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### **BIRMINGHAM 2022 QUEEN'S BATON RELAY VISITS TO KARACHI GRAMMAR SCHOOL (KGS) AND MOULANA MUHAMMAD ALI JOHAR PARK, (KAKRI GROUND) LYARI**

**Karachi 29-12-2021:** On the last day of the activity of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay visited the "**Karachi Grammar School**" (established in 1847) on a bright sunny morning of 29 December, 2021. The Queen's Baton was warmly welcomed by the students and faculty members of Karachi Grammar School. The ceremony was attended by a large number of students, athletes, faculty, Alumni, Sports Legends, and British Acting Deputy High Commissioner. The students were very excited having the Queen's Baton in Karachi Grammar School this being their first experience.

Mrs. Muneeza Shaikh Ali, Acting Principal, Karachi Grammar School welcomed and thanked Lt Gen (R) Syed Arif Hasan, President CGA Pakistan for giving an opportunity to the Karachi Grammar School of sharing the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton. She also expressed her deep gratitude for the presence of Mr. Martin Dawson, British Acting Deputy High Commissioner. The audience was informed that Karachi Grammar School is the oldest private school of Pakistan carrying a heritage of over 170 years starting 1847. It was named Karachi Grammar School in 1879. The school's motto, in Latin: 'let the unlearned learn' (a quotation from Horace). The KGS shares the resolve to adopt sports as an integral part of education. The first sport gala was held at Karachi Grammar School in 1927.

The President CGA Pakistan thanked the Acting Principal of Karachi Grammar School for organizing such an excellent and wonderful event. He also specially thanked the students and faculty for their keen interest and enthusiasm for participation in the event despite being holidays in the school. The President CGA Pakistan handed over the Queen's Baton to the Acting Principal of Karachi Grammar School. The Baton was further exchanged amongst the Olympians and Commonwealth Games Medallists. Mr. Byram D. Avari, Alumin and Mrs. Goshpi D Avari (Asian Gold Medallists in Sailing and Yachting) handed over the Baton to the student of KGS and it further moved to the all students, faculty and guests. Plantation was also carried out by the President and the CGA Management, British Acting Deputy High Commissioner and the faculty.

The last event of the Queen's Baton Relay was held at **Moulana Muhammad Ali Johar Park, (Kakri Ground) Lyari**. The event started with traditional lewa dance of Lyari followed by performance of Pakistan Rangers Band. A large number of children and athletes of Boxing, Cycling, Football and Karate demonstrated their sports which was appreciated and applauded by the audience. As per their culture, donkey driven carts were also present during the ceremony. Baton was also carried out by Ms. Aksa Wadood, Captain Lyari Football Team and Ambassador of Asian Football Confederation on a donkey cart. The local community also participated in the event in large numbers and appreciated the activities. The children, athletes and students exchanged the Queen's Baton enthusiastically. The passion of these sportspersons was worth witnessing. Mr. Muhammad Waseem, fly weight title holder of World Boxing Council and commonwealth games medallist was also present and shared the Baton with the athletes and children.

Mr. Martin Dawson, British Acting Deputy High Commissioner despite of his official commitments graced both the events of 29 December, 2021 and expressed his best wishes to Pakistan Contingent for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

The three day journey of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay started from 27 – 29 December 2021 was successfully concluded on its last leg in a colourful and impressive ceremony at Kakri Ground, Lyari. The next destination of the Baton is Maldives.

Best regards,

Muhammad Khalid Mahmood  
Secretary General  
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