

LCCI SVP Returned home from high profile UK visit

The LCCI Senior Vice President Kashif Younas Mehar Friday returned home from a high profile UK visit with a bagful of assurances from Pakistani expatriates to make investment in Pakistan. During this visit, arranged by President Lahore Chapter of Entrepreneurs Organization Umair Virk, the LCCI SVP also visited House of Commons and Telehouse.

The Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO) - for entrepreneurs only is a dynamic, global network of more than 8000 business owners in 38 countries. Founded in 1987 by a group of young entrepreneurs, EO is the catalyst that enables entrepreneurs to learn and grow from each other, leading to greater business success and an enriched personal life. The LCCI Senior Vice President had meetings with Member Parliament for East Ham and Shadow Minister Stephen Timms, Member Parliament for Birmingham Perry Barr, Khalid Mehmood, Member Parliament for Warley John F Spellar, Member Parliament Lord Nazir Ahmad, Newham Councillor and Mayor's Community Advisor, Unmesh Desai, Mr Peter Courtney of UK Trade and Investment, Executive Director Regeneration, Planning & Property Clive Dutton, Director Westfield John Burton and a large number of Expatriate Pakistanis.

The British Parliamentarians were of the view that Pakistan would have to focus on the development of people, incentives to the local investors, employment generation and business competitiveness to overcome multiple internal and external challenges being faced by the country. The British Parliamentarians said that investment in people would enable them to face challenges boldly while incentives to the local investors would encourage foreign investments. Impact of Pakistan economy on Afghanistan and vice versa also came under discussion.

They particularly stressed the need for early establishment of Public-Private joint working groups for the sake of implantable and result oriented policies in the country. During his stay in the United Kingdom, the Leader of the delegation Umair Virk and LCCI Senior Vice President also had very fruitful meetings with expatriate Pakistanis and assured them of their fullest support if they put their money in new business ventures in Pakistan. They informed them that the province of Punjab was fast becoming a hub of business activities and any investment made in the province would earn them rich dividends. They said that huge investment opportunities exist in power, agriculture, livestock and tourism. They said that the business community of the country has both the capacity and the ability to do miracle provided they are given a chance.