

ISLAMABAD - Widharma, Director, Ministry of Trade and Dr. Ilhamy Elias, Chairman (Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal Committee), Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN) are leading a 30 member trade delegation of government officials, representatives of the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce, companies and a journalist to Karachi started from 3-9 July, 2013 for participation in the week long My Karachi Oasis of Harmony Exhibition. The visit is the combined effort of the Pakistan Mission at Jakarta, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan, Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Indonesia.

This is the second time that Indonesian businessmen are participating in this event in the past four years, says a press release received here today from Jakarta.

The Indonesians visiting Karachi would represent multiple product sectors including food items, home furnishing decoration, textile products, garments, coffee, herbal products, restaurants and tourism.

Ambassador Sanaullah felt that the participation of larger number of Indonesian businessmen in the trade delegation testified the confidence of Indonesian business community in Pakistan as a trade partner.

In a pre-departure meeting held at KADIN on July 1, Dr. Ilhamy emphasized that the visit of this delegation would go a long way to enhance bilateral trade between the two countries.

He said that Indonesia and Pakistan were the largest Muslim countries and as such were huge markets for each others.

Mrs. Maria Kazi, Commercial Secretary, Embassy of Pakistan, Jakarta informed the participants about the arrangements made by the TDAP for their visit to Karachi and the schedule of B2B meetings.

Pakistan's bilateral trade with Indonesia is showing a growth trend.

It has increased from US\$ 645.3 million in 2004-05 to US\$ 1,378.4 million in 2011-12.

For the last 3 years, Pakistan's exports to Indonesia registered a remarkable growth of more than 200%.

The operationalization of IP-PTA, Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) between the two countries and visits of trade delegations and participation in exhibitions is expected to enhance the bilateral trade further.

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