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EDITOR'S NOTE

It gives me a great pleasure to present to you the PLGMEA NewsLetter; the initiative of Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association in continuance of the legacy and traditions of adding innovative value-added services for its members.

At Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association, we are committed to provide you with updated information, to help you manage your businesses at par and also provide you with sufficient tools so that you can truly optimize yourself with the globalized world as an entrepreneur. PLGMEA NewsLetter is the result of same commitment and dedication towards you as our primary focus and our number one priority.



Sheikh Zohaib Sethi

Convener: PLGMEA Magazine &
R & D Committee

I am delighted to share with you this NewsLetter. It has been an over whelming experience for us to provide you the latest information through this NewsLetter which is now being continued again. We are striving to keep up with our reader's expectations.

Therefore, in this 'Edition' we have some interesting things coming to you including informative articles, Reports, Tips for Improvement and other productive information/data for our business community. We firmly believe that this publication would become an essential tool for anyone related to the Industry.

We assure you that Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association would keep on taking similar initiatives for the betterment of the Industry and we would be honored to get your support in making this venture better in future through your valuable feedback and inputs

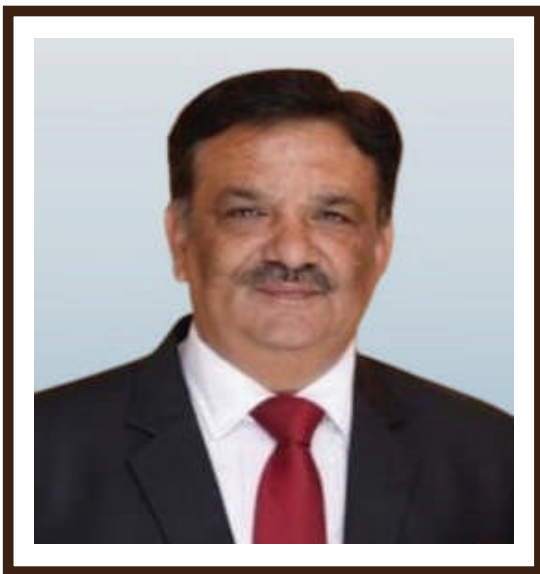
Profound Regards,
Sheikh Zohaib Sethi

CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

I, on behalf of the Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PLGMEA), present best compliments to the Business Community of Sialkot. This esteemed Association is always devoted to serving the Sialkot Industry as an Apex Body and is always striving to grow this Industry with all possible efforts & treasures.

As per the legacy of this prestigious organization, I am delighted to announce the publishing of PLGMEA E-Magazine, "PLGMEA NEWSLETTER" for the Business Community of Sialkot. With the utmost pleasure, I would like to share with all of you that the E-Magazine will definitely prove as a hallmark of quality reading material on the business and industry related knowledge.

This initiative is a tradition that should be continued with the aim to spread new & innovative ideas, information, and exposure to the reader/our business community.



Mr. Syed Ahtesham Mazhar
Chairman (Central)

it has been an exciting experience to provide information on different international markets, potential trade destinations, innovative ideas, skills & system development, business improvements & enhancement, etc. through this E-Magazine.

I believe that the step towards knowledge sharing through this medium will become the source of information & inspiration for all our readers/members. Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PLGMEA) assures that we would keep on doing such efforts for the growth of our Industry by nourishing this plant with the water of knowledge. And we are always looking forward to the support & valuable feedback of our readers/members to make sure this treasure as a success.

Profound Regards,
SYED AHTESHAM MAZHAR
CHAIRMAN

PLGMEA DELEGATION VISIT TO UZBEKISTAN

INTRODUCTION:

The Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PLGMEA), under the leadership of Chairman Mr. Aetesham Gilani and on-ground guidance of Mr. Syed Shujaat Ali, organized an official delegation visit to Uzbekistan from July 29 to August 3, 2025. The objective of the visit was to enhance bilateral trade relations, explore new export markets, and establish joint business ventures in the leather and garments sector.

