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## **‘Lincoln Corner’ Inaugurated at AJK University**

**Muzaffarabad, April 26, 2007** -- The Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan, and the U.S. Embassy’s Acting Deputy Chief of Mission, James H. Williams, formally inaugurated on Thursday the U.S. Government-funded “Lincoln Corner” at the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir here.

Lincoln Corner is a resource center that offers information on the United States, its culture, economy, politics, society, history, education and people. The Lincoln Corner at AJK University joins the three Lincoln Corners already established in Peshawar, Islamabad and Karachi and over 365 American Corners now established worldwide.

“Lincoln Corner is a functional and lasting symbol of the growing and dynamic relationship between the countries and the peoples of Pakistan and the United States,” the Acting Deputy Chief of Mission of U.S. Embassy, James H. Williams, said in his remarks.

Prime Minister Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan said that the American government has shown particular interest in promoting higher education in Pakistan and the opening of Lincoln’s Corner in Muzaffarabad is another step in promoting higher education in an important area.

“The Lincoln Corner in Azad Kashmir would be a wonderful gift of knowledge from the American people to the Kashmiris,” the Prime Minister remarked.

The American diplomat added: “It is also an important sign of the very broad, strategic partnership between Pakistan and the United States. We are continuing to widen and deepen the ties that connect our two countries and our two people by formally opening this Lincoln Corner.”

He said that the event was postponed for over 18 months due to the tragic earthquake of October 2005 adding that he was impressed with the “great resilience and resolve in the face of tragedy” shown by the people of the earthquake affected areas.

“The Lincoln Corner at AJK University is an important symbol of the long-standing, dynamic partnership between the people of Muzaffarabad and the American people,” Williams said.

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Williams James said that over its 27 years history, the AJK University has built a well-earned reputation for academic excellence and service to the community and to the region.

“The AJK University has forged successful international educational partnerships with many countries, including the United States, and this ‘Lincoln corner’ is another significant continuation of that relationship,” Williams emphasized.

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