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PAJCCI will continue the active role in uplift of Economy on both sides of the border; Zubair Motiwala

In line with PAJCCI's series of B2B meetings, the upcoming session will be held in Karachi on 20th September 2022. Afghan delegation led by Khan Jan Alokozai; Co-Chairman PAJCCI, arrived today to attend the deliberations along with finalizing future strategic and operational interventions PAJCCI shall undertake for mutually beneficial economic momentum.

The forum will discuss many on-going issues faced by business community, impact of floods on business, infrastructure, food scarcity, health care and hardships of flood victim.

This year PAJCCI has successfully conducted several meetings at various locations and Afghan delegation has also participated in all the meetings whether at border crossings or in big cities which shows the business community confidence on PAJCCI and its senior Management.

This meeting will also focus on the future role of PAJCCI in developing economy, social and trade relationship with Afghanistan & CAR, encouragement of women led businesses, potential of land route trade, issues and opportunities, engaging both governments for betterment of overall relationship and facilitating B2B stakeholders on both sides for bilateral and with CAR for transit trade.

Zubair Motiwala, Chairman PAJCCI highlighted recent achievements of PAJCCI including long pending SRO issuance of Cross stuffing, abolishment of regulatory duty on fresh fruits from Afghanistan, result oriented meeting with Minister of Finance & Revenue and Minister of Commerce; Government of Pakistan where issues faced by business community were acknowledged and PAJCCI help sought to provide technical assistance for amendments in APTTA.

The role of PAJCCI and special personal facilitation of Zubair Motiwala was greatly appreciated by both ministers who assured all possible support in taking up issues of business community.

PAJCCI has also successfully convinced Afghan government to consider duty rationalization on coal imports from Afghanistan, negotiations are underway presently and expected to be positive.

PAJCCI's commitment to uplift of economy and trade relationship with Afghanistan remains firm and it will continue to make efforts towards this goal achievement and the subject meeting intends to substantiate the same.