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**FIRST TYPE 054 A/P FRIGATE PNS TUGHRIL FOR PAKISTAN NAVY
COMMISSIONED AT CHINA**

Karachi, 08 Nov 21: Pakistan Navy's first Type 054A/P Frigate, PNS TUGHRIL has been commissioned at Hudong Zhonghua (HZ) Shipyard, China. Ambassador of Pakistan to China, H.E. Mr Moin Ul Haq graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

PNS TUGHRIL is 1st of 4 x Type 054 Frigates being constructed for Pakistan Navy. The Ship is a technologically advanced and highly capable Platform with enormous surface to surface, Surface to air and underwater fire power besides extensive surveillance potentials. The Ship holds the capability to simultaneously execute number of naval warfare missions in a highly intense muliti-threat environment. PNS TUGHRIL is equipped with state-of-the-art Combat Management and Electronic Warfare system alongwith modern self-defence capabilities.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest underline that commissioning of PNS TUGHRIL ushers a new chapter in Pak – China friendship that has matured through the tests of times and remained steadfast in all domains. He added that in the context of overall security paradigm of the region, TUGHRIL Class Frigates will strengthen Pakistan Navy's capabilities to respond to maritime challenges to ensure seaward defence, maintain peace, stability and balance of power in Indian Ocean Region. The Ambassador also praised the concerted efforts made by CSSC, CSTC, CSDDC, HZ Shipyard and PLA (Navy) for the landmark achievement by timely delivery of the well-equipped and potent Frigate despite global pandemic.

The Vice Party Secretary and Director of the Board CSSC Mr. Du Gang also applauded the timely construction of PNS TUGHRIL while emphasising that commissioning of ship is a major milestone and a testimony of Pak-China long-lived friendship; as both countries are bound by the affinity of trust, compassion and commonality.

While presenting account of activities, the head of Pakistan Navy Mission overseeing construction of 054A/P Frigate, Commodore Rashid Mehmood Sheikh highlighted that PNS TUGHRIL being a multi-mission capable Frigate will form the mainstay of Pakistan Navy Fleet while bolstering Pakistan Navy's maritime defence capabilities.

The ceremony was attended by high level dignitaries from BOMETEC, OIMC, SASTIND, PLA (N) and CSSC besides Chairman of CSTC & HZ Shipyard and Commander of PLA (N) Shanghai Naval Base alongwith prominent figures of Pakistan community in China.

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Ambassador of Pakistan to China in a group photo with Pakistan Navy and PLA Navy officials during PNS TUGHRIL (First 054 A/P Frigate of Pakistan Navy) commissioning ceremony held at China



Ambassador of Pakistan to China handing over the command scroll of PNS TUGHRIL to Commanding Officer of PNS TUGHRIL (First 054 A/P Frigate of Pakistan Navy) during commissioning ceremony held at China



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