

Canadian HC calls on President

ISLAMABAD, Jun 23 (APP): The outgoing Canadian High Commissioner, David B. Collins paid a farewell call on President Pervez Musharraf here at the Aiwan-e-Sadr on Monday. The President underlined the importance of Pakistan-Canada relationship and lauded the High Commissioner's contribution to the development of bilateral cooperation in various fields. The President expressed thanks for the Canadian government's relief and rehabilitation assistance to Pakistan following the earthquake of October 2005. He also appreciated the debt-swap for education initiative as well as Canadian company Barrick Gold's investment in the copper mining joint venture project in Baluchistan. The President wished the High Commissioner success in his future assignment. High Commissioner David Collins thanked the President and the Government of Pakistan for the support extended to him during his tenure in Pakistan. He praised the earthquake-related rehabilitation work carried out by the Pakistani nation and particularly the armed forces. The High Commissioner also informed the President that Canada would be involved in the rebuilding of schools in the quake affected areas particularly where the Canadian personnel were located during the earthquake relief operations.