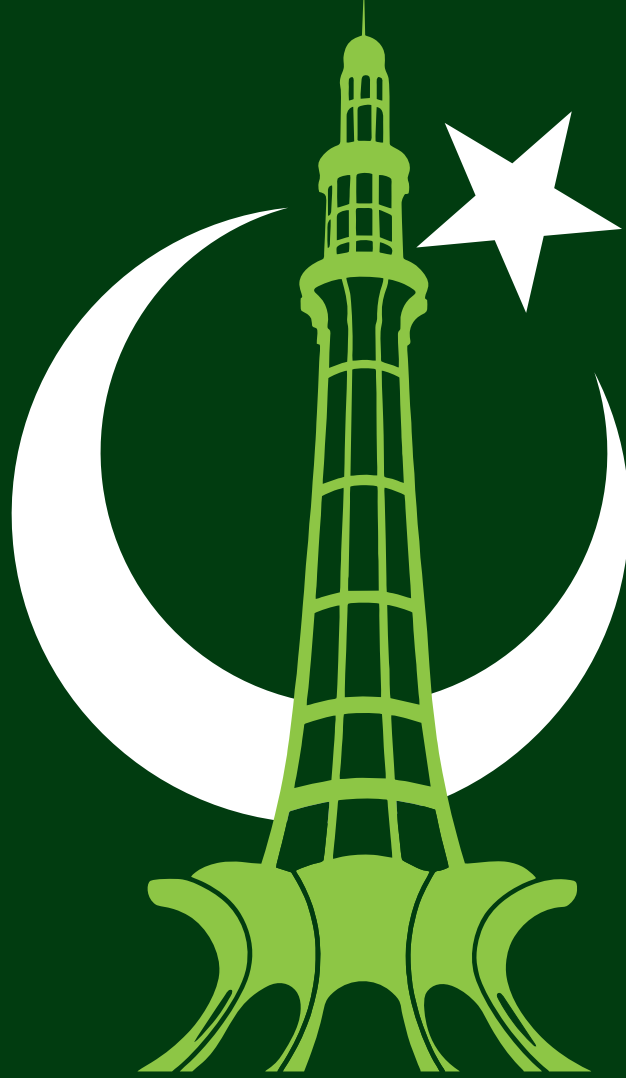




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پاکستان آتے ہیں تو ہمیں ایسے ہی محسوس ہوتا ہے جیسے ہم اپنے دوسرے گھر آئے ہیں۔ پاکستانیوں کی قرآن سے محبت دیکھ کر دل بہت خوش ہوتا ہے۔ معروف مذہبی اسکالر محترم جناب انیق احمد صاحب نے سیالکوٹ کی بزنس کمیونٹی سے قرآن اور آج کے انسان کے موضوع پر خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ بلاشبہ قرآن مجید کا پڑھنا اور سننا بڑے اجر و ثواب کا کام ہے مگر اس پر عمل کرنا اس سے بھی بڑھ کا اجر و ثواب کا حامل ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اللہ کریم چاہتا ہے کہ اس کا پیدا کردہ انسان چلتا پھرتا قرآن نظر آئے۔ اس کا ہر عمل قرآن و سنت کے بتائے ہوئے اصول و قواعد کے مطابق ہونا چاہیے۔ پروگرام میں صدر سیالکوٹ چیئرمین جناب میاں عمران اکبر، نائب صدر سیالکوٹ چیئرمین جناب قاسم ملک صاحب، سابق صدر جناب میجر (ر) منصور احمد، نائب صدر جناب پرویز احمد خان صاحب، اسسٹنٹ کمشنر سیالکوٹ، اراکین مجلس عاملہ اور اراکین چیئرمین کے علاوہ مختلف سکولز، کالجز اور یونیورسٹیز کے طلباء اور اساتذہ کرام کی ایک کثیر تعداد نے مہفل حسن قرأت کی خوبصورت محفل میں شرکت کی۔

مورخہ 02 مارچ 2022ء ایوان صنعت و تجارت سیالکوٹ کی ڈیپارٹمنٹل کمیٹی برائے مذہبی و ثقافتی امور کے زیر اہتمام سیالکوٹ چیئرمین شیخ محمد شفیع ہال میں ایک پروگرام بین الاقوامی محفل حسن قرأت کا اہتمام کیا گیا۔ محفل حسن قرأت کی صدارت، صدر سیالکوٹ چیئرمین جناب میاں عمران اکبر نے کی۔ جمہوریہ مصر کے نامور قراء حضرات جناب قاری الشیخ محمود کمال النجار، جناب قاری الشیخ محمود حسین عاشور اور جناب قاری الشیخ احمد مصطفیٰ الجندی کے علاوہ قاری عبدالرشید نے تلاوت قرآن مجید کا شرف حاصل کرنے کیلئے محفل حسن قرأت میں خصوصی شرکت کی۔ علاوہ ازیں نجی ٹی وی چینل کے میزبان و مذہبی امور کے ڈائریکٹر محترم جناب انیق احمد صاحب نے "قرآن اور آج کا انسان" کے موضوع پر خصوصی خطاب بھی کیا۔ پروگرام کی میزبانی کی فرائض چیئرمین کمیٹی برائے مذہبی و ثقافتی امور جناب میاں محسن گل نے سرانجام دیئے۔ انہوں نے پروگرام کے اہتمام میں معاونت کرنے والے تمام دوست احباب کا بھی شکریہ ادا کیا۔

صدر سیالکوٹ چیئرمین محترم جناب میاں عمران اکبر نے محفل حسن قرأت میں شرکت پر جمہوریہ مصر کے قراء حضرات اور مہمان خصوصی محترم جناب انیق احمد صاحب کا سیالکوٹ چیئرمین پر پرتپاک استقبال کرتے ہوئے اسلام کیلئے ان کی خدمات پر انہیں خراج تحسین پیش کیا۔ مصری قراء حضرات نے اپنی خوبصورت اور دلکش آواز میں تلاوت قرآن مجید پیش کرتے ہوئے حاضرین محفل سے بھرپور داد تحسین وصول کیا۔ جناب قاری الشیخ محمود کمال النجار نے بزنس کمیونٹی سے اپنے انتہائی مختصر خطاب میں سیالکوٹ آمد پر خصوصی محبت پر صدر سیالکوٹ چیئرمین و بزنس کمیونٹی کا خصوصی طور پر شکریہ ادا کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ہم جب بھی



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معزز اراکین چیمبر! میں خصوصی طور پر آپ کی توجہ ایک اہم چیز کی طرف مبذول کروانا ضروری خیال کرتا ہوں کہ سیالکوٹ چیمبر اپنے ممبران کی کاروباری تربیت کے حوالہ سے سیالکوٹ چیمبر میں مختلف سیمینارز و ورکشاپس کا تسلسل کے ساتھ اہتمام کر رہا ہے۔ جس میں جدید مارکیٹنگ کے اسلوب، آن لائن بزنس، بین الاقوامی میلوں میں شمولیت، ای کامرس، مصنوعات کی پیداواری لاگت میں کمی، مصنوعات کی برانڈنگ سمیت دیگر اہم موضوعات شامل ہیں۔ ان پروگرامز کے اہتمام کا بنیادی مقصد اپنے ممبران کو بین الاقوامی سطح پر ہونے والی کاروباری تبدیلیوں کے حوالہ سے آگاہی فراہم کرنا ہے۔ مجھے یہ چیز آپ کے ساتھ شیئر کرتے ہوئے انتہائی افسوس ہو رہا ہے کہ ہمارے ممبران ان پروگرام میں کوئی حاصل دلچسپی کا مظاہرہ نہیں کرتے۔ یکم مارچ 2022 کو نیشنل ٹیکسٹائل یونیورسٹی کی جانب سے نالج بیسڈ ٹیکسٹائل پرائیکٹ اہم پروگرام کا اہتمام کیا گیا تھا جس میں پاکستان کی ٹیکسٹائل انڈسٹری کی پوری ویلیو چین کو مقامی بنانے، نالج بیسڈ ٹیکسٹائل متعارف کروانے، پیداواری صلاحیت میں اضافہ، برانڈنگ اور پالیسی سازی جیسے اہم موضوعات زیر بحث آئے۔ سیالکوٹ چیمبر نے پروگرام کی اہمیت کے پیش نظر چیمبر ممبران کو اس کے انعقاد کے سلسلہ میں تمام معلومات بذریعہ ایل میل شیئر کیں مگر بد قسمتی سے ہمارے ممبران کی پروگرام میں شمولیت انتہائی کم تھی۔ میری آپ سے گزارش ہے کہ ان اہم سیمینارز اور ورکشاپس میں بھرپور شرکت کیا کریں اس سے ہمیں اپنی برآمدی انڈسٹری کو جدید خطوط پر استوار کرنے میں بہت مدد ملے گی۔

