

Pakistan Tanners Association
(Central Office)

**Minutes of the Meeting held by the Chairman, PTA with Consul of Italy in Karachi on
11th December'2015**

Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Chairman, PTA held Meeting with Dr. Gianluca Rubagotti, Consul of Italy in Karachi on Friday, the 11th December'2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Consulate of Italy, Karachi.

Mr. Aarij Iqbal, President, Italian Development Committee (IDC) was also present in the meeting.

Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Chairman, PTA had a very useful and detailed discussion on various issues of PTA members with Consul of Italy which were as follows :

1. Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Chairman, PTA invited Dr. Gianluca Rubagotti, Consul of Italy to visit Pakistan Mega Leather Show-2016 but H.E. informed that it was not his domain and Lahore was under Embassy in Islamabad and he would to be in touch with all development and wanted to have list of visitors and participants of PMLS-2016.
2. Mr. Gulzar Firoz also discussed about proposed delegation visit to Italy during Lineapelle Fair in February'2016 which was being handled Mr. Fareed Ahmad Tarrar, Commercial Counsellor, Embassy of Pakistan in Italy.

The Consul Dr. Gianluca Rubagotti assured that he will give support once he informed that since it was being handled by PTA and Embassy of Pakistan in Italy he could take his active part.

The Consul was pleased to know that PTA members actively participated in Lineapelle Fair being held in February'2016.

3. The Consul of Italy also proposed that if the delegation would not visit during Lineapelle Fair – Feb-2016 then he will propose a separate delegation may visit Italy during April'2016 with support of IDC and Consulate would organize delegation to Italy. In this regard Italian Trade body is visiting Pakistan in March and this matter would be discussed with them.

Dr. Gianluca Rubagotti, Consul of Italy agreed to visit PTA after Lineapelle Fair-Feb-2016.

4. **Visa Policy** : Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Chairman, PTA raised the issue about Visa Policy about the Italian Consulate and pointed out that certain documents required for Visa such as old Passports are not necessary and cumbersome. The Consul agreed that only Visa copies of the last 2-3 visits will be enough.

The Consul of Italy also agreed that on the recommendation of PTA Visa may be issued easily and if possible Visa may be issued for 1-Year and in special cases Visa will be issued for 2-years, provided all documents are submitted.

Since there being no other matter to discuss, the meeting concluded with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

With regards,

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DY. SECRETARY

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