humbled and happy to hear from Dr. Adeeb Rizvi that Croatia is „a shining star“ and a role model for them in transplantation medicine. Upon my return to Zagreb, I spoke to Dr. Mirela Bušić, our National Transplantation Coordinator, to convey this to her and congratulate her on her work and the work of her team. I am planning to hold a lecture at our Foreign Ministry on Pakistan, the Junior Diplomatic Course, the UNMOGIP and the examples of the cooperation between our two countries. I very much look forward to that.

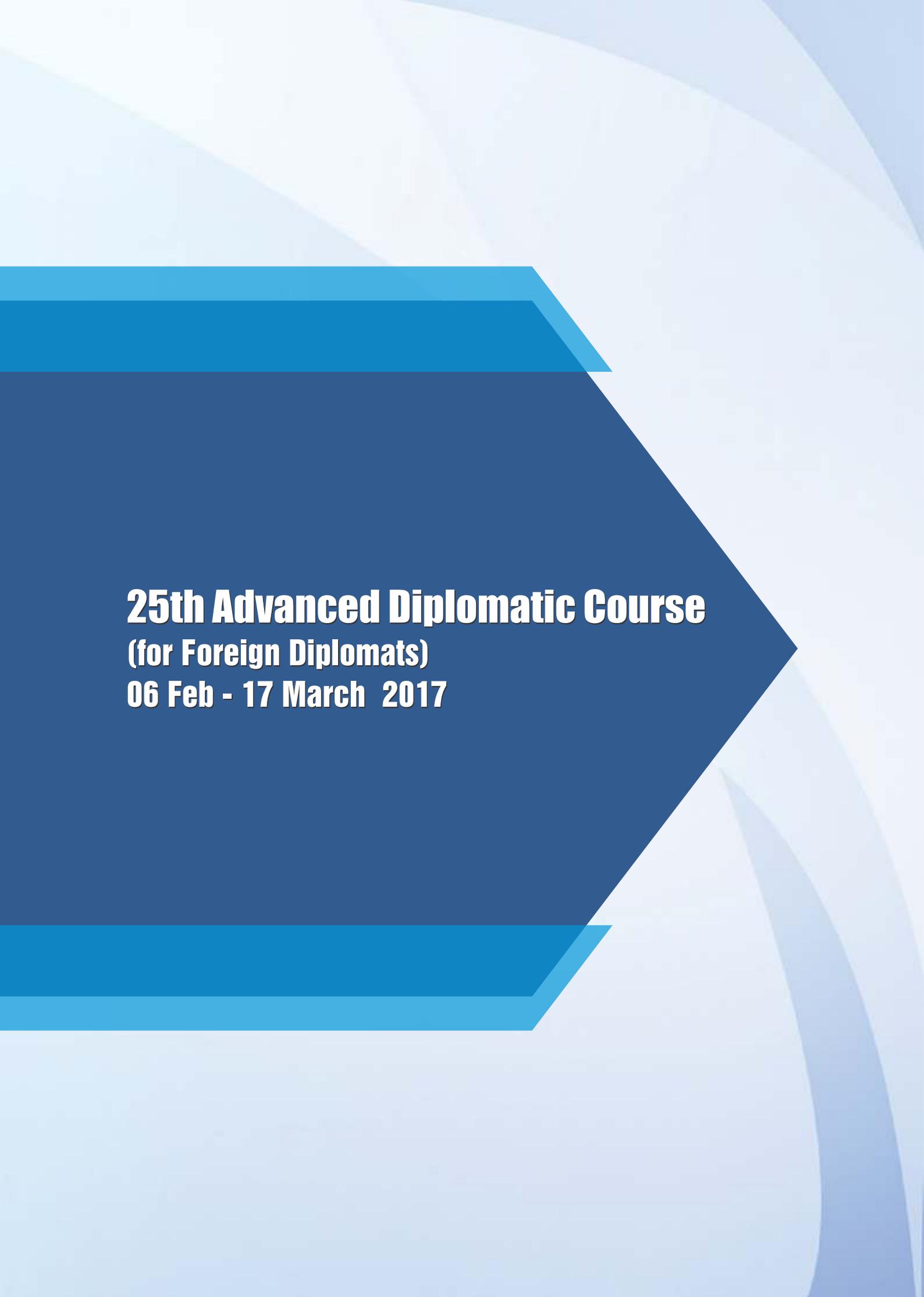
I have many Pakistani friends from the time that I studied and worked in the USA, which helped me have a picture of Pakistan well before the course. Still, it was the opportunities that I was given through this course that helped me get to know Pakistan also as a country of enormous tourism potential, thriving industry and great economic potential, as home to mesmerizing visual and performing arts and the fashion industry, as well as a place of philanthropy and care for others. Had there not been for the course and visits to sights such as Kashmir, the Khewra Salt Mines, factories of US Apparel and Adidas in Sialkot and Suzuki in Karachi, the Pakistan Ordnance Factories and the Aeronautical Complex in Kamra, the National College of Arts, the Institute of Fashion and Design and LUMS in Lahore or the Aman Foundation in Karachi, I would not have developed this perspective. I am thankful beyond words for both the academic opportunities during the course, as I am for the opportunities to explore and experience Pakistan, its people and its way of life.

