

SPEECH BY DAN PLATO  
THE OTHER PAKISTAN EXHIBITION  
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Good evening and welcome to His Excellency the High Commissioner of Pakistan, Mayoral Committee Members, Councillors, ladies and gentlemen.

I am so glad that we as a City of Cape Town are a municipality that has a high appreciation of the arts and its promotion.

I would like to commend the photographer Yasir Nisar, for the sterling level of this work. I am blown away at the beauty of your country. I would also like to thank you for choosing our City as the venue for the opening of your exhibition.

The diversity of Pakistan resonates strongly with Cape Town's own cultural diversity. This pictorial documentary, explores aspects of a country often misunderstood.

We as the City of Cape Town are proud to be associated with The Other Pakistan Photographic Exhibition and I must congratulate the organisers for working tirelessly to assure the success of this evening.

With the press present here today, my hope is that this exhibition will act as an encouragement to both local and international artists.

I hope you all enjoy this evening and I am sure that it will be an overwhelming success.

I now declare this exhibition open.