



Dear Reader,

it gives me great pleasure to address myself to you again through the medium of the Newsletter of the Pakistan German Forum published by the Pakistan German Business Forum in cooperation with the German Consulate in Karachi. The Newsletter makes an important contribution to a better awareness of German Pakistani ties.

The exchanges between our two countries continue to be intensive: The German Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development has paid an official visit to Pakistan in early June 2010, a new German parliamentary friendship group by both chambers of the Pakistani Parliament was created to further the cooperation between the two parliaments and Ambassador Michael Steiner was appointed new Special Representative for Pakistan and Afghanistan in order to continue our diplomatic engagement with both countries.

For the last decades, „energy“ and in particular renewable energy and energy efficiency have constituted one of the German priority areas within the development cooperation with Pakistan. With its favorable geographic conditions Pakistan has a remarkable potential for the opening up and the utilization of renewable energy.

As an initiative of the German Embassy Islamabad and in cooperation with local partners, a German business delegation visited Islamabad from 12 to 14 April 2010. Fourteen delegates representing nine German companies from the solar, wind, hydro and geothermal sector participated in the visit. Some of the companies were already present on the Pakistani markets in other sectors, whereas others are just in the process of launching their engagement in Pakistan.

The invitation and organisation of this business delegation to Pakistan was a practical, hands-on initiative to promote bilateral trade in the important alternative energy sector. German companies with their know-how and technology - being world leaders in RE technology - can certainly contribute to the efforts of the Government of Pakistan in overcoming the challenging energy situation in Pakistan.

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