

**CAPS delegation visits Indonesian Embassy, reaffirming their commitment to enhancing cultural diplomacy.**

A delegation of the Consortium for Asia-Pacific Studies (CAPS) held a meeting with Mr. Rahmat Hindiarta Kusuma, Minister Counsellor of Information, Social, and Cultural Affairs at the Embassy of Indonesia here in Islamabad on 28th August, 2025. The CAPS delegation was led by President Dr. Khuram Iqbal, accompanied by Joint Secretary Sardar Bakhsh and Indonesian Intern Mr. Lidzikri Ahmad Syaru Robbani.

Both sides engaged in an in-depth discussion on the role of culture and religion in countering extremism and terrorism. Mr. Kusuma underlined Indonesia's success in promoting cultural resilience, religious moderation, and community-based approaches to counter extremism. Dr. Iqbal emphasized that Pakistan could draw valuable lessons from Indonesia's experience as a pluralistic, Muslim-majority democracy that has successfully balanced tradition and modernity in its approach to extremism.

Mr. Rahmat, also thanked President CAPS for providing Indonesian students with the unique internship opportunity and it was mutually agreed to continue such engagement in future.

