

PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT (PUBLIC)
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ISLAMABAD: August 16, 2017: President Mamnoon Hussain has said that Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) is engaged in multiple projects in Pakistan and its continued efforts are making a visible difference in the lives of the people and infrastructure.

The President said this while talking to President of Aga Khan Council for Pakistan Hafiz Sherali who called on him to handover a letter from His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan in response to President's letter of felicitation on the occasion of diamond jubilee of the Imamate of HH Prince Karim Aga Khan at the Aiwan e Sadr on Wednesday.

The President appreciated the role of Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), Aga Khan Foundation and Aga Khan Health Services role in promoting many important social services projects, especially in northern areas of Pakistan. He stated that HH Aga Khan like his grandfather has focused on efforts concerning the quality of life of Muslims all around the world. Focusing on the areas of health, education, cultural, revitalization, and economic empowerment, he has worked to inspire excellence and improve living condition and opportunities in some of the world's most remote regions he added. The President also underlined the role of HH Aga Khan's grandfather Sir Sultan Shah Aga Khan in the Pakistan Movement as the first President of the All India Muslim League.

In his message, acknowledging his family's strong ties dating back to the foundation of Pakistan, HH Aga Khan highlighted the long-established collaboration of the AKDN with public and private institutions to improve the quality of life, create opportunity and build a strong and vibrant civil society in the country. HH Aga Khan thanked the President and the Government of Pakistan for their continued support and partnership which has led to a number of pioneering initiatives in the country.

Hafiz Sherali also apprised the President about AKDN's recent activities and its focus to alleviate poverty, provide increased access to finance for education, health and housing, early childhood development, and infrastructure (principally, water and energy) projects in developing countries.

On the occasion, the President also conveyed best wishes for HH Aga Khan from the Government and People of Pakistan.