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ماہ صیام

رمضان المبارک کا مہینہ جاری ہے۔ مسلمان اس مقدس مہینہ کے فیوض و برکات سے اپنی اپنی جھولیاں بھرنے میں مصروف ہیں۔ ہر کوئی اپنے مقدر سنوارنے کی فکر میں ہے۔ ہمیں بھی یہ فکر دامن گیر ہے کہ نجات کا کوئی سامان پیدا ہو جائے چنانچہ چشم تصور میں ہم دیکھتے ہیں کہ ہمارے اعمال سیاہ پر رب تعالیٰ ناراض ہیں اور ماہ صیام آگے بڑھ کر ہماری سفارش کر رہا ہوتا ہے۔ پھر جب ہم اس تصور سے باہر نکلنے میں تو ایک عجیب سی تمنا چنگاری بن کر شعلہ جوالا بن جاتی ہے۔ ”یا اللہ۔ ماہ صیام کی رحمتوں بھری گھڑیاں کیوں جلد ختم ہو جاتی ہیں۔ کیوں پورا سال ہی رمضان کا سال نہیں رہتا تو ہم خود ہی اپنی حماقتوں پر ہنس دیتے ہیں کہ نظام کائنات ہماری مصومانہ خواہشوں پر نہیں، اللہ تعالیٰ کے اپنے ضابطوں کے مطابق چلتا ہے۔“

روزہ مسلمانوں کی جسمانی اور روحانی تربیت کرتا ہے اور ایمانی قوتوں کو جلا بخشتا ہے۔ سیاست، تجارت، معیشت، معاشرت، مذہب اور اخلاقیات غرضیکہ ہر شعبہ حیات میں رمضان کا مہینہ اصلاح کے عمل کو زندہ کر دیتا ہے جس کی وجہ سے ہماری زندگیوں میں خوشگوار نکھار آ جاتا ہے۔ دنیا بھر میں ہر قوم، مذہب اور معاشرہ تہوار مناتا ہے، وہاں تاجر اور دکاندار تہوار کے موقع پر اپنے لوگوں کی خوشیاں دو بالا کرنے کیلئے منافع کم کر کے سستے داموں اشیائے خورد و نوش فروخت کرتے ہیں حتیٰ کہ مسلمان ممالک میں بھی ایسا ہی رواج ہے تاہم پاکستان ایک ایسا اسلامی ملک ہے جہاں ہر تہوار کے موقع پر اور خصوصاً رمضان المبارک کے مہینہ میں 50% سے 100% تک مہنگائی کر دی جاتی ہے اور پھر اس مہنگائی کا گراف سارا سال قائم رہتا ہے۔

دم نہ توڑ دے، کسی طالب علم کی پڑھائی پیسوں کی وجہ سے ادھوری نہ رہ جائے۔ غریب نادار بچوں کی شادیوں کیلئے بھی زکوٰۃ کی رقم مختص ہونی چاہیے۔

دنیا بھر میں پھیلے مسلمانوں کو امت مسلمہ کہتے ہیں جو مختلف معاشروں کا مجموعہ ہے گو یہ مجموعہ ایک جسم کی طرح ہے مگر....

"وَأَعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا"
کی روگردانی کر کے ہم نے امت مسلمہ کے جسم کو چھلنی چھلنی اور کرچی کرچی کر کے رکھ دیا ہے۔ مسلمان فرقوں میں بٹ گئے۔

پکڑ کے رکھیے خدا کی رسی
منع ہے قرآن میں فرقہ بندی
مگر میں حیرت میں گم ہوں داؤد
تہتر فرقے ہیں ایک ناجی

ایک اندازے کے مطابق پاکستان میں اس وقت خط غربت سے نیچے رہنے والوں کی تعداد چودہ کروڑ سے زیادہ ہے۔ خیال کیا جاتا ہے کہ دنیا بھر کے مسلمان اگر یورپ اور امریکہ کے بینکوں سے اپنی دولت نکال لیں تو یہ سب مالیاتی ادارے دیوالیہ ہو کر رہ جائیں۔ ان امیر اسلامی ملکوں کا فرض بنتا ہے کہ اپنی دولت کو غریب اسلامی ممالک میں تقسیم کریں۔

رمضان المبارک کے مقدس مہینہ کی نسبت سے چند احادیث ملاحظہ ہوں۔

☆ حضرت انسؓ فرماتے ہیں ایک سال رمضان آیا تو نبی مکرم ﷺ نے فرمایا "تم لوگوں پر ایک مہینہ آیا ہے جس میں ایک رات ہے جو ہزار مہینوں سے افضل ہے، جو شخص اس رات سے محروم رہ گیا وہ ساری کی ساری خیر سے محروم رہ گیا اور اس رات کی خیر و برکت سے محروم وہی رہتا ہے جو واقعی محروم ہے۔"

☆ حضرت عبداللہ بن عباسؓ کہتے ہیں کہ نبی اکرم ﷺ نے فرمایا "کسی مسلمان کی حاجت پوری کرنے کا اجر وہاں دس سال کے اعکاف سے بھی زیادہ ہے۔" (طبرانی)

☆ نبی اکرم ﷺ نے فرمایا کہ افطار کے وقت روزہ دار جو دعا مانگے اس کی دعا قبول کی جاتی ہے، روئیں کی جاتی۔ (ترمذی شریف) آئیے۔ اس ماہ صیام میں ہم پورے خشوع و خضوع کے ساتھ استحکام پاکستان کیلئے دعائیں مانگیں۔

دوستو! روزہ رب تعالیٰ کے لئے ہے، بے شمار لوازمات میز پر سجانے کا نام نہیں ہے۔ مہنگائی کو کم کرنے لئے سادگی اپنانا ضروری ہے۔ اگر دیسی گھی کے پراٹھے، سمو سے، پکوڑے اور مہنگے ترین پھولوں کی چاٹ نہ ہوگی تو انشاء اللہ روزہ قبول ہو جائے گا۔ تاہم ذخیرہ اندوزوں کا یہ منصوبہ کہ روزہ داروں کو لٹٹا ہے، دھرے کا دھرا رہ جائے گا۔

اللہ رب العزت کی بے نیازی ہے کہ انسانی مخلوق کو کہیں دولت سے مالا مال کر رکھا ہے اور کہیں اتنی غربت دے رکھی ہے کہ لوگ کوڑے کرکٹ کے ڈھیر سے کھانے پینے کی اشیاء ڈھونڈتے پھرتے ہیں۔ ایسی صورت حال سے شیطان مردود بہت فائدہ اٹھانے کی کوشش کرتا ہے، اہل دولت کے دماغ میں یہ وسوسہ ڈالنے میں بھٹ جاتا ہے کہ خبردار اپنی دولت کو اللہ کی راہ میں خرچ نہ کرنا مبادہ مفلس ہو جاؤ گے۔ ہمیں چاہیے کہ ماہ صیام میں خصوصی طور پر اور دیگر مہینوں میں عمومی طور پر نصاب کے مطابق زکوٰۃ ادا کریں اور صدقات و خیرات میں بڑھ چڑھ کر حصہ ڈالیں تاکہ شیطان مردود کے حصہ میں ذلت و نامرادی اور لعنت کا طوق آئے اور مسلم معاشرہ کے اندر خوشحالی اور دولت کی لہر ہو جائے۔

قارئین کرام! یاد رہے دولت کی فروانی کسی کو خوبیوں کی بنا پر حاصل نہیں ہوتی اور "غریبی" کے کوہ الم تلے دے کسی مفلس کو اس کی خامیوں کی وجہ سے سزا نہیں ملتی۔ "کن فیکون" کہنے والی ذات اقدس نے نظام ہستی چلانے کے لئے سخت پابندیاں عائد کر رکھی ہیں ورنہ تو کوئی بھی غریب اور لاچار نہ ہوتا۔ چنانچہ غریب و مساکین کی عزت نفس کو مجروح ہونے سے بچانے کے لئے رب العزت خود اپنے لئے قرض مانگتے ہیں، فرمایا! "اگر تم اللہ کو قرض حسنہ دو گے تو وہ اسے تمہارے لئے کئی گنا بڑھا دے گا اور تمہیں بخش دے گا اور اللہ بڑا قدر شناس ہے بردبار ہے"

رمضان المبارک کے اس مقدس مہینہ میں کوشش ہونی چاہیے کہ تقسیم خیرات میں ترجیحات کو مد نظر رکھا جائے تاکہ مستحقین کسی طور بھی محروم نہ رہ جائیں۔ سب سے پہلے خاندان اور غریب ہمسایہ کا جائزہ لیا جائے کوئی بیمار محض دوائی کی خاطر

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VISIT OF A GROUP OF TRAINEE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS, LG & RD DEPARTMENT OF AJK FROM PUNJAB LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACADEMY LALAMUSA



Rana Nadeem Ahmed, Chairman Departmental Committee on TMA & Excise welcomed the delegation of trainee Municipal Officers, LG& RD department of AJK from Punjab local Government Academy Lala Musa and members of Sialkot Chamber on December 30, 2021. He informed that Sialkot is an export-oriented city, Known all over the World for its high-quality products and its historical back ground. He also briefed about active role of Sialkot Chamber of Commerce in completing development and social projects on self-help basis and especially the newly started project of AIRSIAL.

