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Letter from BPF's Chairman

Dear Readers,

Greetings from the British Pakistan Foundation.

Over the past few months, there have been many changes and developments at BPF as we continue to look for new and better ways of engaging with the British Pakistani diaspora. We have launched a new website, redesigned our newsletter, and invigorated our social media networks. Last month, we launched our Women's Network membership programme with an exclusive fashion event at Amanda Wakeley's Mayfair store. BPF's Business Membership and Loyalty Programmes are also underway.

And there are many more developments in the pipeline. These include Women's Network events, workshops for SMEs, and a re-launch event that we are planning for the first half of 2015. There will be a lot more content available online as well, with new platforms to interact with the British Pakistani diaspora, and more relevant resources and information.

We invite you to look through some of these changes and to connect with us on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn. We look forward to your feedback. Please continue to stay in touch.

Kind Regards,

Asif Rangoonwala
Chairman
BPF



What's New?

It has been a landmark year at BPF with many significant developments and changes at all levels.

We successfully re-launched our organisation with a new logo and website. Our website has been redesigned to offer users improved functionality and more relevant content. We rolled out two new initiatives, the membership

programme of the BPF Women's Network (BPFWN) and a Business Development programme. Our mission and mandate have been refined and re-focussed, and we continue to make significant headway in achieving our goals.

Adil Mukhtar has come onboard as Business Development Director to initiate BPF's Business Membership and Loyalty Programmes. Through these programmes, BPF has forged strategic partnerships with various SMEs and retailers across the UK. BPF's Loyalty Programme allows us to pass the benefits of these partnerships to our members.

BPF has also engaged Curzon PR to assist with some aspects of the re-launch, which are currently being planned for early 2015.

BPF will leverage these partnerships and its networks and communication channels to engage and empower the British Pakistani diaspora.

"One of our aims is community building," maintains Ahmereen Reza, Vice Chair at BPF, "to bring together, empower and engage the 1.3 million strong British Pakistani diaspora."

Naseem Amin, a director at BPF, describes the organisation's goal is to act as a "catalyst that promotes, protects and strengthens the British Pakistani community so that it can play an active responsible leadership role in the future of Great Britain."

BPF continues to look towards Pakistan as well, and to work towards the socio-economic development of the country through the philanthropic contributions of the British Pakistani diaspora. BPF Director Akhter Mateen maintains that the "BPF is focussed on connecting the diaspora of Pakistanis in the UK with governmental agencies and NGOs, raising the level of engagement to benefit Pakistan."

BPF believes that when the British Pakistani diaspora comes together, it can make significant social, political and economic contributions to the UK and Pakistan. Through our new strategy and strengthened identity, we believe we can facilitate these contributions to the benefit of all.



Events

Previous BPF Events

BPF Women's Network - An Evening with Amanda Wakeley

November 20, 2014

Ahyla Fateh, Managing Director at Amanda Wakeley and Director at the British Pakistan Foundation hosted an exclusive evening for members of the BPF's Women's Network, friends and guests. The event was held at the Mayfair townhouse of the iconic British designer Amanda Wakeley and included a fashion show. Guests enjoyed networking opportunities while discovering Wakeley's latest collection.



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Upcoming Events

Mughal History at the National Theatre

January 20 - April 4, 2015

Ajoka Theatre's epic Mughal history play, Dara, is set to open at the National Theatre on January 20, 2015, and will run for 36 shows.

This performance marks the first ever collaboration between the National Theatre and a Pakistani theatre company. The National Theatre's Executive Director, Sir Nicholas Hytner commissioned the



English adaption of Shahid Nadeem's original Urdu production. The screenplay was adapted by British writer Tanya Ronder. Anwar Akhtar was the production consultant for both Ajoka and the National Theatre.

News and Views



New Pakistan High Commissioner to the UK

October 2014

Pakistan's new High Commissioner to the UK, His Excellency Syed Ibne Abbas, took office on October 4, 2014. Ambassador Abbas has previously served as the Additional Foreign Affairs Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and as the High Commissioner for Pakistan to New Zealand.



Malala Yousafzai -- the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize

October 2014

In a proud moment for Pakistanis everywhere, Malala Yousafzai earned the singular distinction of becoming the youngest recipient of the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize. Malala is the second Pakistani to have received this award.

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Recognizing the contributions of the British Pakistani diaspora

October 2014

Britain's Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Clegg, applauded the contributions of the British Pakistani diaspora, whom he credited with having enriched the UK socially, economically and politically.

Speaking at the same event, British Pakistani MP Sajid Javid said that the UK had provided the opportunity and context for members of the British Pakistani diaspora to excel in various fields.



Making History

November 2014

Five-year-old Ayan Qureshi successfully completed a two hour computer based exam to become the youngest ever certified computer specialist. As preparation for this exam, Ayan set up a home computer lab with multiple computers and studied Microsoft textbooks. He has also successfully set up computer networks and enjoys working with other hi-tech gadgets, including telescopes, compasses and digital cameras.

Ayan was born in Lahore, but immigrated to the UK in 2009. He currently lives in Coventry with his mother who is a medical doctor, his

father, an IT consultant, and his younger brother. Ayan is a Year One student in Clifford Bridge Primary School.

Topping the Power List



November 2013

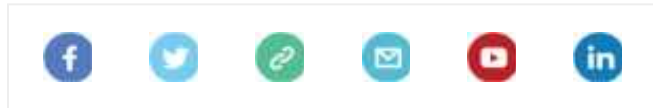
Culture Secretary Sajid Javid was named the most powerful Asian in the UK, ahead of Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai and One Direction's Zayn Malik.

Mr Javid had a successful career in banking before turning to politics and rapidly rising within the ranks of the Conservative party to become the first Asian male Conservative cabinet minister. Mr Javid is the son of a Pakistan immigrant who came to the UK in 1961 with GBP1 in his pocket and worked as a bus driver.

Endorsements

"As an artist, I feel that a forum to bring people of different talents and strengths together is a real asset to the community. The British Pakistan Foundation provides a unique arena to unite entrepreneurs, artists, creatives and other instrumental individuals of all ages to promote and encourage the exchange of ideas and help the development of Pakistan with its own special flair. Charity and supporting others is something we can all do better when we have the right team around us, and it's great to be a part of this vibrant and dynamic group of people."

Abbas Hasan
Artist of the Year 2014



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