This initiative was strategically aligned with the Government of Pakistan's vision to strengthen regional trade ties, particularly with Central Asian countries. The delegation engaged in high-level meetings with the Ambassador of Pakistan in Tashkent, the Uzbekistan Chamber of Commerce, and representatives from the Ministry of Investment and Trade. Additionally, visits were conducted to key industrial cities including Fergana, Andijan, and Samarkand, where members explored manufacturing hubs and discussed future collaboration opportunities with local businesses.

Delegation Members:

1. Mr. Aetesham Mazhar Gilani,
Chairman PLGMEA
2. Mr. Syed Shujaat Ali,
Chairman Exhibition and Delegation
Committee PLGMEA
3. Mr. Mohammad Farooq,
Chairman PLGMEA South
4. Mr. Rashid Hanif,
Member
5. Mr. Faraz Alam,
Member
6. Mr. Tanzeem Kazmi,
Member
7. Mr. Jamal Anwar,
Member
8. Ms. Jiya Nasir
9. Ms. Numaira Manzoor



BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE OF THE VISIT

PLGMEA has long been a representative body of Pakistan's value added leather garments industry, which contributes significantly to the country's exports. As part of its ongoing international outreach efforts, the Association initiated this delegation to Uzbekistan one of the most strategically located Central Asian Republics with growing demand for quality leather goods and apparel. With logistical support from TDAP and in coordination with the Embassy of Pakistan in Tashkent, this delegation was aimed at:

Studying and Promoting leather export Potentials from Pakistan to New Markets.

- Establishing direct B2B connections with Uzbek businesses.
- Finding Ways to Establish Viable Export Route to Russia.

- Exploring investment and joint venture opportunities within Central Asian Republics and understanding market dynamics and local production infrastructure that can form synergies enroute to creating profitable bilateral trade to Russia.
- Enhancing cultural and trade diplomacy between the two brotherly Islamic nations.



Detailed Itinerary and Meeting Summaries

Day 1 Meeting 1: Arrival in Tashkent & Meeting with the Ambassador

Date: 30th July 2025

Location: Embassy of Pakistan, Tashkent

Meeting With: H.E. Mr. Ahmed Farooq, Ambassador of Pakistan to Uzbekistan

Summary:

The delegation was warmly received by the Pakistani Embassy in Tashkent. Ambassador Ahmed Farooq extended full support and briefed the delegation on Uzbekistan's current trade policies, bilateral potential, and avenues for collaboration. Discussions emphasized Pakistan's strong historical ties with Uzbekistan and the importance of increasing connectivity and trade flows through favorable diplomatic channels.



Day 1 Meeting 2: Meeting with the Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Uzbekistan**Date:** 30 July 2025**Location:** Tashkent**Meeting With:** Representatives from the Uzbekistan Chamber of Commerce & Industry**Summary:**

An official session was conducted with senior officials of the Chamber, where the delegation presented Pakistan's leather garments sector potential. The Chamber appreciated the quality of Pakistani products and expressed keen interest in business matchmaking events, trade fairs, and joint production setups. A follow-up commitment was made for developing a formal MoU between PLGMEA and the Uzbekistan Chamber of Commerce.

Day 2 Meeting 3: Visiting Tannery in Uzbekistan**Date:** 31 July 2025**Location:** Tashkent**Summary:**

Uzbekistan's leather tanning industry has deep historical roots and is now rapidly modernizing, with production and exports growing significantly in recent years. Key regions like Andijan and Fergana lead in output, while new policies—including export duties on raw leather aim to boost local value addition. International partnerships, LWG certifications, and infrastructure projects (like the new leather industrial zone near Tashkent) are helping the country align with global standards. However, challenges remain, such as outdated equipment, lack of skilled labor, and uneven regional development, leaving strong potential for investment and collaboration in value-added leather production.

Day 3 Meeting 4: Business Visit to Fergana Region**Date:** 1st August 2025**Location:** Fergana**Summary:**

The delegation visited Fergana's industrial district and held meetings with local manufacturers and textile traders. Factory visits showcased the capacity and scale of regional production. Discussions revolved around how Pakistani exporters could integrate into the Uzbek supply chain by offering specialized leather garments and value added products.

