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Suzuki's Managing Officer Hirofumi Nagao (based in Pakistan) Receives Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation for FY2017



Suzuki Motor Corporation's Hirofumi Nagao, Managing Officer based in Pak Suzuki Motor Co., Ltd. (Pakistan) has been selected for Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation for FY2017 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The commendation was awarded to him by Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Takashi Kurai at the Embassy of Japan in Pakistan on 22 August.

The Foreign Minister's Commendations are awarded to individuals and groups with outstanding achievements in international fields, in order to acknowledge their contributions to the promotion of friendship between Japan and other countries and areas, and ask for understanding and support of their activities to the Japanese citizens. For FY2017, the commendations are awarded to 187 individuals, of which 160 are stationed overseas.

Hirofumi Nagao entered Suzuki Motor Co., Ltd. (present Suzuki Motor Corporation) in 1978, and was first stationed in Pakistan subsidiary Pak Suzuki Motor Co., Ltd. (Pak Suzuki) from 1983. He was later stationed there twice as president. Up to today, he has spent a total of about 20 years in Pakistan. During his career in Pakistan, he has contributed in the development of Pakistan's automobile industry, as well as in strengthening the economic relations and further deepening the relationship of mutual trust between Japan and Pakistan through development of motorisation.

Pakistan is a country where Suzuki first manufactured automobiles overseas in 1975. Currently, Pak Suzuki manufactures and distributes automobiles and motorcycles, with 110,000 units of automobiles and 19,000 units of motorcycles manufactured for FY2016. Suzuki is a leader of automobile market in Pakistan with a market share of about 53%. Moreover, Pak Suzuki cooperates in CSR activities in the field of education and environment of Pakistan.

<History of Suzuki in Pakistan>

May 1975	Production of Jimny starts at Pakistan's national distributor
June 1982	Joint venture contract signed between Suzuki and Pakistan Automobile Corporation Ceremony for first Fronte SS held in September as it rolled off the production line
Sep. 1992	Suzuki acquires management right and privatises the company (40% Suzuki investment)
Oct. 2007	Merges with motorcycle company Suzuki Motorcycle Pakistan
Aug. 2009	Ceremony held for Pak Suzuki's accumulated production of 1 million units

<Pak Suzuki Motor Co., Ltd.>

Capital	823 million rupees
Employees	Approximately 1,300 persons
Products	Compact passenger and commercial cars (vans, trucks) Motorcycles
Start of production	Automobiles: September 1982 Motorcycles: September 1990
Production results (FY2016)	Automobiles: 110,000 units Motorcycles: 19,000 units