Head of Delegation thanked for the welcome at SCCI for giving them the opportunity for useful interaction. He said that Sialkot was a renowned industrial city of Pakistan in all over the world. They were appreciated the projects had done by the Business Community of Sialkot like Sialkot International Airport and many others which had been completed on self-help basis. It was mentioned that people of Kashmir were also travelled through Sialkot International Airport which was great facilitation for them. He expressed gratitude for hosting the delegation and said that people of Sialkot were inherited with craftsmanship and people of Kashmir had great affection for Sialkot. He shared that he had a dream to establish a model village where the population would not more than 500 people for which community would be mobilized and training sessions would also be arranged.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION/UNIVERSITIES

Meeting of Departmental Committee on Education/Universities was held on January 03, 2022 at SCCI with the agenda to discuss the Scholarship of Students and arrangements of awareness sessions for students of Schools on Corruption, Traffic, Environment and other Ethical Values. Dr. Khurram Anwar Khawaja, Chairman Committee welcomed the participants and said that the Sialkot Chamber not only worked beyond its scope to serve the business community but also for the development of the City/Society and Public in general. He shared that the Committee had been running a scholarship program for the last 19 years with the donations being made by the Business Community of Sialkot; Committee received 04 new applications for the scholarship; after reviewing results/documents, they were found eligible for awarding scholarships for six (6) months w.e.f. February 2022.



Mr. Ehtesham Gilani said that strong strategy should be formulated in collaboration with the Department of Education and provide moral training to children in schools. He further suggested that a student belonging from District Sialkot, should also be provided financial assistance from Sialkot Chamber every year for graduation from educational institutions like LUMS. Mr. Shafique-Ur-Rehman proposed that Sialkot Chamber should make a strategy to provide loans to children instead of providing scholarships for higher education. Dr. Muhammad Latif and Mr. Atta Elahi Ch, said that District Sialkot is currently one of the top five Districts in Punjab in terms of education; furthermore, he assured his fullest assistance and from the education department.

The Chairman Committee said that LUMS offered

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scholarships for Academically Bright Students under LUMS National Outreach Scholarship Program which had provided financial assistance to more than 1200 students until now. He further shared that LUMS will invite the deserving students to the Summer Coaching Classes. After a detailed discussion, a sub-committee comprising members of the Education Department and GC Women University was formed under the supervision of Mr. Ehtesham Gilani to formulate its recommendations regarding the proposed training programs for the moral training of school's children.

VISIT OF DELEGATION OF GUJRAT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY



Mian Imran Akbar, President SCCI welcomed Mr. Muhammad Naeem Imtiaz, President, Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GTCCI), Mr. Kashif Manzoor Butt, Vice President, Gujrat Chamber of Commerce of Industry (GTCCI) and the rest of the delegation on January 07, 2022. The President shared introduction of Sialkot Chamber and mentioned that the members of SCCI deals in five major manufacturing sectors including surgical, leather, sports goods, sportswear and musical instruments etc. He shared that Research and Development (R&D) had occupied the central position of various organization, the R&D of SCCI was working effectively. He appreciated the stance of GTCCI to establish and develop their R&D department, which would resolve the various issues of the industry of Gujrat City. The R&D department of Sialkot Chamber had served tremendously in laying the foundation stone of SIAL, Air Sial and SDPT projects, moreover, the projects of establishment of State-of-the-Art medical city in-collaboration with Al-Shifa hospital were also in pipeline, he added.

Mr. Muhammad Naeem Imtiaz, President, GTCCI thanked the Office Bearers of SCCI for their warm welcome and shared that he wanted to establish R&D department in GTCCI similar to that of SCCI's. He also shared that the Gujrat Chamber was moving toward digitization with MIS system and Display Center in GTCCI would be used for export promotion. He also wanted to connect GTCCI to all the trade bodies in Pakistan. He added that GTCCI had planned to organize an exhibition in march 2022 and was seeking collaboration with SCCI.

Mr. Omair Nisar, Deputy Secretary R&D gave a presentation on the core functionalities of R&D Department of SCCI. Mr. Muhammad Naeem Imtiaz, President GTCCI requested Mian Imran Akbar, President SCCI to provide assistance in the training of R&D Staff of GTCCI. Moreover, he invited Mian Imran Akbar, President SCCI to visit GTCCU and proposed an MOU between the R&D Committees of Both of the Chambers. Mian Imran Akbar, President SCCI ensured GTCCI to provide his full support and assistance in training the R&D Departmental Staff of GTCCI.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE / SMALL INDUSTRIES ESTATES



Departmental Committee on Export Processing Zone / Small Industries Estates was held on January 7, 2022 at Sialkot Chamber. Khawaja Masud Akhtar welcomed the members and apprised them about withdrawal of zero rating of Sales Tax on supply of Machinery, Equipment and Materials from Tariff Area to Export Processing Zone through deletion of serial # 102 of Table -1 of the Sixth Schedule to the Sales Tax

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Act, 1990. He said that businesses situated in Export Processing Zone were not required to get Sales Tax Registration and were also exempt from the provisions of State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956, Foreign Exchange Regulations, 1947, and the Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962, with few exceptions. He showed concern that there had been no mechanism in place to claim refund of Sales Tax paid on procurement of Materials and Inputs from Tariff Area and recent withdrawal of zero rating of Sales Tax on supply of Machinery, Equipment and Materials to EPZ from Tariff Area / Import would place businesses in EPZ in a disadvantageous position. He emphasized to hold immediate meeting with the Minister for Finance, Mr. Shaukat Fayaz Ahmed Tarin, to exclude proposed amendment from the Finance (Supplementary) Bill, 2021. He informed that proposals made to Federal Board of Revenue regarding EPZs were forwarded by FBR to Ministry of Industries, he further shared the points which had been moved to FBR to get relief for the Industry in EPZ.

Mr. Imran Akbar discussed considerable progress on the issue of cancellation of plots, SCCI's struggle for considerable progress on the issue of cancellation of plots; he further informed that nominations of Board of Management of EPZ had been sent and Mr. Muhammad Umer Mir had been nominated as Chairman Board of Management of Sialkot Export Processing Zone.

Transportation was held on Jan 14, 2022 at the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Mr. Tahir Majid Kapur, Chairman Committee welcomed the participants for joining the meeting. He shared that the purpose of the meeting was to have an interactive session with the Trade Bodies of Sialkot to address the common issues faced by the industry with mutual understanding. The Committee decided to approach the higher authorities by taking Mr. Usman Dar and the President of FPCCI on board to address the issue of shortage and movement of empty containers. Chairman Committee further discussed the consolidation issue at Sialkot Dryport Trust, Sambrial. It was suggested that the mechanism for consolidation should be developed in SDPT as such a facility would reduce the cost pertaining to the consolidation of LCL shipments. He further shared that SDPT was willing to provide the space and staff for the consolidation of shipments in SDPT. He stated that the project would be beneficial for both exporters and freight forwarders. However, the freight forwarders and exporters should sit together to discuss the pros and cons of the project, he added. He also suggested forming a sub-committee to study the bright side as well as drawbacks of the project considering factors including time, money, speed, and safety. Chairman Committee briefed the house about Adalat Garah Railway Crossing Project. He further shared that Mr. Umer Mir had said that Sialkot Corporation would provide the funding for the project.

MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DRYPORT/ AIRPORT/ SHIPPING/ RAILWAYS/ TRANSPORTATION



A meeting of the Departmental Committee on Dryport/ Airport/ Shipping/ Railways/

VISIT OF MR. TARIQ IKRAM, ADVISOR TO PRIME MINISTER ON EXPORT CULTURE



Mian Imran Akbar, President SCCI welcomed the

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guest Mr. Tariq Ikram, Advisor to PM on Export Culture to the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry on January 14, 2022. He informed the house that he had attended a meeting with His Excellency Mr. Imran Khan, Honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan at Prime Minister's Secretariat, Islamabad, in which Mr. Tariq Ikram delivered a presentation on Export Culture in Pakistan. He appreciated the vision of the Prime Minister of Pakistan and his resolve to address the issues of the exporters.

Mr. Tariq Ikram, Advisor to Prime Minister on Export Culture thanks Mian Imran Akbar, President SCCI, and all the other participants of the meeting for the warm welcome and hospitality. He shared that the proposals for the improvement of export culture shared by President SCCI were remarkable. He said that he would like to work for the betterment of Pakistan and to boost the export culture throughout the country. He informed that he was pleasantly surprised to see the export potential of Sialkot based Industry. He emphasized that in order to increase the exports of the Country, targets should be marked, and then efforts would be made to achieve those goals. He shared that Pakistan was exporting around 3,227 6-digit HS Codes to the world out of 5,026 6-digit HS Codes which currently, the world was importing. Based on the study he said that Pakistan should not focus on the diversification of the Products but should put their efforts to increase the quantity of the products already exported by the Country and needed to increase the share of Pakistan's exports in the World.

Mr. Babar Iqbal, Former President SCCI appreciated the thoughts of the Advisor to Prime Minister for the improvement of export culture and expressed his concerns about the lack of a business-friendly environment in the Country. He pointed out the problems faced by the exporters and also mentioned that the rebate on the Surgical, Medical, Dental Instruments was also reduced by the Government and implication Sales Tax on Export Processing Zones. Mr. Tariq Ikram noted all the issues highlighted during the meeting and assured that the above-mentioned points would be discussed with the other Government Officials for their early solution.