My last – but not at all my least – words of appreciation go to officers at the Foreign Service Academy, in particular Ambassador Aziz, Director Khan and Assistant Director Maqsood. It took a lot of time, effort and ideas to put together a 45-day program for a group of 37 junior diplomats. I have done a lot of organizing and planning in my career, with NGOs as well as with the Foreign Ministry, and I know it is a challenge to put all the pieces together, but they rose to the challenge and did an amazing job. I have told them in person and I can only repeat it in my letter that I was humbled by their approach, full of graciousness, kindness, respect and humour. I hope I will get to meet them again and at least in part return the favor.

I was taught that nobody reads long letters, so although I feel I could continue writing about my great experiences, I feel I must stop here. Thank you again for everything, I look forward to staying in touch and – *inshallah* – meeting you sooner rather than later!

Best regards
Goran Jutriša

Attaché
 Directorate-General for International Law Affairs
 Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia



25th Advanced Diplomatic Course
(for Foreign Diplomats)
06 Feb - 17 March 2017

25th Advanced Diplomatic Course

Six week long 25th Advanced Diplomatic course was for mid-career level foreign diplomats. It comprised 28 diplomats from 25 countries from a diverse region such as Africa, South East Asia, Europe, Americas, Central Asia and Far East. The course commenced on 6th February 2017 and participants graduated on 17 March 2017.

Participants



Matraku
(Albania)



Ahmadov
(Azerbaijan)



Simakov
(Belarus)



Guerra
(Belize)



Hugo
(Brazil)



Varbanov
(Bulgaria)



Abbo
(Cameroon)



Bonifacio
(Equatorial Guinea)



Petronila
(Equatorial Guinea)



Nuru
(Ethiopia)



Tanko
(Ghana)



Yakubu
(Ghana)



Khatthavongsa
(Laos)



Henkels
(Latvia)



Mafaesa
(Lesotho)



Tally
(Liberia)



Rushev
(Macedonia)



Emini
(Macedonia)



Nizwee
(Maldives)



Abdellah
(Morocco)



Lakshuman
(Nepal)



Kralj
(Slovenia)



Gingqi
(South Africa)



Augustin
(Sri Lanka)



Kapinga
(Tanzania)



Agamyradovich
(Turkmenistan)



Dung
(Vietnam)



Mutseyekwa
(Zimbabwe)

Indoor Classes

In addition to regular lectures, the Academy arranged few important talks/interactions with guest speakers for talks on various issues. Few of the topics are: Cultural Moors of Pakistan, Workshop on negotiating skills, Workshop on Conflict Resolution, Nuclearization of South Asia, Export control regimes instituted by Pakistan, Non-Kinetic Warfare and implications for the developing world, Briefing on the Roles and functions of Strategic Plans Division, Pakistan-India Relations and Kashmir Dispute and many more.



Dr. Uxi Mufti



Amb. Shahid M.G. Kiyani



Dr. Gulfaraz



Dr. Jaspal



Dr. Maria Sultan



Opening Day



Amb. Ashraf Jehangir Qazi



Amb. Salman Bashir



Mr. Asad Majeed Khan, AS (Americas)



Amb. Ashraf Jehangir Qazi



Mr. Hamid Ashghar Khan DG (Pearl Project Division)



Amb. Shafqat Saeed



Mr. Nafees Zakriya



lecture on Climate Change



workshop on conflict resolution

Field Visits

In Islamabad, FSA took foreign diplomats to National Assembly of Pakistan and they were briefed on role and functions of National Assembly by the Special secretary, Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) and meeting with Madam Chairperson Ms.MarviMemon, Ministry of Planning and Development and briefed by the Adviser and Executive director CPEC on major developmental projects of Pakistan, COMSATS Intitute of Information Technology in Islamabad & NDU, Heavy Industries Taxila (HIT), Pakistan Ordinance Factories (POF) Wah and Pakistan Aeronautical Complex (PAC) Kamra and Visit to Joint Services Headquarters where they met with Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee. Group had meeting with the Honorable Adviser to the PM on Foreign Affairs also.



with DG Joint Services Headquarters



with chairman JCSC



at NDU



Chairperson BISP



COMSATS University



Adviser to PM on Foreign Affairs



Rector COMSATS



interaction with Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff committee



JS Headquarter



NDU



Visit to HIT, Taxila



Visit to HIT, Taxila



Visit to HIT, Taxila



Visit to HIT, Taxila



Interaction with advisor to PM on Foreign Affairs



Visit to Ministry of P & D



Visit to National Assembly



Visit to National Assembly



Visit to National Assembly



Visit to PAC



Visit to PAC



Visit to PAC



Visit to POF, wah

Study Tour to Sialkot-Lahore

During their stay in Pakistan, the participants were taken to different cities of Pakistan to experience and study first hand, Pakistan, its people, history, cultures & cuisines as well as its prospects and potentials. These orientation tours included tour to Lahore, Sialkot, Karachi, Murree and Muzzafarabad, Day trips to Taxila, Kamra and Hassanabdal.

