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SIALKOT: THE PRIDE OF PAKISTAN AND THE NEXT FRONTIER FOR IT EXPORTS

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A City Built on Skill, Dedication, and Global Excellence

Having lived and worked in Sialkot, I have witnessed firsthand the energy, craftsmanship, and entrepreneurial spirit that make this city truly special. Sialkot has long been the pride of Pakistan. It is a shining example of what local industry, commitment, and innovation can achieve. From sports goods that dominate international markets, to surgical instruments, leather products, and apparel exported worldwide, Sialkot's excellence has brought Pakistan recognition across continents.

A Comparative Look: Why Our Growth Has Plateaued

Despite these successes, Pakistan's overall export growth, even with Sialkot's contributions, remains limited when compared to much smaller nations. Take Singapore, for example. A country with a population smaller than many of Pakistan's cities. Its annual exports exceed \$500 billion, while Pakistan's remain around \$40 billion. The contrast is striking. The difference lies not in talent or work ethic, but in what is being exported. While our exports are rooted in physical goods bound by raw materials, packaging, and logistics, Singapore's are knowledge-based. These include information technology, software, and digital services.

The Path Forward: Building a Modern IT Export Ecosystem

Sialkot now stands at a critical point where it can evolve beyond traditional exports. With new industrial zones and export areas being developed, there exists a perfect opportunity to establish an IT Village. This would be a hub dedicated to software development, AI services, digital

solutions, and global IT support. The IT Village could house state-of-the-art infrastructure including high-speed connectivity, secure data centers, modern workspaces, and training facilities, enabling local companies to deliver IT exports on a global scale.

Leveraging Our Global Networks

Sialkot's exporters already have deep relationships with international brands in sports, surgical, and leather industries. Those very networks can serve as the foundation for marketing IT services abroad. Through strategic partnerships and global marketing initiatives, Sialkot can position itself as a trusted provider of IT services, much like it is already trusted for its craftsmanship and reliability.

Our People: The City's Greatest Strength

Sialkot's youth are highly educated, intelligent, and tech-savvy. They represent a generation eager to innovate and contribute to Pakistan's digital future. With the right environment combining infrastructure, training, and marketing, this new generation can transform Sialkot from a city of physical exports to a hub of intellectual and digital exports.

Conclusion: From Manufacturing Pride to Digital Powerhouse

Sialkot has already proven what Pakistani determination can accomplish. The next step is to extend this legacy into the digital domain, where innovation knows no borders. By building a thriving IT ecosystem, Sialkot can once again lead. Not just as the pride of Pakistan's manufacturing past, but as the beacon of its technological future.



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سب سے پہلے میں اللہ رب العزت کا انتہائی عاجزی کے ساتھ بے حد شکر گزار ہوں جس نے مجھے سیالکوٹ چیمبر کی صدارت جیسے معزز منصب پر فائز ہونے کا موقع دیا۔ میں اپنے تمام معزز اراکین چیمبر کو یقین دلاتا ہوں کہ میں اور میری ٹیم سیالکوٹ کی برآمدی انڈسٹری کی بہتری، کاروباری مشکلات کے حل اور برآمدات کے فروغ کیلئے ہر ممکن کوشش کریں گے۔

معزز ممبران گرامی،

سیالکوٹ پاکستان کا ایک اہم برآمدی شہر ہے جو سالانہ 2.63 ارب امریکی ڈالر سے زائد کا زرمبادلہ کما کر ملکی معیشت کو استحکام فراہم کرنے کے ساتھ ساتھ ہزاروں خاندانوں کو روزگار فراہم کرتا ہے۔ مگر اپنی تمام صنعتی کامیابیوں کے باوجود، سیالکوٹ ہمیشہ ایک ایسے ادارے کی تلاش میں رہا ہے جو ہماری صنعت، علم، اور ٹیکنالوجی کو جدید تقاضوں سے ہم آہنگ کرے۔ یہی خواب 2005 میں سیالکوٹ چیمبر آف کامرس اینڈ انڈسٹری کی جانب سے ٹیکنالوجی یونیورسٹی کے قیام کے حوالے سے پیش کیا گیا، جسے ہائر ایجوکیشن کمیشن (HEC) نے منظور کیا۔ اس کے بعد، سویڈن کے رائل انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف ٹیکنالوجی کے اشتراک سے اس منصوبے کو عملی شکل دینے کی کوششیں شروع ہوئیں۔

