

**PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT (PUBLIC)  
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**ISLAMABAD AUGUST 31, 2018:** President Mamnoon Hussain has said that Portugal and Ireland are important countries of Europe and Pakistan is keen to enhance its cooperation with the both counties in various fields.

The President said this while talking to Ambassador-designate of Pakistan to Portugal Shah Mohammad Jamal and Ambassador designate of Pakistan to Ireland Shuja Alam who called on him here at Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad on Friday.

The President underlined that bilateral trade with both countries do not commensurate with true potential, therefore proactive measures are required to increase the quantum of bilateral trade. He emphasized that beside political and trade relation there is a need to strengthen cultural and educational cooperation with these countries. He directed the Ambassador-designates to keep close contact with the Pakistan community based in these countries and take all possible measures to address their issues. He underscored that there should be regular exchange of delegation from various fields with both countries in order to benefit from the experiences of each others.

The President directed the Ambassador-designates to encourage the investors from Portugal and Ireland to invest in Pakistan.

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