Day 3 Meeting 5: Visit to Andijan Industrial Zone**Date:** 1st August 2025**Location:** Andijan**Summary:**

At Andijan, the delegation toured leather and garment manufacturing units. The visit provided insight into local material sourcing, production methods, and skilled workforce availability. Key learning points included understanding regional VAT regulations, import-export processes, and Uzbekistan's growing role as a trade corridor between South and Central Asia.

Day 4: Visit to Samarkand & Final Business Meetings**Date:** 2 August 2025**Location:** Samarkand**Summary:**

The final day of the delegation's visit was spent in the historic city of Samarkand, where members along with Chairman Mr. Aetesham Mazhar Gilani toured prominent trade centers and local markets to better understand retail trends, consumer behavior, and demand patterns within Uzbekistan. A key highlight was a meeting with Mr. Feroz Favirov, a respected business leader and influential stakeholder in the region's commercial landscape.

The discussions were constructive and forward looking, focusing on practical steps to integrate Pakistani leather products into Uzbekistan's mainstream retail channels. Both parties explored the idea of launching pilot-scale orders as a testbed for market response, followed by potential long-term supply arrangements. The delegation also proposed the development of digital B2B platforms for ongoing trade communication and product visibility. Importantly, avenues were discussed for showcasing Pakistani brands within Uzbek outlets through franchise models or shop-inshop formats. These interactions reflected a mutual intent to build commercially viable partnerships that go beyond trade and evolve into sustainable brand representation and joint ventures.

CONCLUSION:

This delegation marked a milestone in PLGMEA's efforts to expand into Central Asia and strengthen trade relations with Uzbekistan. The visit provided valuable firsthand exposure to market conditions, regulatory frameworks, and consumer demand in Uzbekistan's evolving economic landscape.

- All four Days the Delegation followed honorable chairman Mr. Aetesham's guidance to ensure Pakistan created a well poised impression within the country of Uzbekistan.
- The outcomes of this delegation are promising.
- Strong interest in Pakistani leather products.
- Open channels for institutional collaboration.
- Opportunity to re-route exports to CIS markets through Uzbekistan.
- Potential to reduce logistical constraints faced in Russia-bound trade.
- PLGMEA expresses its sincere gratitude to TDAP Pakistan, the

Embassy of Pakistan in Tashkent, and the Uzbek institutions that hosted the delegation. This initiative reinforces the vision of building a more integrated regional trade framework and lays the groundwork for sustained economic cooperation between Pakistan and Uzbekistan.

Emergent Meeting for Protest against Federal Budget 2025-26 Held on July 09, 2025 at PLGMEA Northern Zone Conference Hall, Sialkot.



Presentation delivered by National Compliance Center (NCC) Team on 16 July 2025 at PLGMEA (Northern Zone) Conference Hall, Sialkot



M/s. J&S Timeless Leather, a proud member of Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacture and Exporter Association, celebrated Pakistan's 78th Independence Day with a refreshing twist. The company hosted a plantation drive, inviting guests to join hands in making Pakistan a greener, more prosperous nation.

Mr. Farooq Ahmed, Chairman Southern Zone, Pakistan Leather Garments Exporter Association, graced the event as the chief guest. In his address, he praised M/s. J&S Timeless Leather's efforts in contributing to Pakistan's economic growth through the Leather Garments industry.

The owner and director of M/s. J&S Timeless Leather expressed heartfelt gratitude to Chairman PLGMEA. Southern Zone Mr. Farooq Ahmed for his presence and emphasized the importance of collective efforts in nation-building. The plantation drive symbolized the company's commitment to environmental sustainability and social responsibility, inspiring the younger generation to work towards a brighter Pakistan.

This initiative showcases the leather industry's potential to drive positive change and promote a greener future for Pakistan.



Leather Garments Exports from Pakistan

In July 2025, Pakistan's leather garments exports experienced a notable increase. According to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), the export value of leather garments reached \$25.24 million, marking a 22.74% rise compared to July 2024. This growth reflects a positive trend in the country's leather garment sector.

