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High Commissioner of Australia pays farewell call on the President

Islamabad, June 17, 2019: Outgoing High Commissioner of Australia, Ms. Margaret Adamson, called on President, Dr. Arif Alvi, at Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad today.

The President congratulated the High Commissioner on successful completion of her tenure in Pakistan. "Pakistan and Australia enjoy friendly and cordial relation and in recent years upsurge in bilateral relations need extra endeavor to further strengthening it for mutual benefit of the people of both the countries", the President said. He underscored the need for greater parliamentary contacts and exchanges between the two countries. While referring to long outstanding Kashmir issue, the President called upon its early resolution for regional peace and economic prosperity of the region. The President also said that Pakistan fully supports peace efforts in Afghanistan and its rebuilding process.

Dr. Arif Alvi said that the bilateral trade between the two countries was not commensurate with its actual potential, therefore, he emphasized that both sides should take steps to further enhance their trade through its existing institutional mechanism. The President also welcomed the joint ventures by Australian companies in sectors like agriculture, engineering, energy, Nano-bio-technology, paramedical, nursing and allied health.

The High Commissioner thanked the government and people of Pakistan for her pleasant stay in Pakistan. She also appreciated the positive contribution by Pakistani Diaspora in Australia in various fields of life. She said that Australia is ready to cooperate with Pakistan in various fields including health, agriculture, and education. She also lauded the sacrifices by the Pakistan people in curbing the menace of terrorism in the country.
