

Paigham-e-Pakistan International Conference Message

- It is a great pleasure for me to be invited to this important Paigham-e-Pakistan International Peace Conference to share my thoughts.
- I would like to thank Qari Syed Sadaqat Ali for his consistent and valuable contributions in promoting true and peaceful image of Pakistan and Islam around the world.

Dear Participants,

- We Muslims are the followers of great and noble religion Islam.
- 1400 years ago Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, the Messenger of Allah brought his divine message which freed the Arabian Peninsula from the clutches of injustice, ignorance, inequality and tyranny.
- In no time, this message spread across the globe. What was this message
 - Islam is a religion of peace: we greet each other by Salam-o-Alaikum, meaning peace be upon you
 - Islam is a religion of moderation: Extremism in any form is haram
 - Islam is a religion which teaches dignity of life:
 - Killing one innocent human being is like killing of entire humanity.
 - Islam is a religion of tolerance and accommodation:
 - The Holy Quran says there is no compulsion in religion
 - Imposing one's ideology on others by force is in violation of Islamic injunctions.

- Islam is a religion of equality and justice:
 - A white has no superiority over black, nor is a black superior to a white, except in piety and good deeds.
 - Islam is a religion of scholarship, baring and mutual respect
 - Ideological discussions and ethics of disagreements are part of Islamic intellectual wealth.
 - Islam is a religion giving full protection to non-Muslims to their life, property and dignity with full freedom to worship in their places of worship.
 - Islam is a religion which restores the dignity of women and their rightful place in society.
 - Islam is a religion giving respect to senior citizens and ensuring proper care for poor and needy.
- Thus these are the principles of our Islamic Society; love, peace, harmony, tolerance, justice, mutual respect, equality, compassion and care.
 - In today's world, where we see rise of racism, xenophobia, discrimination, extremism and terrorism and we see that our noble religion is being hijacked by some misguided individuals and groups, such events become important to present the truth.
 - I am confident that with the efforts of our scholars, we present the true spirit of Islam and help bringing peace and harmony in the world.