

**PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT (PUBLIC)  
PRESS WING**

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**Islamabad December 21, 2017:** President Mamnoon Hussain has said that Pakistan attaches great importance to its relations with the brotherly Islamic country, Kazakhstan.

The President said this while talking to the outgoing ambassador of Kazakhstan Bakhitbek Shabarbayev who paid a farewell call on him here at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad on Thursday.

The President underlined that there are excellent relations between the two brotherly Islamic countries at all levels but there is much room for improvement in bilateral trade which requires attention of both the countries. The President termed his visit to Kazakhstan as a memorable one and thanked the Government of Kazakhstan for supporting Pakistan's full membership in the SCO. While appreciating services of the outgoing ambassador the President said that he considers him a true friend of Pakistan. The President asked the ambassador to convey his best wishes to the President, Government and people of Kazakhstan.

The outgoing ambassador stated that the people of Kazakhstan consider Pakistanis as their brothers and close friend. He thanked the President and the Government of Pakistan for their cooperation during his stay in Pakistan.

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