Sh. Zohaib Rafique Sethi, Senior Vice President, Sialkot Chamber warmly welcomed all the participants for joining the orientation session and courses under "SCCI's Business Executive Program" On January 15, 2022. He shared with the participants that the coursework under the said program was designed while considering the professionalism and comprehensiveness in mind. He added that the participants would learn conceptual knowledge and in-depth exposure to functional areas in business management including Cost Accounting, Business Communications, Financial Management, Export & Import Documentation, Taxation, Banking & Finance, Industrial Health & Safety, WBOC & PSW, Fairs & Exhibitions, Web Development & Cyber Security and various other modules along with Special Emphasis placed on Leadership, Communication Skills, Product Selection & Diversification, Art of Correspondence & Professional Meetings and many more. The Senior Vice President further shared that the program would train the participants to build an understanding and appreciation of the worldwide business environment so that they could enter the market with a better sense of business. Moreover, the member(s) would be guided by high ethical standards to operate in the local business environment as well.



Mr. Asad Naseer Malik, FCA, FPFA gave a thorough presentation on "Cost Accounting" which is a systematic set of procedures of recording all the costs incurred in a business in a way that can be used to improve its management. He shared that with the knowledge of "Cost Accounting" the participants would be able to quote and control their product/service price, it would also facilitate

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them in decision making, investment appraisal and for planning, control, reporting and budgeting. He further briefed the audience regarding classification of cost (Material, labour and distribution cost etc.) and subdivision of product cost (Including direct and indirect expenses), moreover the concepts of Fixed Cost, Variable cost, Mixed cost, Breakeven point and Economic Order Quantity were also elaborated in the session.

MEETING OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE FORMED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR CELEBRATION OF TRAFFIC WEEK



Mr. Ahsan Ul Haq, Chairman Special Committee warmly welcomed Mr. M. Aftab Ahmed Butt, DSP Traffic Driving License Department Sialkot and Mr. Sabir Chatha, DSP Traffic, Sialkot and Committee Members in the Special Committee Meeting on January 15, 2022. Purpose of the meeting was to finalize the proposal of Celebration of Traffic Week for improvement of traffic management system of District Sialkot by mentioning the following options. He highlighted the ground realities of traffic system of Sialkot and suggested to arrange awareness campaign through banners, pamphlets and arrange interaction lectures on school/college level. He also proposed to arrange walks for celebration of Traffic Week and Traffic Diverting Barriers should use only in case of need, instead of permanently placement of barriers on the roads.

Mr. Shahbaz Saim, Mr. Ansar Aziz Puri, Mr. Muhammad Sarwar, Mr. Aneel Sarfraz, Mr. Omar Khalid, Ch. Jahangir Rasheed, Mr. Sohail Zafar, Mr. Muhammad Idrees and Committee Members discussed the said matter and shared their suggestions/recommendations. Mian Imran Akbar, President SCCI emphasized that

Traffic Inspector should regularly maintain proper check and balance the wardens during duty hours and assured that Sialkot Chamber may extend all possible assistance and support for the Traffic Department Sialkot in case of any need. In the end Mr. Ahsan Ul Haq, Chairman Special Committee, Sialkot once again thanked Mr. Aftab Ahmed Butt and Mr. Sabir Chatha, DSP Traffic Sialkot for attending meeting and concluded the meeting with the collective proposals.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS/HEALTH/PERSONAL CARE & ALLIED INDUSTRIES



Mr. Zeeshan Tariq, Chairman Committee welcomed the members in the committee meeting on January 15, 2022; he shared the agenda point regarding S.R.O. 37 (I) 2022 issued by the Federal Board of Revenue (Revenue Division), Government of Pakistan, which was an amendment in S.R.O 211(I)/2009; under this Notification the rate of 'Repayment of Custom Duties' on Surgical/ Medical/ Dental/Veterinary/ Manicure & Pedicure Instruments etc. has been amended by the Department. "The said matter is directly related to one of our most prominent export industries; therefore, the meeting has been called to discuss the issue for further action" he added.

Mr. Waqas Raza, Chairman SIMAP emphasized that the issue was the matter of the whole Surgical Industry including sub-sectors e.g., medical, dental, veterinary, beauty instruments etc.; therefore, SCCI & SIMAP had taken up the matter by joining hands. He told that before arranging the meeting with Chairman FBR or

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Government Authorities, it was essential to complete the homework from Industry's side. Whereas, Mian Imran Akbar, President SCCI emphasized the sensitivity of the said agenda point; he told that working on custom duty rates would have been done to know the actual scenario. He also elaborated the strict attitude of the Government high-ups regarding the business policies and exporters community.

After a brief discussion, Chairman Committee endorsed that industry would request for the rebate as a facilitation and on the basis of difficult circumstances prevailing in the country; it would be discussed with the government to compensate the micro-SME Industry in such a difficult situation through rebate.

MEETING REGARDING SIALKOT BUSINESS AND COMMERCE CENTER



On January 17, 2022 Mr. Imran Akbar, President SCCI welcomed the members and apprised them about latest status of Sialkot Business and Commerce Center project. He informed that substantial portion of the building had already been rented out to various businesses including Legal, Corporate, Tax Practitioners, Web Developers and IT Professionals. He discussed about the establishment of 'e-Khidmat Markaz' at SBCC and a letter was addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA), requesting him to adhere to the purpose and object of the project as envisaged under PC-1. He informed about the SCCI's letter and SMEDA had proceeded to sign lease agreement with PITB on December 14, 2021, disregarding reservations shown by the Chamber; that matter was also included in the agenda of the 4th Meeting of Management Committee.

After due deliberation and discussion between members, it was decided that a letter would be written to SMEDA to stop handing over of possession of space at upper ground floor of SBCC to Punjab Information Technology Board in the light of reservations of SCCI members shown in the 4th Meeting of Management Committee of SBCC held on January 10, 2022. It was also decided that efforts would be made to launch of e-Khidmat Center at SBCC and to identify space in any other Government project for the purpose.

VISIT OF TUSDEC TEAM FOR FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION WITH LEATHER SECTOR



On 18th January 2022 A meeting was called to have a Focus group discussion with Exporters of Leather Sector with experts of TUSDEC, to explore opportunities of technology benchmarking, in the Leather Industry of Sialkot. Sh. Zohaib Rafique Sethi, Senior Vice President welcomed the guests and the team of TUSDEC. He said that Leather Industry was an important export sector of Pakistan and had been considered as the second largest exporting sector of Pakistan. He added that due to lack of technology and upgradation the leather fashion industry lacked behind which led to drop in the exports of the sector. Mr. Sethi said that India had developed infrastructure that helped them in taking the lead.

Ch. Ahmed Zulfiqar Hayat, Chairman, Departmental Committee: Said that the Leather Industry of Sialkot was different from other Leather Industries around the World. He added that Exporters of Sialkot related to Leather would have meeting with relevant stakeholders to rule out a project that can be executed with TUSDEC.

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He also drawn the attention of TUSDEC team towards the compliance of Leather Working Group. Mr. Tasawar Hussain Butt, Chairman PLGMEA appreciated the initiatives of the TUSDEC and said that small exporters of the leather sector needed a Common Facilitating Center for bringing research and development in their products. Chairman PLGMEA, said that all Common Facilitation Centers and Technical Institutes related to leather should be shifted/established in Sialkot Tannery Zone.

Mr. Asad Naseer Malik (Former Chairman PLGMEA), Syed Ahtesham Mazhar (Former Vice President), Mr. Majid Raza Bhutta (Former President), and other members also shared their points. Ms. Sadia Masud, Director TUSDEC gave an introduction of the Department, its mandate and project that were done by Technology Upgradation and Skill Development Company (TUSDEC). She added that under different interventions TUSDEC utilizing funds from Punjab Skills Development Fund (PSDF) completed multiple technology upgradation project in many industrial sectors of Sialkot. Ms. Masud also mentioned that TUSDEC was doing three ongoing projects of different exports of Sialkot, including Modern Dyeing Facility for Technical Textile Sector, Industrial Designing and Automation Centers and Support Center for Dental and Surgical Equipment (SCDS).

regard, MJ Group had perfect solutions to reduce the risks to enable the organization work without Fear. He shared some insights about his team members which comprised of security professionals with in-depth knowledge of the industry, providing reliable shield services in Pakistan and beyond. He stated that the Security situation in Pakistan, and discussed that as per the geo-strategic placement of Pakistan, security needs and its sick assessment for an organization safeguarding people and premises were utmost important for any organization's security. He added that MJ Group had identified the short- and long-term goals before providing their services to the company/organization. He shared the complete list of training courses offered by MJ Group in said regard.

Sh. Zohaib Rafique Sethi, Senior Vice President thanked Maj Syed Ali (Retired) for giving an informative presentation and shared about the formation of Industrial Safety and Risk assessment Committee of SCCI considering the importance of safety and security measures as per the conventions and recommendations of International Labor Organization (ILO). He added that many members of Sialkot Chamber had worked for international brands, therefore they had to comply with the social, technical and BSA audits in-terms of safety and security measures at the production facility.

SESSION ON "INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND RISK ASSESSMENT" BY MJ GROUP OF COMPANIES



On January 19, 2022, Maj Syed Ali (Retd), MJ Group of companies addressed and thanked the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry for conducting that session and shared that minimizing Safety and Security risks were important for any organization/individual, in this

He said that Sialkot Chamber had frequently conducted the capacity building programs for the general awareness of members. He also shared that MJ Group of Companies might work on providing trained security guards and staff to conduct CSR audits in the factories.

