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مجهوار ايسوسيئيشن پاران غذائتي ڪاررواين جو مڪمل بائيڪاٽ ڪري ڪورٽ جي اجازتي ۾ احتجاجي مظاهرو ڪيو ويو. اسان سنڌ اسيمبلي ۾ نثار ڪلهوڙو پيش ڪيل اٽوا لاري تحريڪ جي سخت لفظن ۾ نميت ڪريو ٿا، وڪيل اڳواڻ سنڌ صدين کان هڪ تاريخي ثقافتي ۽ جاگرافيائي وحدت طور قائم آهي. رهائشي بابت ڪنهن به قسم جي بحث يا تجويز جي اجازت ناهي.

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**“I HAVE GREAT LOVE FOR PAKISTAN AND ITS PEOPLE,”**

**Sri Lankan Consul General SANJEEWA PATTIWILA chose Karachi over Japan, and says he has not regretted the decision for a single day**

**S**ometimes, a country stops being merely a place on a map and becomes a place in the heart. For Sri Lanka's Consul General Sanjeev Pattiwalla, Pakistan has become such a country. With different options for his overseas posting, including Japan, Pattiwalla chose Karachi by personal preference.

Arriving in Karachi on September 25, 2025, he has now spent almost eleven months in the city. Yet, he says, there has not been a single day when he has regretted his decision.

Instead, what has impressed him most is the warmth of the Pakistani people and the ease with which personal relationships are established.

A career spanning public service and diplomacy, Pattiwalla joined Sri Lanka's public service after completing his university education in 1984. He initially worked as an administrative officer in the Sri Lanka Planning Service, examination in 2001.

Consular Commissioner at the Sri Lankan High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, while in 2019 he was appointed Minister (Commercial) at the Sri Lankan Embassy in Riyadh.

**“ Cricket diplomacy can further strengthen the relationship between Pakistan and Sri Lanka. ”**

After returning to Sri Lanka in 2023, he was offered another overseas assignment in 2025. Japan was among the options, but he chose Karachi.

Pattiveela says that throughout his career he had the opportunity to meet Pakistani diplomats and citizens in different countries, and he always felt a natural sense of closeness with them.

Whether in Sweden or Saudi Arabia, his interactions with Pakistanis were friendly and warm.

For this reason, he says, coming to Pakistan was not simply a professional decision. It was a place he genuinely wanted to experience.

partly temporary political and economic ties. The report particularly highlights the Buddhist heritage connecting the two countries. The historic significance of Taxila and Gandhara, he says, provides a unique cultural and civilisational bond between Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

It also reiterates the Pakistani support for Sri Lanka during the difficult years of its civil war. According to him, Pakistan stood by Sri Lanka during a challenging period, for which the Sri Lankan people, government and armed forces remain deeply grateful.

He said there has enormous potential for trade between Pakistan and Sri Lanka since their Free Trade Agreement in 2005, but Pattavele believes bilateral trade remains far below its potential.

He said the trade currently around US\$500 million, he says both countries need to explore new markets, diversify products and increase

**“Pakistan is a beautiful country, but its real beauty is its people.”**

business delegations. Sri Lanka exports products such as betel leaves, coconut-based goods and certain construction-related products to Pakistan, while Pakistan exports onions, potatoes, iron and steel, construction materials and pharmaceuticals to Sri Lanka.

the early dismissals of Sanath Jayasuriya and Ramesh Kaluwitharana created pressure, but Anura Kumara Dissanayake and Aravinda de Silva steadied the innings. The partnership and Sri Lanka's eventual victory remain among his fondest memories.

also sees opportunities in maritime cooperation, noting that Karachi and Colombo ports are relatively close, with a sea journey of approximately three and a half to four days. Agriculture, manufacturing, sports and tourism are other sectors where he believes cooperation can stand.

He says the love, sincerity and hospitality of Pakistanis are memories he will always carry with him.