9 دسمبر 2020 کو حکومت پاکستان نے سیالکوٹ کے قریب سمبڑیال میں "یونیورسٹی آف اپلائڈ انجینئرنگ اینڈ ایمرجنگ ٹیکنالوجیز" (UAEET) کے قیام کا باضابطہ اعلان کیا، جس کا مقصد تعلیم، تحقیق، اور صنعت کے درمیان روابط کو مضبوط بنانا ہے۔ اس یونیورسٹی میں انڈسٹریل انجینئرنگ، میکاترونکس، بائیومیڈیکل انجینئرنگ، آرٹیفیشل انٹیلیجنس اور نینو ٹیکنالوجی جیسے اہم شعبوں میں ماہرین تیار کیے جائیں گے، جن کا مقصد سیالکوٹ کی برآمدات کو نئی بلندیوں تک پہنچانا ہے۔

یہ منصوبہ 17.68 ارب روپے کی لاگت سے تعمیر ہو رہا ہے، جس میں سے 5.71 ارب روپے سے جدید تعلیمی بلاکس، ہوٹلز، لائبریری، اور دیگر بنیادی سہولتیں فراہم کی جائیں گی۔ اس کے علاوہ، جدید تحقیق کے لیے سینٹرز آف ایکسی لینس قائم کیے جائیں گے تاکہ پاکستان کی ایکسپورٹ انڈسٹری کو جدید خطوط پر استوار کیا جاسکے۔ یہ یونیورسٹی نہ صرف سیالکوٹ بلکہ پاکستان کے لیے بھی ایک فلیک شپ منصوبہ ہے، جو ٹیکنالوجی اور صنعت کے درمیان پُل کا کردار ادا کرے گا۔

یونیورسٹی کی تعمیر کا آغاز مارچ 2022 میں ہوا اور اب تک 50 فیصد سے زائد کام مکمل ہو چکا ہے۔ تاہم، منصوبے کی تکمیل کے لیے مزید فنڈز کی ضرورت ہے۔ حکومت پنجاب نے اپنے حصے کے 3.16 ارب روپے جاری کر دیے ہیں، لیکن وفاقی حکومت کی طرف سے 2.54 ارب روپے کی فراہمی ابھی باقی ہے۔ ہم وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محترمہ مریم نواز شریف سے اپیل کرتے ہیں کہ وہ اس منصوبے کی مکمل سرپرستی فرمائیں اور بروقت فنڈز کی فراہمی کو یقینی بنائیں تاکہ یہ خواب حقیقت بن سکے اور پاکستان کی تعلیم، تحقیق اور صنعت میں ایک نئی انقلابی تبدیلی آ سکے۔ UAEET "سیالکوٹ-سیالکوٹ کا خواب، پاکستان کا مستقبل"

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شیخ محمد اقبال صندل مرحوم

سختی بتدریج کم ہوتی جا رہی تھی۔ کچھ ٹیکنیکل سوالات کرنے کے بعد وہ پوری طرح متاثر ہو چکا تھا۔ مجھے اڑھائی ہزار فٹ بال کا آرڈر دے دیا۔ LG بھی کھول دی اور پاس بیٹھے دیگر ایکسپورٹرز کو کوئی آرڈر دینے بغیر چلا گیا۔“

قارئین! عظیم کامیابی کی یہ خبر جب سیالکوٹ پہنچی تو شیخ محمد اقبال صندل کے والد نے بے پناہ مسرت کا اظہار کیا تھا۔ گھر میں جشن کا سماں تھا کہ ایک نوآموز بیٹے نے فٹ بال کا اتنا بڑا آرڈر اپنے پہلے ٹور میں حاصل کر لیا تھا۔

والد گرامی شیخ اللہ دین غفوری کی وفات کے بارہ سال بعد 1992ء میں شیخ محمد اقبال صندل نے DURUS کے نام سے علیحدہ کمپنی بنالی۔ شیخ محمد اقبال صندل کی زندگی بھر کی عرق ریزی کا کمال ہے۔ ایک برگد کا درخت ہے جس کے گھٹے سائے میں اقبال صاحب کی آئندہ نسل زمانے کے ہر الاؤ سے محفوظ رہ سکے گی۔