MEETING WITH SIALKOT TANNERY ZONE MANAGEMENT & PERSONS DESIROUS OF GETTING PLOTS IN TANNERY ZONE

Mian Imran Akbar, President SCCI welcomed all the participants from both parties, "Sialkot Tannery Zone" and "Persons desirous of getting Plots in Tannery Zone", in the meeting on January 19, 2022. He asked Persons desirous of getting Plots in Tannery Zone representatives to share their concerns with the house for their solution. Detailed discussion was held regarding the agenda matter among the participants. Malik Naseer Ahmed, informed the house that all the

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people related to the Leather Business could be able to get land in the Sialkot Tannery Zone. He further informed that STZ was segregated into different portions/ stages, and it was not mandatory for the plot holder in STZ to be a Tannery owner.



Muhammad Atif, Project Director, Sialkot Tannery Zone said that the project of Sialkot Tannery Zone was envisaged by the SCCI and under its PC-1 it was the responsibility of the Environment Department to implement the said project. He further talked about the company and also shared that if any of the directors get any amount of profit from the Company, he is liable to question legally. Details discussion was held; furthermore, Mian Imran Akbar, President SCCI enquired and discuss about getting Plots in Tannery Zone” how 150 people could be accommodated in the Sialkot Tannery Zone, either the application for plots acquisition given to STZ or not, so that the issues could be resolved amicably.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/PHA

Meeting of Departmental Committee on Environmental Protection/PHA was held at SCCI on January 19, 2022; Syed Ahtesham Gilani, Chairman Committee welcomed and sought the updates regarding Air Quality Meter installed within SCCI and technical approval of equipment from Environment Protection Department, from the Secretary of Departmental Committee. Mian Imran Akbar, President SCCI added that Plantation week should be arranged on mass level, during third week of February 2022.

President SCCI added that stalls of sellers would be arranged within Kashmir Park for a week. He added that a variety would be brought this year including fruit and beautification plants.



Mr. Muhammad Atif, Project Director Sialkot Tannery Zone suggested that an assistance should be taken from Environmental Protection Department to dispose off the wastage of the industry. He further added that the Department could suggest certified incinerators which can take industrial wastage and waste it in the proper way, without damaging the environment. He further suggested to hold seminar on Water Treatment (3W) and Environment Protection Department at SCCI, in coming future.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON POST OFFICE/TELECOMMUNICATION



Meeting of Departmental Committee on Post Office/Telecommunication was held on January 19, 2022; Sheikh Faisal Naveed, Chairman Committee welcomed Mr. Muhammad Faiz Gul, Chief Postmaster, GPO Sialkot and his team and

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the committee members in the meeting. It was shared that large number of complaints had been received from SCCI members who were not receiving of the Chamber Bulletin. He said that after printing more than 15,000 plus copies of Chamber's Bulletin every month, the Chamber is delivering this Bulletin to its members through Post Office Sialkot. But unfortunately, the Chamber Bulletin is not being delivered to the Chamber Members located in the well-known area of Sialkot City and we are not getting back the copies of these un-delivered Bulletin from the Post Office Department. He requested the Postmaster to show his personal interest and play his role in ensuring the delivery of the Chamber Bulletin.

After detailed consultations and deliberations, it was decided that all the Chamber Bulletins would be handed over to the Post Office by the Chamber at once; two officials of Post Office would visit the Chamber to receive the Bulletins. The Chamber would also provide a list of the members of the Post Office at the time of handing over the bulletin, on which the Post Office will prepare its delivery report and provide it to the Chamber. It was also discussed that with the support of the Post Office Sialkot, a WhatsApp group of all postmen would be formed, which would include the Chief Postmaster, Chairman Committee and relevant staff of SCCI and Post Office. Awareness seminars would also be organized in Sialkot Chamber soon for the awareness of the members in collaboration with the Post Office, Sialkot and Sialkot Chamber.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY & PUBLICATION



On January 14, 2022 a meeting of the Departmental Committee on Library Publications

has been held in the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry. The meeting was convened by Mr. Shafiq-ur-Rehman, Senior Vice Chairman of the Committee. After highlighting the agenda points of the meeting, he said that for the last 35 years, this Chamber published its bulletin on a regular basis and this activity must be continued for the facilitation and information of the members. Moreover, he said that issues faced by the members in the case of Chamber's Bulletin delivery needed to be eradicated on an immediate basis. Furthermore, he suggested to the house that in order to make this Chamber's Bulletin more informative for the members, a new format should be introduced in the days to come. After due deliberations, the following decisions would be made during the Committee meeting:

- Ownership (declaration) of Chamber's Bulletin which is in the name of the previous Secretary-Gener
- L, should be changed on an immediate basis.
- Issues related to the delivery of Chamber's Bulletin would be resolved instead of stopping its publications.
- Chamber's Bulletin would be sent to all new as well as renewed members of this Chamber.
- New features would be added in the Chamber's Bulletin for the information of the members.
- From the Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry, a success story of women entrepreneurs would be given for publication in the Chamber's Bulletin on monthly basis.
- For the up-gradation of the Chamber's Bulletin, topics like business Banking Rules, articles related to new business trends, Formation of Brands at National and International level, Economic Country Profiles, Business Start-ups, research reports related to business marketing, and introduction on new products in the local market would be included.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

A meeting of Departmental Committee on Women Entrepreneurs was held on January 27, 2022. Mrs. Nadia Qaiser, Chairperson Committee welcomed the Committee Members in the meeting and said that the Departmental Committee on Women Entrepreneurs was planning to arrange training/awareness

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seminars for the capacity building of women entrepreneurs as well as the youngsters in business field; She also elaborated the second agenda point and proposed that the series of sessions would be conducted on the latest topics like e-commerce, online business platforms, social media marketing tools, etc. She further discussed the previous collaboration of SCCI's Women Resource Center with Baidarie-Sialkot in last four to five years and having successful projects including "WRC-Outreach Programme" for the development of rural women of Sialkot. She welcomed Mr. Arshad Mehmood Mirza and Ms. Hina, Representatives of Baidarie-Sialkot in the meeting to discuss the further possibilities of liaison.



Mr. Fizan Akbar, Chairman SCCI's Departmental Committee on SME/Training & Young Entrepreneurs congratulated & thanked the Chairperson; he shared his views regarding the training of young & women entrepreneurs and also shared about the challenges faced by them in setting up on a certain level. He emphasized that Women Entrepreneurs face hurdles in establishing their Businesses; therefore, educational & awareness seminars to educate them was much required. He gave his presentation and shared that there were two types of businesses e.g., National level business and international business; he further elaborated that the different subjects for the trainings should be considered according to the nature of business because the dynamics & requirements were changed as per the nature of business. He proposed to plan a Market Study Tour to "Shah Alam Market, Kareem Block, Azam Market etc. in Lahore for women if they were interested to start textile/clothing related business.

Suggestions given by the Committee members to finalize the subject for the training. Therefore, committee would collaborate with Mr. Fizan Akbar to arrange the series of sessions in coming month. She requested the members to share their suggestions via email to WRC Coordinator. Mrs. Nadia Qaiser, Chairperson Committee thanked the Committee members, Officer Bearers of SCCI & WCCIS and other participants. Acknowledged the view, feedback, recommendations & suggestions for the better working and assured her fullest support to fulfill the committee's objectives.

VISIT OF TEAM OF NED UNIVERSITY KARACHI



On January 28, 2022, a delegation from NED University Karachi visited Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry to brief about the project "Enhancement of Global Competitiveness of Pakistani Textile Export Value-chains By Capacity Building and Product Diversification". Mr. Zohaib Rafique Sethi, Senior Vice President, SCCI, said that Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry was willing to do a project related to Textile Sector. He added that presently SCCI was doing a project with TUSDEC and that was related to Water Based Modern Dyeing Project within Sialkot. He added that Similar type of initiative wherein SMEs can take benefit should be initiated in Sialkot for which SCCI is ready to collaborate with stakeholders.

Mr. Qasim Malik, Vice President, SCCI said that the Textile Industry of Sialkot had developed on self-help basis and during Covid-19 business came from China, Vietnam, and Bangladesh. He added that most of the fabrics were imported

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from China and European Countries. He mentioned that Government should focus on import substitution to support the supply chain of Textile Industry. Members discussed about the lack of proper institutes in Sialkot to support R&D work of the industry. He mentioned that both academia and Industry should be linked together for to support the industry and bring diversification.

Prof. Dr. Salma Farooq, NED UET Karachi, explained the details of the project and said that an initiative had been taken to develop the fabric being imported in Pakistan and to do reverse engineering to strengthen the supply chain of textile sector.

BUSINESS EXECUTIVE PROGRAM

Sh. Zohaib Rafique Sethi, Senior Vice President, Sialkot Chamber warmly welcomed all the participants for joining the courses under "SCCI's Business Executive Program". He shared with the participants that the coursework under the said program was designed while considering the professionalism and comprehensiveness in mind. Participants would and had learnt conceptual knowledge and in-depth exposure to functional areas in business management including Cost Accounting, Business Communications, Financial Management, Export & Import Documentation, Taxation, Banking & Finance, Industrial Health & Safety, WEBOC/PSW, Fairs & Exhibitions, Web Development & Cyber Security and various other modules along with Special Emphasis placed on Leadership, Communication Skills, Product Selection & Diversification, Art of Correspondence & Professional Meetings and many more. The Senior Vice President further shared that the program would train the participants to build an understanding and appreciation of the worldwide business environment so that they could enter the market with a better sense of business. Moreover, the member(s) would be guided by high ethical standards to operate in the local business environment as well.

