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His Excellency Japanese Ambassador Wada Mitsuhiro called on the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Youth Affairs Shaza Fatima Khawaja on Tuesday and discussed the bilateral ties.

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Youth Affairs emphasized deepening of bilateral trade and investment relations and also reiterated Pakistan's commitment to promoting international peace and stability. Pakistan's population is one of the youngest in the world with 68% of youth strata. Prime minister's youth program is working untiringly to engage, educate and employ the youth of Pakistan, said special assistant to Prime minister on Youth Affairs Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja. To engage youth, the sports drive and talent hunt program is operational in all regions of Pakistan. The Climate crisis is a challenge for the whole world, we in Pakistan are trying to aware our younger population through our green youth movement where we have established climate clubs in universities across Pakistan. Prime Minister has recently launched the "National Innovation League", where brilliant and extraordinary ideas in tech businesses and startups of all kinds will be assessed in a National Level competition. The winners of the League will be given complete handholding by the Government of Pakistan, said the special assistant to prime minister while speaking to the Japanese Ambassador his excellency Mr. Wada. She also added, "through our skill development program we are equipping our youth with the tools required for the modern world".

Ambassador thanked the Government of Pakistan on Pakistan's assistance to extract the Japanese nationals from Afghanistan in a recent change of Government in Afghanistan. Ambassador appreciated the efforts of the Pakistani Government in maintaining a cordial relationship between the two countries. He proposed to have more cultural exchange programs among the two Asian states to have fruitful collaboration at all levels of coordination.

Special assistant to the Prime Minister Shaza Fatima Khawaja spoke about the commitment of Pakistan towards Kashmir's status. Afghanistan's political situation is also a major concern for Islamabad, and we are closely assessing the situation, said SAPM on youth Affairs.

Ambassador asked about the concerns of the Japanese business community on the political instability of the Pakistan and the impact thereof on trade and business. Sapm assured the Ambassador, of political stability and parliament completing its term third time in a row.