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Jeddah- May 21, 2011:- Pakistan Minister for Information and Broadcasting Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan has said that Pakistanis working in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia are representatives of their country and their remittances are great support to their families and the economy of Pakistan. She said this while addressing a gathering of Pakistani community in the Embassy of Pakistan, Riyadh today. She said that it was a matter of great satisfaction that a large number of Pakistani investors, professionals and labour community was working over here who were source of strength to the economies of both the countries.

The Minister said that Pak-Saudi relations are beyond mundane consideration and have their roots in history, religion and culture. She said that Saudi Arabia has always supported Pakistan in difficult times for which we are obliged to the Saudi leadership and its people. She said that she was grateful to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah and Saudi leadership for providing congenial atmosphere and working condition for the Pakistanis in Saudi Arabia.

The Minister said that Pakistan was confronting challenges of extremism and terrorism and has given great sacrifices in this regard. She said that world should recognize the sacrifices given by Pakistan in fight against extremism and terrorism.

The Minister said that democracy in Pakistan was gaining strength and the country's leadership was in strong hands. The Minister said that discontinuity of economic policies and derailing of democracy in the past has slowed down economic progress of the country. She assured the overseas Pakistanis that the economic and energy problems confronting Pakistan would soon be overcome. The Minister said that a bill regarding right of vote to the overseas Pakistanis will soon be passed in the National Assembly. She urged the Pakistani community in Saudi Arabia to abide by the laws of the land and work hard for the betterment of the economies of Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

Charge d' Affaires Mr. Ayaz Muhammad Khan in his address said that the visit of the Minister for Information and Broadcasting has further strengthened Pak-Saudi relations. He said that despite its limited resources, the Embassy was endeavoring to provide all possible services and facilities to the Pakistani community in Saudi Arabia. He assured the community of betterment and improvement in the services for them.

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