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AUSTRALIA AWARDS FELLOWS DISCUSS CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM IN PAKISTAN

Australia's High Commissioner to Pakistan, Margaret Adamson and Pakistan's Attorney-General, Ashtar Ausaf Ali, today congratulated eight Australia Awards Fellows on the completion of their research on criminal justice reform in Pakistan.

The ceremony came at the completion of a workshop hosted by the Australian National University at the Serena Hotel in Islamabad.

The workshop was an opportunity to discuss the research findings of the Fellows on criminal justice issues including community-based dispute resolution, community legal empowerment, mental health and criminal justice, and abuse of anti-terrorism laws.

"It is a great pleasure to welcome the Fellows back to Pakistan, where I trust they will continue to advocate for criminal justice reform with the aim of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of Pakistan's criminal justice system, strengthening the rule of law for the benefit of all citizens," High Commissioner Adamson said.

The research was completed at the Australian National University in Canberra with funding from the Australia Awards Fellowship program.

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