

Australian opens honorary consulate

LAHORE: Australian High Commissioner Zorica McCarthy inaugurated the Australian honorary consulate in Lahore on Monday at Ghauris' residence in the Defence Housing Authority (DHA)

Australia has appointed Salim Ghauri, chairman and chief executive officer of NetSol Technologies, as its honorary consulate in Lahore. Ghauri has lived and studied in Australia for 10 years.

McCarthy said Australia wanted to develop ties with the city. She hoped that the consulate would help extend trade and cultural ties between Lahore and Australia.

Ghauri told Daily Times that his priority would be to enhance business ties with Australia. He added that the consulate would highlight the city's cultural activities. He said Australia was a "very developed country" and Pakistan needed to enhance ties with it. McCarthy meets governor: The Australian high commissioner visited Governor Khalid Maqbool at Governor's House. Ghauri was also present on the occasion. **STAFF REPORT**