



Dear Reader

it gives me great pleasure to address you through this DAWN supplement which will give you a comprehensive picture of the many facets of Pakistani-German trade relations.

Pakistan and Germany are tied together by a long lasting friendship, including a vibrant political relationship. In 2011, the German Federal Foreign Minister Dr. Guido Westerwelle paid an official visit to Pakistan in January, the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Dirk Niebel, just recently in June.

In the economic field, Germany has been and still is the biggest trade partner of Pakistan within the European Union which in turn is the biggest trade partner of Pakistan overall. In 2010, for the first time after many years, Pakistan had again a positive trade balance with imports from Pakistan exceeding the value of German exports to Pakistan.

Other parts of our relationship have also grown. During the recent visit of Federal Minister Niebel we agreed to make available another 90 million Euro for development support. There are right now about 1.600 Pakistani students in Germany at various universities. The German government supported people affected by the floods in Pakistan in summer 2010 with 35 million Euro (3.75 billion Rupees), whereas private contributions of the citizens of Germany donated all of 200 million Euro (23.8 billion rupees).

Please feel invited to learn more about our bilateral relations on the pages of this supplement.

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