



Institute of Regional Studies

Greek Ambassador Andreas Papastavrou Visits IRS

Islamabad: 17 December 2020: H.E Mr. Andreas Papastavrou paid a maiden visit to the Institute of Regional Studies, Islamabad. President IRS Amb Nadeem Riyaz gave him detailed briefing on the functions of the Institute. Amb Riyaz apprised Mr. Papastavrou about the scope of IRS research. While elaborating, he shared that the institute primarily conduct in-depth research on the neighborhood of Pakistan that includes members of the SAARC countries and also on China and Iran.

Amb Riyaz also briefed about IRS publications. Recently the institute has started a policy paper series which is available on the website, he added. The institute has also started an internship program in which all the interns have been selected on merit. They are associated with each researcher at IRS.

IRS is constantly working on enhancing IRS linkages with other think tanks, universities, and relevant organizations within the country and abroad, Amb Riyaz said. On 16th December, we have signed an MoU with the Kashmir Committee at the Parliament, he added.

Papastavrou on its part, thanked Amb Riyaz for the invitation and offer to speak on the subject of my choice anytime at the IRS. Mr. Papastavrou was very pleased to know the way IRS is functioning and expressed his desire to collaborate with the institute to enlighten his office on Pakistan's narrative on the regional issues.

Amb Papastavrou was given a detailed tour of IRS premises. He also had candid interaction with IRS research team. At the end, Amb Riyaz presented him IRS memento.

