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A message from Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan on Cricket World Cup 2015

Pakistan and Australia's shared passion for cricket has been abundantly clear to me in my time as High Commissioner.

As my many friends here will know, I love the game and it often features in our discussions. I have valued and enjoyed my interaction with the Pakistan Cricket Board and the Pakistani team.

The reference point for Pakistani success is the 1992 World Cup victory in Australia under Imran Khan's captaincy at one of the world's great grounds, the MCG, Melbourne.

Starting 14 February the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 commences in Australia and our close friend and neighbour New Zealand. The final will again be at the MCG. Maybe history will repeat itself and Pakistan will feature again, though hopefully this time around Australia will be there too! We did meet in the 1999 final, one of the four times Australia has won the Cup.

Whatever the outcome, we are in for a feast of cricket. I know many Pakistanis will be there in person and experience directly the warmth and hospitality of Australians and the beauty of Australia. But I'm also delighted that those following here in Pakistan will get to see and hear a bit more of Australia around the matches.

I know we'll be great hosts along with New Zealand and I'm very much looking forward to sharing the excitement of the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 with you all.

Peter Heyward
Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan

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