

**Türkiye-Pakistan Business Council Meeting Honoured By H.E.
Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan**

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**Prime Minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan Mr. Şehbaz
Şerif,**

Minister of Trade of Türkiye Mr. Mehmet Muş,

**Federal Min. for Commerce of Pakistan Mr. Syed Naveed
Qamar,**

Deputy Minister of Trade Mr. Mustafa Tuzcu,

Ambassador of Pakistan Mr. Yousuf Junaid

Dear Participants,

On behalf of Foreign Economic Relations Board - DEİK, I am delighted to be with our honorable guests from our friendly nation Pakistan.

We're in Islamabad in August and yesterday we're here for ceremonially launch of the third PN MILGEM corvette for Pakistan Navy.

We hope to reach about \$1,5 billion bilateral trade by the end of this year but we're far away than \$5 billion target. Although main responsibility

belongs to business people, I'll mention few points in brief to reach the target :

- Trade in Goods Agreement signed in August was a good first step. I encourage business people to be more active and our governments for second bigger step.
- Our contractors have proven themselves around the world and are ready to take more role in infrastructure and housing in Pakistan.
- We should learn more about Pakistan's renewable energy policy and consider to act in this field which H.E. Prime Minister had asked from us and we also have companies for energy sector toady here.
- Increasing cooperation of banks of two countries will help to develop our business.

I'd like to finish my opening words with a Pakistani proverb, "**Mehnat kamyabi ki kunji hai**", which means, "**Hard work is the key to success.**"

I believe we'll achieve by working harder.

Now, the Turkish business representatives will introduce themselves within 1.5-2 minutes and express their views.

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I would like to extend my gratitude to H.E Prime Minister, esteemed Ministers, our sponsor Albayrak Holding, participants and all those whose support has made this event possible.

Thank you.

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President of DEİK