

Embassy of India

Damascus

Press Release

Reception organised on the occasion of 75th Republic Day by Embassy of India, Damascus

On the occasion of the 75th Republic Day of India, Embassy of India, Damascus organised a reception on 26th January 2024 in the evening at Sheraton Hotel, Damascus. Approximately 180 guests, including dignitaries of the Syrian government, members of the diplomatic corps, members of the Indian diaspora, Syrian civil society and media persons attended the Reception.

2. Syrian Government was represented by H.E. Amb. Ayman Raad, Deputy Foreign Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates; Her Excellency Dr. Salam Saffaf, Minister of Administrative Development; H.E. Dr. Bassam Bashir Ibrahim, Minister of Higher Education & Scientific Research; H.E. Mr. Iyad Al Khatib, Minister of Communication & Technology; Her Excellency Dr. Bouthaina Shaaban, Political and Media Advisor at Syrian Presidency; Comrade Ammar Al-Sebaaei, Head of National Economic Bureau, Central Leadership of Al-Baath Arab Socialist Party; Comrade Huda Al-Homsi, Head of Popular Organisations & Professional Associations, Central Leadership of Al-Baath Arab Socialist Party; H.E. Amb. Emad Mustafa, Director of Diplomatic Institute, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Expatriates, and Comrade Hussam Al-Samman, Secretary of Damascus Branch of Al-Baath Arab Socialist Party, Major General Mufid Hasan, Deputy Chief General Command of Army and Armed Forces, and H.E. Eng. Ali Al-Mubayed, Deputy Governor of Damascus.

3. The programme started with lighting of the lamp and cutting of cake. Ambassador Dr. Irshad Ahmad addressed the gathering and gave a speech highlighting the important aspects of India's growth story and outlining the present chief components and future dynamics of India-Syria relationship. The Chief Guest H.E. Amb. Ayman Raad, Deputy Foreign Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, also delivered a speech.

4. A video showcasing the success story of India was also shown. This was followed by a cultural programme, including famous Indian and Syrian classical dances. The programme concluded with a buffet dinner.

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