On January 29, 2022, Senior Vice President, SCCL highlighted the importance of systematic procedures and controls which were crucial to avoid wastage of frauds, materials, manpower

and other business-related resources. Whereas, Mr. Awais Farooq Qureshi, ACA briefly explained the issues faced by businesses and start-ups in Accounts, Inventory, HR & Payroll, Purchase & Sales control and the importance and need of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System(s). he also shared that a good system could increase customer satisfaction, boost employee's moral, reduce associated costs and increase profits.



On February 12, 2022, Mr. Sohaib Saleem, Member Pakistan Incubation Centre and Director/ Advisor (PGNGC) briefed the audience on Importance of Effective business communication & Writing Professional and Effective Introductory Letters / Emails, Usage of Business Planners and Calendars. He also shared the right usage of Creating Effective Voice Notes & Business Calls using smart applications and techniques, Handling Business Complaints, Proposals Rejections, Importance of use of Technology & social media, Winning Clients using A/V Aids and Basic Concepts of Content Resource Management (CRM).

On February 19, 2022, Sh. Zohaib Rafique Sethi, Senior Vice President, SCCL discussed the use of Effective business communication was essential for organizations, especially in the digital age that would result in improved creativity, innovation, greater productivity and to explore new business opportunities. Mr. Sohaib Saleem, Member Pakistan Incubation Centre and Director/Advisor (PGNGC) briefed the audience on Importance of Interpersonal Skills with Exercises and practical examples such as Writing Strong Introductory Messages and Follow Letters/ Emails. Furthermore, he educated the Fresh Minds/ Startups/ Future entrepreneurs of Sialkot in creating Smart Flyers/ Brochures/ Videos in

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Short Time using various online tools and resources.

MEETING WITH ISLAMIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (ICC)

Sh. Zohaib Rafique Sethi, Senior Vice President SCCI welcomed the delegation of Islamic Chamber of Commerce (ICC) upon their visit to SCCI and gave a brief overview about the export profile of Sialkot city. He told about the industrial sectors of Sialkot as well as he shared the Achievements of Sialkot's Business Community in the establishment of Sialkot Airport, AirSial, Seerat Study Center, SBCC and Sialkot Dry port.



Mr. Zeeshan Mian, Secretary ICC thanked and shared that Islamic Chambers of Commerce was purposed to spread the message of peace and tolerance aiming to bring peace, unity and harmony around the globe. He explained the structure of ICC was divided in following sections; Members, Supporting Members, Future Entrepreneurs, Executive Members, Office Bearers, Board of Governance. He also told that ICC had 1000 active members from various Islamic Countries. He proposed that Sialkot Chamber should become its supporting members; as supporting members included Muslim Charities / Institutions providing religious and semi-religious teachings. Supporting members were not required to pay any membership fees. He further added that ICC wanted any of the office bearers of SCCI to take the position of Office Bearers of ICC.

Mr. Rizwan Ali, Editor ICC added that Entrepreneurs and Traders around the globe had

joined Islamic Chambers of Commerce pledging to eradicate all kinds of extremism, ideas fostering violence, sectarianism and discrimination. ICC had award-winning barristers who had offered advice and services on direct access basis to members of public. He suggested the member(s) of SCCI to gain the knowledge of Cryptocurrency as it was a medium of exchange, a form of digital payment that worked similarly to conventional payment methods. Furthermore, members had a detail discussion with the guests regarding their working, hierarchy, objectives, projects and fee's structure to become its member.

SEMINAR ON "ROAD TRANSPORT SERVICES FROM PAKISTAN FOR EU/UK/CIS COUNTRIES" IN COLLABORATION WITH PAKISTAN CARGO SERVICES (PVT) LTD



On February 07, 2022, Mian Imran Akbar, President SCCI chaired the session and appreciated the initiative of Pakistan Cargo Services Pvt. Ltd. in providing the facility of transporting the cargo through road infrastructure network to European Union, United Kingdom and CIS countries. He stated that an alternate route was required to diffuse the current situation wherein ocean carriers were declining the bookings and cargo was being rolled over at seaports resulting in higher costs and longer transit times.

Mr. Muhammad Yousaf, Chairman Pcs Group shared that the end of 2021 was marked as most chaotic, challenging and volatile year in modern logistics history, especially ocean freight business had remained borderline chaotic with

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no indication that the year 2022 would be more lenient than what 2021 offered. He further shared that the shipping lines had all-time high rates and all-time low schedule reliability which was adversely affecting the overall business industry of Pakistan. Whereas, Mr. Jahanzeb, CEO WAGONERS Worldwide accompanied by Mr. Moosa, GMWAGONERS World Wide gave a detailed presentation about warehouses to consolidate the cargo from Pakistan, Location, Delivery of the cargo etc. he also explained the Operational Overview of Shipments route from Pakistan to Europe.

to physically demonstrate the features of the products he/she was selling.

Mr. Akbar, also added that dressing up properly had benefits on the individual coming towards the stall. He also gave an example of an exhibitor who participated in the Furniture Exhibition held in Sialkot. Mr. Fizan said that the staff of the stall was very forthcoming and energetic, which was the reason they made maximum sales in Sialkot. He recommended that every entrepreneur should learn from the gestures, skills and communication way which was utilized by that company.

SEMINAR ON "HOW TO GET MAXIMUM BUSINESS FROM TRADE FAIRS"



On February 08, 2022, an Executive Course Seminar was arranged at SCCI on "How to Get Maximum Business from Trade Fairs" wherein Mr. Fizan Akbar shared the importance of having proper knowledge on how to exhibit in Trade Fairs and getting maximum benefits out of it. Ms. Nadia Qaisar, Chairperson, Women Resource Center, welcomed all the participants of the session and shared her thoughts on the subject of the seminar.

Mr. Fizan Akbar, Chairman, Departmental Committee on SME Training and Young Entrepreneurs to demonstrate the tips and skills of exhibiting in International Trade Fairs with the participants. He shared the tips of preparing the stall, engaging the visitors and skills to get benefits from the prospects. During the session he demonstrated how different exhibitors make mistakes that result in not getting benefits from the Exhibitions. He added that participating in any exhibition had a wide opportunity for an exhibitor

VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY MR. BERNHARD SCHLAGHECK, AMBASSADOR OF THE GERMANY TO PAKISTAN TO SIALKOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY



Mian Imran Akbar, President, Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry warmly welcomed H.E. Bernhard Schlagheck, Ambassador of Germany to Pakistan, Mr. Christian Boettcher, Commercial Counselor, and members of the Chamber on February 10, 2022. The President started his address with the hope that His Excellency's visit to SCCI would go a long way in improving understanding and interaction between the business communities of the two countries for the promotion of bilateral trade. The President further appreciated the role of Germany in the extension of the GSP+ status. He said that thanks to the facility, more than 78% of Pakistan's exports were entering the EU at the most concessional rates. Mian Imran Akbar expressed his gratitude to His Excellency for being an advocate of Pakistan and his positive role in the extension of the scheme. He also discussed about the online appointment

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system of the German Embassy and Visa related matters

The President Chamber also requested His Excellency to consider creating a focused linkage between the esteemed German Embassy and this Chamber; furthermore, he also gave a brief introduction of Sialkot and all the industrial dynamics which enabled the city to enjoy the status of being the only Export Oriented City of Pakistan having executed several mega projects. Ending his address, he once again thanked His Excellency for visiting the Chamber and hoped that the meeting would result in promoting better understanding between the business communities of the two countries and wished that a new era of economic cooperation will open which would boost the trade to bring prosperity and happiness to both nations.

H.E. Bernhard Schlagheck thanked the President, and said that Sialkot was the main link between German and Pakistani trade relations as the city had been a major contributor to the bilateral trade. He expressed his satisfaction with the numbers of the German Pakistan Trade relations clocking at USD 3 (B) the biggest chunk within the European Union. He mentioned that the exports of Pakistan to Germany had increased by 15%. His Excellency also discussed the incident of M/s Rajco Enterprises and said that it had raised some concerns within the European Union. He said that the GSP Plus scheme would be drawing to a close in 2022 and would be revisited for the prospective extension. The Ambassador said that all stakeholders should ensure all-out efforts to avoid any such incident happening again in Sialkot as it would damage the cause of GSP Plus and the EU Parliament might take an adverse decision and would put the trading relations in jeopardy.

The German Envoy informed that the Embassy had been under major reconstruction work that had affected operations. He also said that members could hire a representative and submit their visa applications in Karachi. He said that Sialkot Chamber should have a coordinating role and the Embassy would facilitate the processing of Visas in case of a significant number of applications for a specific trade fair. He said that President Chamber's request for facilitation to

such cases would be entertained. The Ambassador once again thanked the leadership of the Sialkot Chamber and hoped that the relations of Pakistan and Germany would further strengthen in the future.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON CYBER CRIME

Mr. Omer Khalid, Chairman welcomed all the members of Departmental Committee on Cybercrime for the meeting on February 11, 2022. He shared his experience about attending the Cyber Security Conference held in Islamabad in which various hi-tech companies participated. He shared about his meeting with the PTCL representative and discussed about their relevant products & services; he suggested to initiate conversation with PTCL from the platform of SCCI to get more details of their offerings. He also had the meeting with the CEO of NAYATEL and found out that it would start operating in Sialkot soon. He shared the importance of secure use of internet and various cyber-crime attacks especially Man in the Middle attack; therefore, awareness information regarding cybercrimes and possible measures should be circulated via emails and Chamber's Bulletin.



