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THE QUEEN'S BATON IN PAKISTAN

21 Dec 2021: The countdown is on, as in just six days, the Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay will arrive in Pakistan, the 23rd destination out of the 72 Commonwealth nations and territories it will be visiting.

On Monday, 27 December 2021, Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan HI(M), President CGA Pakistan and Mr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood, Secretary General, CGA Pakistan will officially welcome the Baton.

A busy schedule of activities and events are planned for the Queen's Baton Relay, with opportunities to showcase untold stories from Batonbearers, athletes, and young people who are striving for change in their community.

During its time in Pakistan, the Queen's Baton Relay will visit British Deputy High Commission, Karachi, Madressatul Islam University, Karachi, Mazar-e-Quaid-e-Azam, Karachi Grammar School and Moulana Muhammad Ali Johar Park (Kakri Ground), Karachi and will experience the celebrations by the local communities including students, athletes and notables from all sections of society.

The Queen's Baton will be carried by Mr. Jahangir Khan, who is Squash Legend and Mr. Muhammad Inam, who is World Beach Wrestling Champion and Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist.

The Queen's Baton will arrive here having previously visited Seychelles.

Since its inaugural appearance at the Cardiff 1958 Commonwealth Games, the Queen's Baton Relay has been a tradition for the Commonwealth Games.

The Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay started at Buckingham Palace on 7 October 2021, when Her Majesty The Queen placed Her Message to the Commonwealth into the Baton and passed it to four-time Paralympic gold medallist and Team England athlete Kadeena Cox, who had the honour of being the first of thousands of Batonbearers to carry the Baton.

Ms. Fatima Lakhani, Chairperson, Organizing Committee of QBR Event in Pakistan said "I am delighted that Pakistan is a part of this extraordinary journey. It's a way to highlight and promote the beauty of Pakistan to people across the Commonwealth."

Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan HI(M), President CGA Pakistan has said "We are looking forward to celebrating the arrival of the Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay in our community and are well on track with our planning for the occasion. Everyone here is excited to get involved with the festivities and to cheer on the Batonbearers."

The 16th official Queen's Baton Relay is an epic journey covering the entirety of the Commonwealth as it will travel to all 72 nations and territories, covering a distance of 140,000 kilometres. For 269 days, the Baton will travel to Europe, Africa, Asia, Oceania, the Caribbean and the Americas, before it embarks on the final stretch of its journey across England for 25 days.

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The Queen's Baton Relay will complete its journey at the Opening Ceremony of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games on 28 July 2022. This is a traditional and fundamental part of the Games and the Opening Ceremony, as the final Batonbearer will pass the Baton back to The Queen. The Queen's message to the Commonwealth will then be removed from the Baton and read aloud, marking the official start of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

For further information about the Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay visit:
www.birmingham2022.com/qbr.

Best regards,

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Notes to Editors is attached as **Annex A**.