

**Foreign investors: Pakistan offers conducive environment: President**

President Dr Arif Alvi Monday said Pakistan provided a very conducive environment for better investment and business opportunities and hoped that investors from different countries would avail them by investing in diverse areas.

He was speaking to envoys-designate of Thailand, Sri Lanka, Austria, Canada, Spain and Jordan who presented their credentials to him in an impressive ceremony at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, a press release said. On this occasion, the president said Pakistan wanted to further strengthen its relations with all the friendly countries and emphasized that regular exchange of bilateral delegations was essential for strengthening people to people contacts and forging strong political and economic linkages. Later, the ambassadors/high commissioners separately called on the president.

The president felicitated the newly appointed ambassadors/high commissioners to Pakistan and hoped that they would work for further strengthening the existing ties of their respective countries with Pakistan. The envoys who presented their credentials included ambassador-designate of Thailand Pornpop Uampidhaya, high commissioner-designate of Sri Lanka Noordeen Mohamed Shaheid, ambassador-designate of Austria Major Nicolaus Keller, high commissioner-designate of Canada Wendy Christine Gilmour, ambassador-designate of Spain Manuel Duran Gimenez-Rico and ambassador-designate of Jordan Ibrahim Yali Moh'd (Ostaalmadani).

Earlier, each envoy-designate arrived at the main gate of the Aiwan-e-Sadr in a horse driven carriage. National anthem of Pakistan and their respective countries were played and the envoys designate were also presented guard of honor.

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