The Chairman also shared that Sialkot Chamber had sent letters/emails to FIA regarding opening a counter, and he also suggested to meet FIA at regional office in Lahore to address the cybercrime complaints of members of SCCI. After a brief discussion and deliberation, it was decided that representative of PTCL would be invited to get details about the offerings of PTCL; furthermore, a letter would be written to FIA to get appointment for meeting to discuss cybercrime

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complaints of member as well as FIA would be called to conduct a seminar on Cyber Crimes in Sialkot Chamber. It was also decided that the Universities would be taken on board for healthy competitions and Mr. Sohaib Saleem would provide a paper containing details about SSL and two step authentication/ security for general awareness of the members.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SPORTS ACTIVITIES



A meeting of Departmental Committee on Sports Activities was held on February 11, 2022. Mr. Asif Ali, Chairman welcomed the members and informed that Cricket Match between Sialkot, Gujarat, Gujranwala and Wazirabad Cutlery Association was hosted and organized by this Chamber in previous year at Jinnah Stadium Sialkot, therefore, in its continuation, it had been planned to hold same event this year as well, on February 27, at Faraz Stadium Sialkot. The team of Jhelum Chamber would also be invited this year. Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi, Senior Vice President appreciated the idea of the Committee to organize the Sports Events among the Trade Bodies. He said that Sialkot, Gujarat, and Gujranwala Chambers represent a Golden Economic Triangle and playing a vital role for the development of National Economy.

Mr. Qasim Malik, Vice President appreciated and suggested that the Sports Events should be organized on regular basis. He said that in other countries, education as well as sports is promoted on an equal basis but unfortunately, it was not focused to organize Sports events in the country. Mian Riaz, CEO Education, Mr. Adnan

Yousaf, Mr. Asif Ali, Mian Muhammad Khalil, Mr. Ali Amer Bhatti, Sheikh Sohail Zafar Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz, Mr. Muhammad Ejaz Ghauree, Mr. Ahmed Imtiaz Khan was also present in the meeting and gave their input. The Committee unanimously approved that Cricket Matches between Sialkot, Gujranwala, Gujarat, Jehlum Chambers and Wazirabad Cutlery Association would be organized and played on March 06, 2022, at Fraz Cricket Stadium, while, on February 27, 2022, a Match Between SCCI Executive and Staff would be played. The player's kits would sponsor by Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz Saim personally and two days event at School level would be organized.

VISIT OF RANA SHEHZAD AHMED KHAN, DIRECTOR GENERAL TDAP, PUNJAB



Mian Imran Akbar, President Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry welcomed Rana Shehzad Akbar, Director General, TDAP, Punjab to Sialkot on February 14, 2022. He also thanked Syed Abbas Mehdi, Executive Director, Export Development Fund (EDF), Islamabad, and all the other participants of the meeting. He informed the house that the purpose of today's visit was to have a discussion on the EDF-funded project of the Child Labor Elimination Program. He invited Raza Shehzad Ahmed Khan, DG, TDAP, Punjab to share his views on the said agenda point.

Rana Shehzad Ahmed Khan, DG TDAP Punjab explained to the participants of the meeting about the process to streamline and define the role of TDAP in disbursing and monitoring the EDF projects. He said that once a procedure would be in place, the disbursement will be made within 15 days subject to the availability of funds

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in the joint account. Furthermore, he also shared the role of SCCI in the said procedure in detail. Whereas, Mr. Abbas Mehdi, Executive Director EDF said that audit of the previous years had been conducted and now based on the findings of the audit, the pending liability will be determined and the amount will be forwarded to TDAP with clear cut instructions to pay to the SCCI. He dilated upon the new mechanism that EDF trying to put in place. In this regard, the 22nd EDF finance committee held a meeting on 17 January 2022 and the minutes of the meeting will be issued shortly.

VISIT OF H.E. MR. DEDDY FAISAL AHMAD, CHARGE D' AFFAIRES OF HIGH COMMISSION OF MALAYSIA TO PAKISTAN



On February 15, 2022, Mian Imran Akbar, President SCCI welcomed His Excellency Mr. Deddy Faisal Ahmad, Charge d' Affaires of High Commission of Malaysia to Pakistan & members of the Chamber; he mentioned that Pakistan and Malaysia enjoy close and cordial relations; Pakistan was one of the first countries to recognize and establish diplomatic relations with Malaysia in 1957. "Malaysia the land of impressive diversity in religion, culture, and history is also one of the most dynamic countries in the world economically. A factor that largely accounts for its growing international significance" he said. Pakistani Business Community should strive to penetrate and create bilateral trading relations with new markets and zones especially the ASEAN Region wherein Malaysia is an important player. President stressed that both countries should make efforts to take the relations to a new level by aggressively exploring opportunities for joint ventures in

various sectors.

"As per the data of the International Trade Center, the total bilateral trade between the two countries in 2020 was around USD 1.38 (B) with the balance of trade in favor of Malaysia. However, there is a huge potential to increase this volume of trade. Both sides need to ponder on developing a strategy for bringing improvements. We are encouraged by the resolve of both Governments to boost the trade yet we believe that people-to-people linkages especially the B2B relations should be promoted" the president stated. He further emphasized that exchange of trade delegations and single country exhibitions; he also discussed about the 'Look Africa' and stressed that the Government of Pakistan should replicate a similar initiative for the ASEAN region especially for Malaysia. Facilitation is also solicited from His Excellency in the creation of linkages with the importers in Malaysia especially of the Sports Goods, Sports Wear, Surgical Instruments, and Leather sector as they have a significant demand in the Malaysian market. He also shared about the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry as the representative body of the Private Sector of Sialkot and was greatly contributing to the economic development of the country. He again thanked His Excellency. Mr. Deddy Faisal Ahmad for visiting this Chamber and hoping that meeting will result in promoting better understanding and cooperation between the Malaysian High Commission in Pakistan and the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry and pave the way for enhancing trade, economic ties, and cooperation in all fields of mutual interest.



H.E Mr. Deddy Faisal Ahmad, Charge d' Affaires of High Commission of Malaysia to Pakistan

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thanked and mentioned the bilateral relations of both the countries; as he mentioned that cooperation of both the countries on the platform of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). He further talked about the political relations, coordination and frequently exchange of high-level visits by the Government Representatives of Pakistan & Malaysia. He also appreciated that the trade ties between the two countries had been enhanced from the last year; he mentioned the trade figure of last two years as USD 1.901 (M) in last year whereas currently the figure was USD 1.395 B that indicated the boost.

He said that Malaysian Government was fully focused on its economic strategy and included some of the sustainable development projects to increase the potential opportunities for the next five years. Malaysia encouraged the other countries to attract the foreign Investment and provided many of the relaxation to the investors in order to provide them ease and encouragement for Joint Ventures. He discussed about the opportunities could be achieved via e-commerce; he hoped that both the countries should be in liaison with each other.

WORKSHOP ON "TREASURY BASICS FOR CORPORATES"



February 17, 2022, Sh. Zohaib Rafique Sethi, Senior Vice President SCCI chaired the session and welcomed the participants for joining the Workshop. He discussed the foreign exchange (FX) market was a global decentralized or over-the-counter market for the trading of currencies and advised the participants to learn FX market as it determines foreign exchange rates for every currency including all aspects of buying, selling

and exchanging currencies at current or determined prices. He also shared that TRESMARK was a Professional platform for treasury markets as it had provided its users with all the data that they would require in one platform, with plenty of instruments and loaded with financial tools.

Mr. Shafiq-Ur-Rehman, Chairman Banking Committee also shared the importance to understand the basics of FX markets & Tools, Hedging Skills. He highlighted the key elements of Money Market & Fixed Income, Current Account and Trade Deficit. He also advised the participants to learn the techniques of better negotiation with banks on proceeds local & international context considering various economic indicators. Whereas, Mr. Waqas Hussain (TRESMARK) gave the workshop covering the topics e.g., Interbank rates, Bank's Treasury Work, Cross Rates, Forward Booking, Discounting, FBP – KIBOR Based, FBD – LIBOR Based, Derivatives, Call & Put Option, Cross Currency Swaps, Interest Rate Swap – IRS, Forward Rate Agreement, Open Market Operations (OMO) By SBP, T-Bills & PIBs, Economic Indicators, Policy Rate, Discount Rate, Real Effective Exchange Rate – REER, Evaluating Currency – The Impact, Non-Farm Payroll – NFP, Challenger Job Cuts and ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI and ISM Manufacturing.

