

**Consulate General of Pakistan
Toronto**

PRESS RELEASE

Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) and Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (LCCI) signed an Agreement of Cooperation today at the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Toronto. Negotiations on the agreement were initiated by the Consulate General of Pakistan, Toronto last year. With 60,000 members, OCC is an umbrella organization of 136 Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade across Ontario.

Mr. Rocco Rossi, President (OCC) and Khawaja Khawar Rashid, Senior Vice President (LCCI) signed the agreement on behalf of their respective Chambers.

The agreement between the two Chambers will, *inter alia*, facilitate closer cooperation and collaboration on trade and investment opportunities including through visits and timely exchange of information.

Speaking after the signing of the agreement, President Rocco Rossi of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce expressed his hope that the agreement will help enhance relations between the two business communities. Khawaja Khawar Rashid expressed LCCI's resolve to implement the agreement in letter and spirit.

The Consul General thanked the Ontario Chamber of Commerce for their partnership and support. The Consul General further remarked that the agreement was an important document aimed at promoting business-to-business contacts and cooperation.

Mr. S.M. Munir, former CEO, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan and President, Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) who was present on the occasion announced that FPCCI, in collaboration with the Consulate, was planning a single-country expo in Toronto later this year. President (OCC) expressed deep interest in the proposed exhibition.

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