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Ambassador of Argentina pays farewell call on the President

Islamabad, June 17, 2019: Outgoing Ambassador of Argentina, Mr. Ivan Ivanissevich, called on President, Dr. Arif Alvi, at Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad today.

The President congratulated the Ambassador on successful completion of his tenure in Pakistan. "Pakistan and Argentina enjoy friendly and cordial relation characterized by cooperation at international fora and shared perceptions and understanding on most major global and regional issues", the President said. He urged to further strengthen this bilateral relationship for mutual benefit of the people of both the countries.

Dr. Arif Alvi underscored the need to enhance bilateral trade between the two countries, as it was not commensurate with its actual potential. He said Pakistan's unique geographical location and investment friendly regime offer good business avenues for Argentinean businesses to explore investment opportunities in Pakistan and benefit from the investment friendly policies of Pakistan in areas like oil and gas exploration, agriculture and energy, apart from the projects being developed along the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. He hoped that Argentina would extend its support for signing of a Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) between Pakistan and MERCOSUR, Southern Common Market.

The Ambassador thanked the government and people of Pakistan for his pleasant stay in Pakistan and hoped that bilateral relations between the two countries would further strengthen in days to come.