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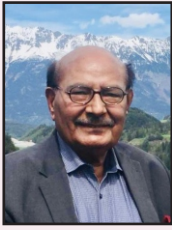
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Nature's Purity And Plastic's Pernicious Ramifications



(By: Prof. Safdar Sandal)

“Why it is that of all the billions and billions of strange objects in the Cosmos; nova's, quasar, pulsars, and black holes: you are beyond doubt the strangest?” -- Walker Percy

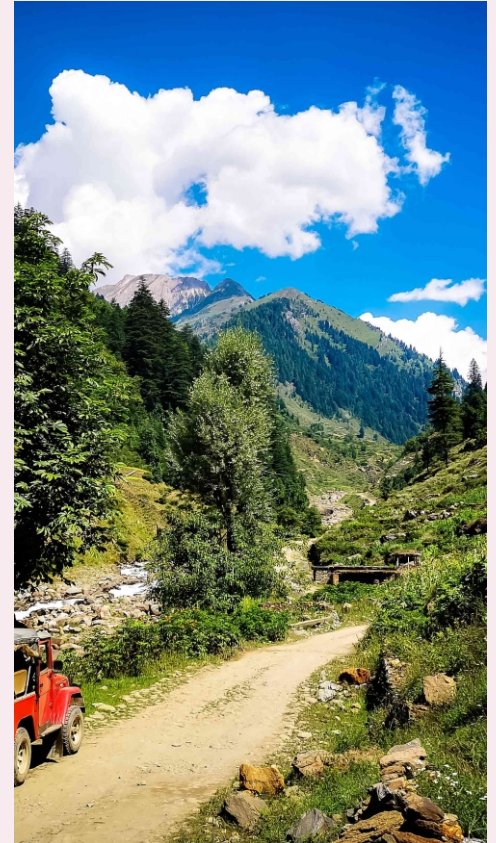
Quite true, man has lived on this planet since the time he was brought into being by the Creator and developed him into his present form through 'divine evolutionary processes'. Man has rightly been declared by the Creator as His 'Ashraf-ul-Makhlukat' (the highest form of His creation). In his nascent living form, the man alongside has however now developed some spurious elements which have disturbed him, especially some of those belonging to the current century. Among such spurious elements or products, has been the invention and un-controlled production and use of plastic, which undoubtedly has been the 'one' most dangerous product for the health of all living beings. The violent characteristic of plastic is that it is non-biodegradable and thus spreads its harmful content on earth and on the surface and inside of water which get polluted by the thrown in empty plastic bottles and other similar waste objects. Once these are used and thrown in the environment, land, water, air; it takes years to eliminate the bad effects caused by pollution of the pure surface and waters of the universe. Therefore, these plastic articles should be banned completely. Or, otherwise their unchecked use can seriously damage the earth itself and result into awful ailments for the human beings and the precious animal world, too. These conveniently and badly impact life-bearing creatures, including all aquatic flora and fauna. Plastic has been, thus largely responsible for the land and water pollutions. It will

be very helpful if we impose an urgent ban on its worldwide production as used plastic cannot be recycled or re-applied for any other functions. Owing to the hazardous nature of its content; it has brought forth, serious impacts on the environment, the climate and the atmosphere as a whole, and thus on the man himself. When we burn the plastic, different harmful gasses eject into the atmosphere. We can see and witness the smog destroying our big cities and fiels. The worst example is our beautiful historical city Lahore. Environmental imbalance has surged in the country and the world as a whole.



This disturbance has thus caused an extremely dangerous situation for life. The fish we eat is poisonous too, since the fish has more intake of water into its body than any other creature. Large varieties of objects eject contaminated gases into the air and upset the universal climate. These factors also cause to deface environmental beauty and damage its original quality. Most clearly visible Kashmir Mountains which I used to see from rooftop of my house in the then suburban Rangpura - Sialkot during my school and college days are no more visible, except when the sky is washed by heavy rains. Below are the referred mountains and the fields which were viewed from suburban Sialkot. How much nostalgic, I feel now about those days, can be anybody's unhappy guess.

The most dangerous impact is yet, that plastic makes the land barren and infertile. If plastic is dumped in the land, the land becomes unproductive, sick and dangerous for the crop that grows reluctantly neo healthy. Social awareness is very important in this respect and to educate the international community about the plastic hazards is a real worrisome job. It is necessary to save our beautiful planet, the earth.



(Let us preserve the natural beauty of our planet : the Earth)

Both government and citizens must come forward to contribute to the drive of making Pakistan beautiful and original again. Alternatives to plastic must be found and used-preferred. Other eco-friendly products such as paper bags must be adopted to avoid the dangers of the enemy - plastic. Existing Governments of the world must come forward to take part in this pious campaign because the current lethargy or lack of action can further deteriorate what is left of our natural life. Collective effort is necessary for safe living.

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- 9: جناب وہب جہانگیر (سینئر نائب صدر سی ایس ڈی او) 50 ہزار روپے
10: جناب قاسم ملک (نائب صدر سیالکوٹ چیئیر) 50 ہزار روپے
11: جناب احمد امتیاز خان 25 ہزار روپے

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- 4: جناب وسیم شہباز لودھی 1 لاکھ روپے
- 5: جناب جرار حسین اعوان 1 لاکھ روپے
- 6: جناب خواجہ مسعود اختر 1 لاکھ روپے
- 7: جناب امین احسن 1 لاکھ روپے
- 8: محترمہ امتیاز انور خواجہ 50 ہزار روپے





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ڈپٹی ڈائریکٹر اینٹی کرپشن رانا مقبول الحسن نے تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ہم نے وطن عزیز پاکستان کی حقیقی معنوں میں قدر نہیں کی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ہم بنیادی طور پر اس مقصد سے بہت پیچھے ہٹ چکے ہیں جس کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے ہم نے یہ ملک حاصل کیا تھا۔ ہم اپنے مفادات کے اسیر ہو چکے ہیں۔ ہمیں اپنے مفادات کو پس پشت ڈالتے ہوئے اپنے وطن کی تعمیر و ترقی کیلئے اپنا کردار ادا کرنا ہوگا۔ تقریب سے سینئر نائب صدر شیخ زوہیب رفیق سیٹھی، سابق نائب صدر ایوب خان اور چیئر مین ڈیپارٹمنٹل کمیٹی برائے مذہبی و ثقافتی امور میاں محسن گل نے بھی خطاب کیا۔ پروگرام کے اختتام پر صدر سیالکوٹ چیئرمین عمران اکبر اور ڈپٹی ڈائریکٹر اینٹی کرپشن رانا مقبول الحسن نے اراکین چیئرمین کے ہمراہ کیک کاٹا۔ تقریب میں صدر سیالکوٹ چیئرمین کے علاوہ سینئر نائب صدر شیخ زوہیب رفیق سیٹھی، نائب صدر قاسم ملک، چیئر مین کمیٹی میاں محسن گل، سابق سینئر نائب صدر خرم اسلم بٹ، میاں خلیل احمد موجودہ و سابق اراکین مجلس عاملہ کے علاوہ چیئرمین اسٹاف اور اراکین چیئرمین کی کثیر تعداد نے شرکت کی۔

مورخہ 22 مارچ 2022ء ایوان صنعت و تجارت سیالکوٹ میں ایوان ہذا کی ڈیپارٹمنٹل کمیٹی برائے مذہبی و ثقافتی امور کی جانب سے 23 مارچ یوم پاکستان کے حوالہ سے ایک پر وقار "کیک کٹنگ" تقریب کا انعقاد صدر سیالکوٹ چیئرمین عمران اکبر کی زیر صدارت ہوا۔ تقریب میں بطور مہمان خصوصی ڈپٹی ڈائریکٹر اینٹی کرپشن رانا مقبول الحسن نے خصوصی طور پر شرکت کی۔ صدر سیالکوٹ چیئرمین نے تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ 23 مارچ ہماری نظریاتی پہچان کا وہ تاریخی دن ہے جس دن ہم نے بابائے قوم قائد اعظم محمد علی جناح کی قیادت میں اپنی آزادی کا سفر شروع کیا تھا، منزل مقصود آزادی پاکستان تک پہنچنے پہنچنے تحریک قیام پاکستان کے ہزاروں جاں نثاروں نے اپنی جانوں کے نذرانے پیش کر دیئے اور لاکھوں ماؤں بہنوں کی عزتیں اس خواب کی تعبیر میں تار تار ہو گئیں۔ لیکن افسوس بعد میں جو حالات رونما ہوئے اس سے پاکستان کے چاندستاروں کی چمک ماند پڑی تو پڑی، ہم اپنی پہچان بھی کھوتے جا رہے ہیں۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ وطن عزیز پاکستان آج جن کرائسز اور چیلنجز سے دوچار ہے ان کا تقاضا ہے کہ ہم بحیثیت قوم اپنی ذاتی، گروہی اور سیاسی مفادات سے بالاتر ہو کر ملک کی ترقی اور خوشحالی کیلئے کام کریں۔ صدر سیالکوٹ چیئرمین عمران اکبر نے مزید کہا کہ 23 مارچ تجدید عہد کا دن ہے۔ بحیثیت پاکستانی ہمیں اپنی سوچ کو تبدیل کرنا ہوگا۔ ہمیں یہ نہیں سوچنا چاہیے کہ پاکستان نے ہمیں کیا دیا؟ بلکہ ہمیں یہ سوچنا ہے کہ ہم نے اپنے وطن کو کیا دیا ہے۔ ہمیں



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