

**PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT (PUBLIC)**  
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**ISLAMABAD: OCTOBER 22, 2018;** President Dr. Arif Alvi has called upon private sector of the country to come forward to play their role in promotion of export based industry which will strengthen the national economy.

The President said this while talking to a delegation of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry led by its President Mr. Ghazanfar Bilour, which called on him at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad on Monday.

While talking to the delegation, the President pointed out that the increase in exports is of vital importance to narrow down trade deficit. He further emphasized that establishment of new industrial zones is very important for the expansion of industry. He also underlined that the industrial zones should be established in such a manner that export sectors must benefit from these and all sectors of manufacturing should be given equal opportunities. The President also stressed that increase in local manufacturing especially in auto mobile industry will benefit the country.

The President said that institutions meant to benefit common people, have suffered huge losses due to corruption, mismanagement and inefficiency. He added that all of us would have to work with honesty, sincerity and commitment in order to lead the country on the path of development and prosperity. He also urged the business community to play their part in promoting tax culture in the country and asked them to pay regular taxes to generate more revenue and help strengthen country's health, education and social sectors.

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