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## WELCOME CEREMONY OF THE BIRMINGHAM 2022 QUEEN'S BATON RELAY AT BRITISH DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSION, KARACHI

**Karachi 27-12-2021:** The "Welcome Ceremony" of the Queen's Baton Relay of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games held at the British Deputy High Commission today (27 December, 2021) where Baton was formally handed over to Lt Gen (R) Syed Arif Hasan, President CGA Pakistan by H.E. Mr. Martin Dawson Deputy High Commissioner of UK in Pakistan.

The ceremony was also graced by Olympians, Sports Legends, Special and Para Athletes, Diplomats, Dignitaries from various sections of life. A number of sports journalists from print and electronic media were also present joining the celebrations of the Baton.

Mrs. Fatima Lakhani, Vice President, CGA Pakistan and Chairperson of the Organizing Committee of the Queen's Baton Relay briefed the attendees about the history of Queen's Baton Relay. She lauded the team for successful celebrations.

H.E. Mr. Martin Dawson, British Deputy High Commissioner welcomed the attendees and thanked Lt Gen (R) Syed Arif Hasan, President CGA Pakistan and his team. He appreciated CGA Pakistan's efforts to organize various events for sharing the message of peace and friendship through Queen's Baton in Pakistan. He said that Deputy High Commission of UK is very pleased that the Baton arrived in Pakistan and Karachi will host the events. He told the audience that Karachi is his second home in Pakistan. He said that my best wishes are for the Pakistani athletes who will surely perform at their best. He again thanked the honourable guests for joining them to celebrate the Baton's arrival in Pakistan.

The President CGA Pakistan, Lt Gen (R) Syed Arif Hasan thanked H.E. Deputy High Commissioner for arranging a gracious welcome ceremony. Despite the rainy weather, holding of the welcome ceremony in a befitting manner is a rare sight and commendable. He expressed that the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games will be a successful games in spite of Covid-19 issues.

The Baton was handed over to Mr. Jahangir Khan, Mr. Hassan Sardar, Mr. Rasheed ul Hassan, para-athletes, Kulsoom Hazara, Mehrullah, Arshad Hussain, Dignitaries, VIPs and guests who displayed the Baton to the audience and media.

The next event of the Queen's Baton Relay will be held in the forenoon of 28 December, 2021 at Sindh Madressatul Islam University – The School of Father of the Nation Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. In the afternoon, the Baton's will be celebrated at Mazar-e-Quaid where among the sports legends, dignitaries, national and international athletes and youth.

Best regards,

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