

# Germany has been a support for Pakistan's textile industry for 70 years

Germany has been a prominent trading partner of Pakistan and has always extended its support for the betterment of the country in both commercial and social sectors. This year Pakistan and Germany complete 70 years of cooperation marking the establishment of diplomatic and trade relations between the two countries.

Germany is Pakistan's largest trading partner within the European Union, accounting for 20% of Pakistan's total exports to the EU and 21% of Pakistan's total imports from the EU. Germany has always extended its support for the betterment of the country in both commercial and social sectors. German has supported the Pakistani efforts to get greater access to EU markets including the approved Pakistan specific autonomous trade preferences. In the year 2019 -20 the bilateral trade with Pakistan stood at US\$ 2.25 billion. German exports to Pakistan amounted to US\$ 949 million and German imports from Pakistan US\$ 1.30 billion.

Pakistan's textile industry owes a great deal to the innovative technological solutions provided by German textile machinery suppliers over the last 70 years. Several German companies have been instrumental in laying down the foundation of Pakistan's textile industry. From spinning, weaving, finishing and knitting to textile chemicals and accessories, German textile machinery manufacturers have left their mark on our textile industry. From the archives of Pakistan Textile Journal we can determine a clear timeline of the German Pakistan relations in this vital economic sector of Pakistan.

Schlafhorst, Suessen, Truetzschler, Zinser are the brands that Pakistan's industry embraced in the spinning sector, while in the weaving sector technology companies such as Dornier made their mark. In the development of textile finishing sector several names such as Monforts, Osthoff-Senge, Goller, Brueckner, Thies and Andritz are most active and very well respected in Pakistan. Groz Beckert, Mayer & Cie, Stoll and Karl Mayer are well known in the field of knitting technology. All of these companies have strong commitment to Pakistan and serve this market through extensive after sales support.

German companies such as Bayer, BASF (now Archroma), CHT, DyStar and many more have been reliable suppliers of quality chemicals and auxiliaries to Pakistan's textile finishing industry over the decades. Increasing requirements for production of sustainable and eco friendly textiles have made the role of chemical suppliers even more vital. These companies not only provide the most suitable chemicals but also constantly educate our textile industry in techniques to achieve sustainable and profitable production.

Pakistan Textile Journal has been the primary medium for these companies to address the fast evolving textile industry of Pakistan over last 70 years. Some of our earliest advertisers from Germany are still with us through advertising as well as editorials in our publication. Some of the earliest advertisements of German textile machinery which appeared in our publication are reproduced on this page for the interest of our readers. ♦



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