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Islamabad, 19 January 2021: President Dr Arif Alvi has called for increased trade, investment, defence and cultural cooperation with all friendly countries. He said that Pakistan was home to some of the world's most revered Buddhist sites and expressed the hope that tourists from friendly countries would increasingly visit Pakistan. He made these remarks while talking to the Residents Ambassadors-designates of Korea, Nepal, Belarus and Non-Residents Ambassadors-designates of Ireland, Kosovo, Mali and Sierra Leone, who made separate calls on President Dr Arif Alvi, at Aiwan-e-Sadr, today.

Earlier, the Resident Ambassador-designate of the Republic of Korea, Mr Suh Sangpyo, the Resident Ambassador-designate of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Mr Tapas Adhikari, the Resident Ambassador-designate of the Republic of Belarus, Mr Andrei Metelitsa, and Non-Resident Ambassador-designate of the Republic of Ireland, Ms Sonya McGuinness, the Non-Resident Ambassador-designate of the Republic of Kosovo, Mr Ilir Dugolli, the Non-Resident Ambassador-designate of the Republic of Mali, Mr Dianguinadit Yaya Doucoure and the Non-Resident Ambassador-designate of the Republic of Sierra Leone, Mr Alie Badara Kamara presented their credentials to President Dr Arif Alvi at a ceremony. The President congratulated the newly-appointed Ambassadors and expressed the hope that they would play their role in promoting commercial and cultural relations with Pakistan.

While talking to the envoys separately, President Dr Arif Alvi said that Pakistan's ranking in the Ease of Doing Business Index had improved tremendously and foreign investors needed to take advantage of investment friendly environment of the country. He added that Pakistan wanted to strengthen bilateral ties with friendly countries in all dimensions. He said that Pakistan was taking all possible measure to promote relations with countries in African region under its "Engage Africa" policy and was willing to offer experience and expertise as well as technical assistance to African countries in all areas of mutual interest. He also briefed the envoys about the atrocities and gross Human Rights violations being committed by India against the innocent people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). He urged the international community to play its rightful role to stop India from committing such blatant violations of International Law.
