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RECEPTION FOR PAKISTAN'S COMMONWEALTH GAMES CONTINGENT

Australia's High Commissioner, Margaret Adamson, hosted a reception today for Pakistan's contingent heading to the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018).

"GC2018 will be the biggest sporting event our Gold Coast has ever staged and the biggest sporting event seen in Australia this decade," High Commissioner Adamson said.

More than 6,600 athletes and team officials from 70 countries and territories will compete in 18 sports and seven para-sports during 11 days of competition broadcast to a global audience of 1.5 billion. They will be supported by 15,000 friendly Australian volunteers.

"I am particularly pleased we have been able to help two Pakistani student ambassadors travel to the Gold Coast during the Games," High Commissioner Adamson said. "These students – a girl and a boy selected by competition – will represent Pakistan at a cultural program alongside students drawn from all over the Commonwealth."

Australia has a strong record of supporting sports development in Pakistan.

"The Australian High Commission and Pakistan Cricket Board hold an annual School Girls' Cup cricket tournament and skills development clinic which aims to empower girls through cricket," High Commissioner Adamson said.

In addition, Australia supports squash training for more than 600 youngsters, and promotes health and gender equality messages through its sporting programs.

GC2018 will be held from 4 to 15 April 2018 on the Gold Coast in the Australian state of Queensland. These will be the fifth Commonwealth Games held in Australia and the first Games offering an equal number of medal events for men and women.

Visit www.gc2018.com to learn more about the Games.

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