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## PAJCCI's decade of success is due to the team effort of its management committee and staff; Zubair Motiwala

PAJCCI 9<sup>th</sup> AGM was held in Karachi today to announce new executuve body, office bearers and finalize strategic framework for upcoming tenure. During the AGM future road map, required efforts & engagement with various government and private stakeholders, goals and objectives in dynamic economic landscape, fluid geo-political situation, increasing foreign currency crunch, inflation and disturbed supply chain impact were also discussed and various solution were deliberated.

Qazi Zahid, was unanimously chosen as President of the Chamber, whereas Khalid Shahzad & Haji Abdul Ghani have been chosen as Senior Vice President and Vice President respectively.

Chairman PAJCCI, Zubair Motiwala thanked the retiring team for their service, welcomed the new team and showed confidence that under such seasoned management, PAJCCI will be better equipped to achieve further success. He iterated that the Chamber has been successful in removing several obstacles to trade and continues with relentless zeal to move towards the actual trade potential between the two countries.

Departing President, Jawaid Bilwani, reflected upon challenges originated during his tenure due to change in Government firstly in Afghanistan and then in Pakistan, however, PAJCCI continued its momentum in context of B2B engagements and facilitate results for joint economic prosperity.

Secretary General, Faiza provided the overview of scope, activities, achievements and future challenges of PAJCCI and outlined the broader aspects of actions to achieve the objectives.

The new managing committee comprises of Muhammad Zubair Motiwala, Junaid Makda, Junaid Nawab, Khalid Shahzad, Abdul Bari, Qazi Zahid Hussain, Shahid Ismail, Zia ul Haq Sarhadi,

Shahid Hussain, Niaz Muhammad and women members are Ms Mahvish Tariq Siddiqi & Mrs. Sakina Hashim.

The retiring members including Mohammad Jawaid Bilwani, Abdul Basit, Haroon Qasim, Shuja Muhammad, Nafi Jan thanked the leadership and vowed to continue the support in PAJCCI's activities.

The newly elected President, thanked the executive body for the vote of confidence and assured that under the visionary leadership of Zubair Motiwala (Chairman, Pakistan Chapter) and Khan Jan Alokozai (Co-Chairman, Afghan Chapter) along with the support from executive committee members, Chamber will increase its efforts & engagements to strengthen the voice of business community across the border. He added that futuristic perspective of PAJCCI is to enhance regional trade ties and capacity building of business entities to tap the emerging opportunities.

PAJCCI has achieved several milestones especially during last year when Afghan government was changed and later during the government change in Pakistan by continuous engagement via various forums and inviting Afghan delegations, facilitating meetings with governments on both sides, resulting in smooth trading activities, revenue generation, employment and solidifying the historical relationship with Afghanistan.