

Czech diplomat assures support to Pakistan's exports

Commercial Counsellor of Embassy of Czech Republic, Michal Bobek, has said that his country also wants to support Pakistan's exports and they are here to help Pakistani businessmen and their businesses, in this regard. "The Embassy will certainly support KCCI in its initiatives focusing on enhancing linkages and interactions with its peer Chamber in Czech Republic and the business delegation from Karachi Chamber will also be fully facilitated in any of its visit to Czech Republic," he said, speaking at a meeting with Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), where he underscored the need to increase linkages between the business communities of Karachi and Czech Republic.

He said that Czech Republic can offer numerous special and high quality products to the business and industrial community of Pakistan at competitive rates which are also being provided to numerous countries around the world, including China. The diplomat said his country can supply textile machinery, construction machinery, chemicals, water treatment plants, equipment for energy sector and are also capable of setting up power plants. He noted that Pakistan currently imports most of these products from China which can also be provided by Czech Republic at competitive rates with European quality and standards.

KCCI president Junaid Esmail Makda proposed the establishment of Karachi-Prague Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry so that the business communities of the two countries could get a vibrant platform to explore new avenues for enhancing trade and investment cooperation.

He said that with a view to improve trade and investment ties, the Karachi Chamber was also looking forward to sending a high-level delegation in near future in order to improve trade ties with their counterparts in Czech Republic. He stressed the need to make collective efforts so that the existing trade volume could be improved.

Referring to the 9th Round of Pakistan-Czech Republic bilateral political consultations scheduled to be held in Prague in 2019, he emphasised the two sides should review the entire spectrum of bilateral relations and identify opportunities and possibilities for further cooperation, especially in the spheres of trade, investment, defence, education, culture, parliamentary exchanges, business-to-business and people-to-people contacts.

Makda requested the Commercial Counsellor to share contact information and business details of Czech exporters along with details of numerous events and exhibitions that take place in Czech Republic throughout the year so that the same could be disseminated amongst KCCI members with a view to improve linkages and trade ties between the business communities of the two friendly countries.

"Tourism is another important sector which needs to be promoted as both countries offer splendid tourism opportunities," he suggested. KCCI president also invited Czech companies to participate in KCCI's 'My Karachi Exhibition' to be held in April, 2019. This exhibition would provide a perfect opportunity to Czech business community to explore the Pakistani market, he said.

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