The export quantity for leather garments in July 2025 was approximately 201,000 dozen, up from 184,000 dozen in the same month the previous year. This increase in both value and quantity underscores the sector's resilience and competitiveness in the global market.



This upward trajectory aligns with the broader growth in Pakistan's overall exports, which saw a 16.43% increase in July 2025, reaching a total of \$2.68 billion.

Overall Leather Goods Exports

In July 2025, Pakistan's leather goods exports reached \$63.59 million, showing a slight decrease of 3.97% compared to June 2025. Leather garments contributed \$25.24 million, while leather gloves accounted for \$26.83 million, both showing growth compared to the same month last year. Other leather products, including tanned leather, reached \$11.52 million, though tanned leather exports declined slightly.

Textile exports from Pakistan

In July 2025, Pakistan's textile exports reached \$1.69 billion, marking a significant 33.7% increase compared to July 2024 and a 10.39% rise over June 2025. Growth was driven by strong performance in knit-wear, bedwear, and readymade garments, reflecting sustained international demand. Exports of cotton yarn and cotton fabric saw minor declines, indicating some challenges in raw material segments.



Key export destinations included the United States, European countries, and Middle Eastern markets, which continued to account for the largest share of Pakistan's textile trade. Rising global demand, competitive pricing, and improvements in quality and product diversification contributed to this growth.

For the fiscal year 2024-25 (July to May), textile and apparel exports totaled \$16.365 billion, a 7.37% increase from the previous year, accounting for 55.36% of Pakistan's total exports. Overall, the textile sector remains the backbone of Pakistan's export economy, demonstrating resilience and the ability to adapt to international market trends despite fluctuations in some product segments.

Advanced Innovations in Leather Garments

The leather garment industry is undergoing a major transformation, driven by cutting-edge technologies, sustainability, and digital integration. Below are the most advanced innovations shaping the future:

1: Bio-Engineered & Lab-Grown Leather

DNA-Engineered Collagen: Synthetic biology enables the creation of collagen-based leather grown in labs, offering a cruelty-free alternative to traditional hides.

Programmable Textures: Lab-grown leather can be digitally engineered to replicate exotic patterns (e.g., crocodile, suede) without animal use.

2: Nano & Smart Coatings:

Self-Healing Surfaces: Nano-polymers allow leather to repair minor scratches automatically, extending product lifespan.

Antimicrobial & Antiviral Finishes: Leather treated with advanced coatings can neutralize bacteria and viruses, enhancing safety and hygiene.

Hydrophobic Technology: Ultra-waterproof yet breath

able coatings provide durability and comfort for outdoor wear.

3: Technology-Integrated Garments

Augmented Reality Fashion: Jackets with AR-compatible designs transform virtually, allowing customization in real time.

Color-Changing Leather: Thermochromic and electrochromic materials enable garments to change colors via heat or mobile app controls.

Haptic Wearables:

Smart leather jackets equipped with vibration feedback assist in navigation and interactive experiences.

4: Next-Generation Manufacturing:

AI-Driven Customization: Artificial intelligence designs garments tailored to individual body shapes and style preferences.

3D/4D Printing Applications: Direct printing on leather surfaces allows innovative textures, logos, and functional components.

Robotic Tailoring:

Automation ensures precision stitching, cutting, and finishing at luxury standards.

5: Sustainability Breakthroughs:

Carbon-Negative Materials: Bio-based leathers (mushroom, cactus) not only replace animal hides but also capture CO₂, creating a positive environmental impact.

Blockchain Traceability:

Digital passports for garments guarantee ethical sourcing, tanning transparency, and full supply-chain accountability.

Circular Economy Practices: Advanced recycling technologies turn old leather garments into new materials, reducing waste.

Extreme Performance Leather:

Graphene-Infused Leather: Combines luxury aesthetics with high strength, heat conductivity, and ultralight weight.

Thermal-Regulating Materials:

Jackets with phase-change materials (PCM) adapt to body temperature, keeping wearers cool or warm.

