

**PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT (PUBLIC)  
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**ISLAMABAD JULY 04, 2018:** President Mamnoon Hussain has said that Pakistan and Nigeria are close friends and there are immense opportunities of cooperation between the two countries in various sectors including trade and commerce. He added that continuous efforts are required to further enhance this cooperation.

The President said this while talking to High Commissioner-designate of Pakistan to Nigeria Major Gen. (Retd) Waqar Ahmed Kingravi who called on him at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad on [Wednesday](#).

The President underlined that Nigeria is the largest and important country of Africa and Pakistan has important trade ties with it. He directed the High Commissioner-designate to focus on exchange of trade delegations as there are numerous opportunities of trade in different fields between the two countries. He stated that Nigeria is also keen to further expand trade relations with Pakistan which can pave the way for further strengthening economic cooperation with whole Africa.

The President said that there has been strong cooperation between Pakistan and Nigeria in health and education which decreased with the passage of time. He directed the High Commissioner-designate to include these matters in his priorities.

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