KABUL - The United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF) on Tuesday commemorated World Children’s Day, which marks the 29th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, according to a statement.

“It is a day when we can jointly celebrate all achievements attained for children in Afghanistan, including improved health care, increased girls’ school attendance, and decreased child marriage. Yet, it is also a stark reminder of all the challenges that children in Afghanistan continue to face, including violence, abuse, exploitation, and poverty,” the UNICEF statement said.

India said it would like to pursue more joint projects with China in war-ravaged Afghanistan as the first batch of 10 Afghan diplomats being jointly trained by both countries started their training programme in New Delhi, according to a media report.

The Afghan diplomats, who underwent training in New Delhi from October 15-26, began a 10-day training stint at the China Foreign Affairs University on Monday, The Economic Times said.

This is the first joint programme being undertaken in Afghanistan by India and China. It was part of an understanding at the informal summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping held in April in... (More on P10...)

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