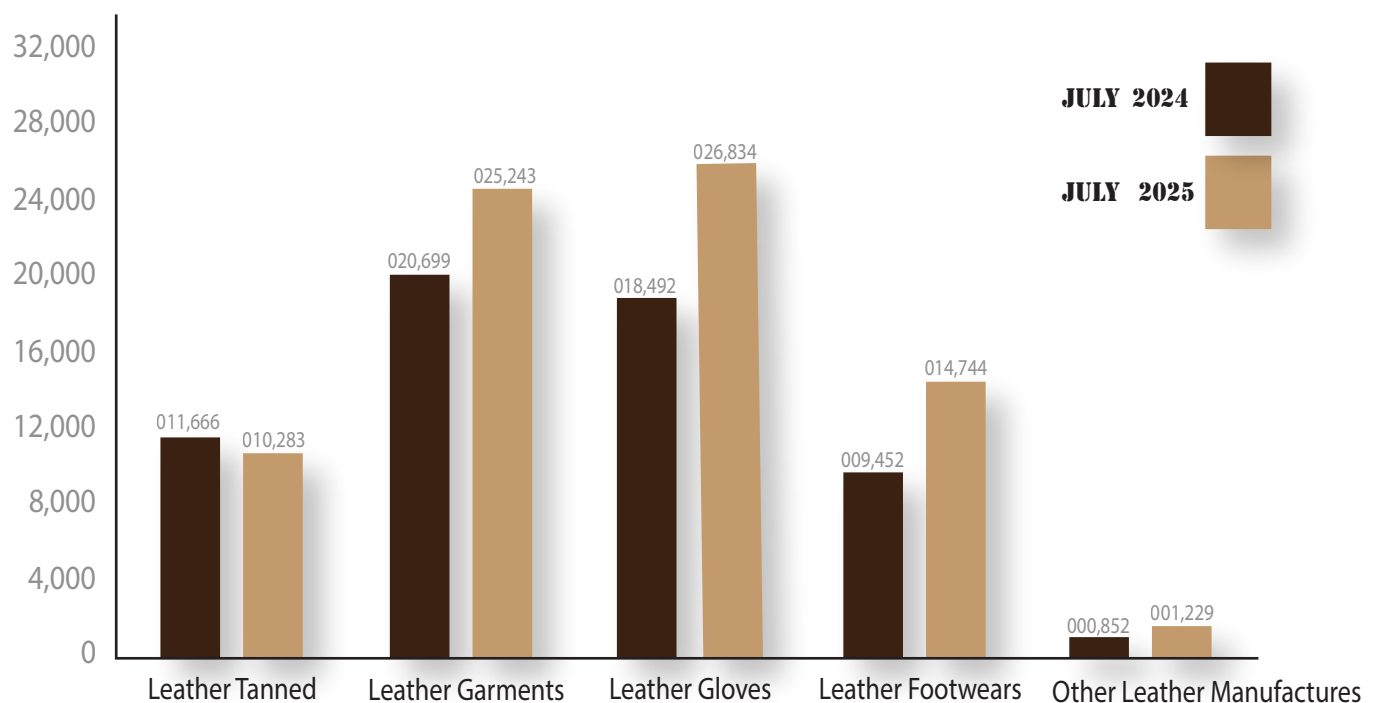
Protective Smart Armor: Leather integrated with lightweight ballistic and stab-resistant layers for defense and security applications.

Leather Sector Exports

During the Month of July 2024 & July 2025

VALUE = (US DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	July 2024	July 2025	% Change
Leather Tanned	011,766	010,283	- 14.42 %
Leather Garments	020,699	025,243	18.00 %
Leather Gloves	018,492	026,834	31.08 %
Leather Footwear	009,452	014,744,	35.89 %
Leather Manufactures	000,852	001,229	30.67 %
Total Leather Products	061,261	078,333	21.79 %



Industrial Design

FEATURES, SIGNIFICANCE & REGISTRATION

An industrial design is the ornamental or aesthetic aspect of an article. The design may consist of three-dimensional features, such as the shape or surface of an article, or of two dimensional features, such as patterns, lines or color.

