

Indonesian CG pledges to boost trade with Pakistan

KARACHI: Consul General of Indonesia Totok Prianamto has said that he will play the role of bridge to bring Pakistan and Indonesia business community closer to boost two way trades.

Speaking at a meeting of North Karachi Association of Trade and Industry (NKATI), he said that more work needs to be done to increase exports of Pakistani products, while also focusing on products imported from Indonesia. He invited the industrialists of North Karachi to find new ways of trade in Indonesia and said that the Indonesian government wants to further strengthen bilateral trade relations with Pakistan.' Consul General invited the members of NKATI to visit Indonesia and advised to form a business delegation, he would welcome to delegation and facilitate, also B2B meetings with Indonesian businessmen would be arranged. He assured that visas will be issued on a priority basis.

Every year Indonesia hosts a trade show "Trade Expo Indonesia" in Jakarta, in which traders from Karachi can participate and take advantage of business opportunities.

Patron in chief Captain A. Moiz Khan said that there is a long and wonderful friendly relationship between Pakistan and Indonesia; that needs to be taken advantage of. He was hopeful that the Indonesian consulate would play a role in enhancing trade relations. "We want good trade relations with Indonesia," said Imran Moiz Khan, SVP of NKATI. In this regard a trade delegation from NKATI to visit Indonesia to promote trade between the two countries.

Chairman NKIDMC Faraz Mirza said that the bilateral trade volume between the two countries is \$ 2.18 billion, but the trade balance is in favor of Indonesia, which is much lower than the opportunities available.

Chairman Fairs, Exhibition & Diplomatic Affairs Imtiaz Shaikh expressed hope that Indonesia will play a vital role in promoting bilateral trade.