

VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER
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TO SPAIN

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SPANISH PRIME MINISTER ON JUNE 2, 2010

I am pleased to be visiting your beautiful country. Pakistan and Spain enjoy special relations. We value your friendship. We also applaud Spain's Presidency of the European Union. We greatly appreciate your support for the holding of Pakistan-EU Summit.

Driven by common interests, common aspirations and a common vision for a peaceful, stable and prosperous world, our partnership has been a force of moderation, for promoting understanding and building bridges.

I have come here to launch a new phase in our unique and special relationship. I have had most fruitful discussions with Prime Minister Zapatero.

We have discussed Pakistan's partnership with the European Union and the entire gamut of our bilateral relations.

By concluding a framework of cooperation for developing a Comprehensive Partnership, we have, indeed, ushered in a new era fortifying our cooperative ties.

The framework spans diverse fields from trade and finance to science and technology; from defence and security, to cultural and people to people contacts.

It provides mechanisms to follow up on cooperative endeavours.

I am confident that this historic step will pave the way for win-win partnership.

It will add meaning and substance to our ties, and give them a new direction.

We welcome the close coordination and cooperation between our two countries at the United Nations and other International forums.

We have agreed to strengthen this coordination further.

We have agreed to continue the good work of forging an Alliance of Civilizations.

We are happy to have co-hosted with Spain recently, the Sixth Interfaith Dialogue under auspices of ASEM.

Pakistan on its part would continue to lend its full support to such noble initiatives.

Pakistan and Spain have both been victims of terrorism. Both countries are cooperating to root out this menace.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Prime Minister Zapatero for the gracious hospitality.

We look forward to welcoming the Prime Minister in Pakistan soon.

Thank you.