Industrial designs are applied to a wide variety of products of industry and handicraft: from technical and medical instruments to watches, jewelry and other luxury items; from house wares and electrical appliances to vehicles and architectural structures; from textile designs to leisure goods.

An industrial design is primarily of an aesthetic or visual nature, and does not relate to the technical features of an article.



Advantages of Registered Designs

- The owner is able to prevent unauthorized copying or imitation of his or her design by third parties. In addition, as industrial designs add to the commercial value of a product & facilitate its marketing & commercialization, their protection helps ensure that a fair return on investment is obtained.
- Protection of industrial designs encourages fair competition & honest trade practices. It leads to the production of more aesthetically attractive & diversified products, thereby broadening consumer choice.
- Industrial design protection acts as a spur to a country's economic development by contributing to the expansion of commercial activities & by enhancing the export potential of national product.

Disadvantages of Unregistered Designs:

- The owner is unable to prevent unauthorized copying or limitation of his or her design by third parties.
- Un-protection of industrial designs discourages unfair competition & dishonest trade practices.



Who may apply for Registration?

Except in the case of an application under Section 11 of the Ordinance, any person claiming to be the proprietor of any new or original design not previously published anywhere in the world may make an application for the registration of such design in Pakistan. Thus the applicant need not be the author of the design. The "proprietor or creator of a design" is defined in Section 2(b) of the Ordinance.

Requirements for registration of a design:

An application for the registration of a design must be made on prescribed Form, and must be accompanied by the prescribed number of representations of the design or the specimen of the article bearing the design and by the prescribed fee and affidavit in accordance with Rule 63B. If it is desired to register the same design in more than one class, a separate application must be made in each class.

Upcoming Trade Shows related to Leather & Textile

FASHION SOURCING TOKYO

Date: Oct. 01 - 03, 2025

Country: Tokyo (Japan)

Sector: Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing, Fabrics - Clothing Textiles

FASHION WORLD TOKYO 2025

Date: Oct. 01 - 03, 2025

Country: Tokyo (Japan)

Sector: Fashion - Clothing, Leather & Fur

MAGIC NASHVILLE 2025

Date: Oct. 02 - 03, 2025

Country: Nashville, TN (USA)

Sector: Fashion - Clothing, Leather & Fu

OBUV. MIR KOZHI 2025

Date: Oct. 14 - 16, 2025

Country: Moscow (Russia)

Sector: Fashion - Clothing, Leather & Fur

FUTURMODA 2025

Date: Oct. 15 - 16, 2025

Country: Alicante (Spain)

Sector: Fashion - Clothing, Leather & Fur

GLOBAL SOURCES FASHION 2025

Date: Oct. 27 - 30, 2025

Country: Hong Kong (Hong Kong)

Sector: Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing, Fabrics - Clothing Textiles

BFSHOW - BRAZILIAN FOOTWEAR SHOW 2025

Date: Nov. 10 - 12, 2025

Country: São Paulo (Brazil)

Sector: Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing

AYSAF 2025

Date: Nov. 12 - 15, 2025

Country: Istanbul (Turkey)

Sector: Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing

TEXCARE ASIA 2025

Date: Nov. 12 - 14, 2025

Country: Shanghai (China)

Sector: Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing, Fabrics - Clothing Textiles

INTERLEATHER & SHOES - SPAIN 2025

Date: Nov. 17 - 19, 2025

Country: Madrid (Spain)

Sector: Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing

ITF - INTERTEX SPAIN 2025

Date: Nov. 17 - 19, 2025

Country: Madrid (Spain)

Sector: Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing, Fabrics - Clothing Textiles

FOOTWEAR & LEATHER SHOW AUSTRALIA 2025

Date: Nov. 18 - 20, 2025

Country: Melbourne (Australia)

Sector: Fashion - Clothing, Leather & Fur

FFANY MARKET WEEK 2025

Date: Dec. 01 - 05, 2025

Country: New York, NY (USA)

Sector: Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing

ASIA FASHION (VIETNAM) SHOW 2025

Date: Dec. 05 - 07, 2025

Country: Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam)

Sector: Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing, Fabrics - Clothing Textiles



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