

Hon. Syed Naveed Qamar, MP, Pakistan
Federal Minister for Commerce
Board Member, AirQualityAsia

Hon. Syed Naveed Qamar belongs to a renowned political family of Sindh. His grandfather, served as the first Speaker of the Sindh Assembly in 1947; his father was Deputy Speaker of Sindh Assembly, and Senator during Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's government.

Hon. Syed Naveed Qamar started his political career as Member Sindh Assembly in 1988, and became Minister for Information. In all subsequent general elections h1990, 1993, 1997, 2002, 2008 & 2013, he has continuously won his seat as a Member of National Assembly of Pakistan.

In the governments of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and Prime Minister Yusuf Reza Gilani, Hon. Qamar has held every important portfolio; serving as Federal Minister of Defense, Federal Minister of Finance, Federal Minister of Water & Power, Federal Minister of Petroleum & Natural Resources and Federal Minister of Privatization.

Hon. Qamar currently holds the position of Opposition Parliamentary Leader in the National Assembly of Pakistan and Member Central Executive Committee in the Pakistan People's Party; the country's progressive party.

Hon. Qamar is an active participant in the Legislative Business of Parliament of Pakistan; with a strong attendance and voting record. Currently, He is Chairman, Standing Committee on Railways, Convener, Public Accounts Committee, Member, Standing Committees on Finance, Law & Justice and Member, Electoral Reforms Committee.

Hon. Qamar played a critical role in the passage of important Constitutional amendments in the parliamentary history of Pakistan, especially in 18th, 19th and 20th Constitutional Amendments.

He is member of a number of Parliamentary Friendship Groups and convener of Pakistan-Hungary Parliamentary Friendship Group. He also serves on the Board of Parliamentarians for Global Action where he leads the work on Peace and Democracy. Hon. Qamar was co-recipient of PGA's 18th Annual Defender of Democracy Award 2013 for his seminal work on national multi-party cooperation and South Asian regional peace initiatives.

He is also Member on Board of Governors of Pakistan's premier policy think-tank Sustainable Development Policy Institute and has served on the Board of the Pakistan Institute of Parliamentary Services.