

**Curriculum Vitae
Ms. Riffat Masood
Ambassador (r) of Pakistan**

Ambassador Riffat Masood, a career diplomat, received her tertiary education in the United Kingdom. She is an honours graduate of the University of Sheffield in English Language/English Literature.

In October 1984, Ms. Riffat Masood appeared in the Civil Services Examination of Pakistan and was allocated the Information Service. She served in the External Publicity Wing for three years after which time, she joined the Foreign Service of Pakistan in July 1987.

During her service, Riffat Masood underwent training programme at National Institute of Public Administration (NIPA), Lahore in 2006. She also undertook the National Security & War Course (NSWC) at the National Defence University, Islamabad in 2014-2015. In her capacity as Director Personnel, she also headed the first batch of Foreign Service officers for the Clingendael training programme for young diplomats at The Hague, Netherlands in 2004

While posted at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ms. Riffat Masood served in the capacities of Section Officer, Director and Director General in the Europe, US, South Asia, Policy Planning and Personnel divisions at intermittent periods between 1988-2015.

During this period, she also served in the Prime Minister's Secretariat, on deputation from 1995-1998.

Ambassador Riffat Masood also has a varied experience while serving in Pakistan's Missions abroad. Her foreign postings include:

- (i) Third/Second Secretary in London (1991-1995);
- (ii) Second Secretary and Deputy Permanent delegate to UNESCO, Paris (1998-2001);
- (iii) First Secretary in Ankara (2001-2003);
- (iv) Deputy High Commissioner at New Delhi (2006-2010);
- (v) Consul General at Los Angeles (2010-2013);
- (vi) Ambassador at the Embassy of Pakistan in Norway (2015-2018);
- (vii) Pakistan's first woman Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Iran (July 2018 – November 2019)

Ambassador Riffat Masood is fluent in Persian and has a working knowledge of Turkish. She is married with two daughters and four grandchildren.