During these trips, participants were able to visit the various institutions/ organizations of excellence. In Sialkot, they visited export oriented industries in (Talon Sports and Textile company, surgical company and a leather company) followed by Interaction with Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry In Lahore, participants had meeting with Provincial Ministers of Law, Finance and Youth followed by briefings on various aspects of governance. Other official activities included visit to Police Integrated Command and Control Centre, Lahore university of Management Sciences, Institute of Fashion Design, Flag lowering ceremony at Wagah borders and Trip to US (UmerSiddique) Apparel Ltd.



Punjab Finance Minister





Pakistan Institute of Fashion Design



Lahore Museum



Pakistan Institute of Fashion Design



Pakistan Institute of Fashion Design



PPIC3



PPIC3



PPIC3



PPIC3



Sialkot Chamber of Commerce



Stop over at Jhelum



Talon Sports



Talon Sports



US Apparel



US Apparel



Wagha Border, Lahore



With Minister of Law, Punjab

Study Tour to Karachi

In Karachi, on the first day foreign diplomats visited Mausoleum of Quaid e Azam. After that they met with the Governor, Sindh. In addition to this, they visited Karachi Port Trust followed by Cruise Lunch, Pakistan Navy Establishments and visit to PNS Zulfiqar, Interaction with Dr.AdeebRizvi followed by visit to Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation (SIUT), briefing on the success stories of Karachi Stock Exchange, briefing on State Bank of Pakistan and the Monetary Policy of Pakistan, Museum of State Bank of Pakistan and Fereyer Hall (Art Gallery of Sadqain).



Clifton Beach



Cruise Ride



Cruise Ride



Dinner at Kolachi



Clifton Beach



Mausoleum of Quaid e Azam



Mausoleum of Quaid e Azam



Naval Dockyard



Sadqain Art Galary



SIUT



State Bank Museum.



State Bank Museum



Stock Exchange

Study Tour to Murree & AJK

In Murree, participants of the course interacted with officials and students of Lawrence College Gora Gali and had leisure time also. They visited Patriata Chair lift/Cable Car and Mall Road Muree.

In Muzaffarabad, they had meeting with the President of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Interaction with Youth Forum for Kashmir (AJK) and visit to Neelum Jehlum Hydel Power Project.



President, AJK



Muzaffarabad





Patriata Chairlift



Murree



Mall Road, Murree



Murree



Neelum Jhelum Power Project



Patriata Chairlift



Sightseeing

Participants visited Cultural/Religious sites also. Pictures are:-



Damn e Koh



Trekking on Margalla Hills



Trekking on Margalla Hills



Trekking on Margalla Hills



Damn e Koh



Faisal Mosque



Lahore Museum



Pakistan Monument



Pakistan Monument



Panja Sahib



Panja Sahib



Taxila



Taxila Museum



Birthday celebration of a participant at Monal



Dinner at Monal

Passing out Ceremony

The Foreign Service Academy held the passing out Ceremony of the 25th Advanced Diplomatic Course, on 17 March 2017, marking the completion of the six weeks training. The Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Syed Tariq Fatemi was the Chief Guest. Senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, members of the diplomatic Corps, eminent scholars, educationists as well as the faculty of the Academy attended the event.



Syed Tariq Fatemi, SAPM



Farewell gift to Director Admin



Participant from Macedonia receive Certificate



DG presenting Shield to SAPM



Participants of the course presenting shield to DG, FSA



Group Photo with Guest of honor Syed Tariq Fatemi, SPAM

Delegations which Visited FSA

Trainees of the Royal College of Defence Studies, United Kingdom paid a visit to the Foreign Service Academy and attended a talk on prospects for security, stability and prosperity. The visiting group included civilian and military officials from UK, Georgia, Kuwait, Azerbaijan, Turkey, South Africa, Ukraine & Serbia. It was an opportunity for the visitors to interact with the faculty, staff and trainees of the Foreign Service Academy. Some pictures are here:-



With Participants of 36th SDC



Exchange of Souvenir



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DG Presents the Shield Pro Vice Chancellor University of London



Wife of Chinese Ambassador Presents Shield DG FSA



Delegation from RCDS, London



Group Photo with DG FSA



DG FSA Presents the Shield to Ambassador, Bulgaria



DG FSA Presents the Shield to Ambassador, Argentina



DG FSA Meets to Ambassador, Bulgaria



Group Photo with DG FSA



Prof Vice Chancellor, Signing Guest Book Visit to FSA



DG FSA Presents the Shield to Ambassador, Sudan



Ambassador of Argentina meets with DG FSA



Delegation from Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science & Technology

Visit of Chinese Delegation

A seven member delegation from Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Asia Department) visited the Foreign Service Academy. The Director General FSA received the delegation who were also briefed on the Aims, Objectives and the functioning of the Academy by the Director Programmes. A few pictures of these interactions are here:-



Presenting Souvenir



Presenting Gifts to Members of Delegation



Delegation Interaction with DG, FSA



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