شیخ محمد اقبال صندل جامع کمالات شخصیت ہیں۔ مجموعہ اوصاف ہیں۔ اپنی کامیابیوں پر نازاں نہیں ہیں، سمجھتے ہیں سب کچھ تو فقیہ خدا سے ممکن ہوا۔ جناح الشیخ ہسپتال کے وائس چیئرمین ہیں اور اپنی جیب خاص سے غریب مریضوں کے اخراجات برداشت کرتے ہیں۔ شیخ محمد اقبال صندل فطرتاً شکفتہ مزاج ہیں۔ ایک زمانے میں گورنمنٹ ہائی اسکول سیالکوٹ کی ”اولڈ بوائز ایسوسی ایشن“ کے سالانہ اجلاس بڑی اہمیت کے حامل ہوا کرتے تھے۔ ہم نظامت کے فرائض ادا کرتے تو شیخ صاحب کو خصوصی طور پر اسٹیج پر بلائے۔ وہ ”بیوی کے مظالم“ پر اپنی مذاقیت نظم سناتے تو حاضرین ہنس ہنس کر لوٹ لوٹ ہو جاتے۔

پچھلے دنوں شیخ محمد اقبال صندل نے اپنی گاڑی بھیجی کہ ہم اُن کے گھر اُن سے ملاقات کریں۔ ملاقات پر انہیں بہت مضطرب پایا۔ نیک سیرت زوجہ 57 سال کی رفاقت کے بعد انتقال فرما گئی تھیں۔۔۔ شیخ صاحب سراپا بہار بیوی کے بچھڑنے کے بعد خزاؤں کی بے رنگی کا ذکر کر رہے تھے تب ہمارے لیے یہ اندازہ لگانا مشکل نہ تھا کہ شیخ محمد اقبال صندل کی شاداب اور تہمتوں سے بھرپور زندگی کس قدر بے کیف ہو چکی ہے۔۔۔ وہ کہتے رہے کہ چائے کے ساتھ ”لوازمات“ سے سبھی ٹرائی میں سے بھی کچھ کھایا جائے مگر ہم ٹرائی کی کسی بھی چیز کو چھوئے بغیر جو جھل قدموں سے گھر واپس آ گئے۔

باتیں ایوان کی

میٹرک کا امتحان گورنمنٹ ہائی اسکول سیالکوٹ سے پاس کر کے مرے کالج سیالکوٹ میں داخل ہو گئے۔ ایف ایس سی میں کم نمبر آئے تو محمد اقبال صندل نے آئندہ پڑھائی کا سلسلہ روک دیا اور 1955ء میں والد صاحب کی کمپنی ”لائسنس سپورٹس“ جائن کر لی۔ والد محترم سے فٹ بال بنانے کے مختلف مرحلوں سے آگاہی حاصل کی چونکہ دل میں ترقی اور کچھ بننے کی اُمید تھی چنانچہ INNOVATION میں آ گئے اور پاکستان کے مختلف اداروں سے لیڈر ٹیکنالوجی میں ماہرانہ تربیت حاصل کر لی۔

”ابھی عشق کے امتحان اور بھی ہیں“ کے مصداق شیخ محمد اقبال صندل کو فٹ بال فروخت کرنے کے خازنوں سے بھی گزرتا تھا چنانچہ 1963ء میں شیخ صاحب کو سری لنکا بھیج دیا گیا۔ سری لنکا میں ”لائسنس سپورٹس کمپنی“ کا ایک ہندو پارٹنر ”رام چند“ ہوا کرتا تھا۔ شیخ محمد اقبال اُسی رام چند کے پاس پہنچ گئے۔ رام چند روزانہ کچھ فٹ بال شیخ صاحب کے حوالے کرتا اور کہتا ”جواؤن فٹ بالوں کو سری لنکا کے بازاروں میں گھوم پھر کر بیچو۔۔۔ ایسا کرنا کوئی پھولوں کی بیج نہ تھا مگر شیخ محمد اقبال صندل طوفانوں سے لہجھے کا تہیہ کیے ہوئے تھے۔ نہ جانے کون سی طاقت نے شیخ صاحب کو بے خوف بنا رکھا تھا، کس جذبے نے انہیں سری لنکا کے گرم اور مرطوب موسم میں فٹ بالوں کا گٹھا اٹھائے سڑکیں ناپنے کا حوصلہ دے رکھا تھا۔ گاؤں کے تلخ اور تنک آمیز جملے بھی سننے پڑے مگر شیخ محمد اقبال صندل مستقل مزاجی سے آگے بڑھتے چلے گئے۔

1965ء میں شیخ محمد اقبال صندل کو باقاعدہ کاروباری ٹور tour پر ملائیشیا، سنگاپور اور آسٹریلیا بھیج دیا گیا۔ اس پہلے ٹور میں شیخ صاحب کو رام چند کی تربیت کا عملی مظاہرہ کرنے کا موقع مل گیا۔۔۔ شیخ محمد اقبال صندل نے چائے کا کپ ہوٹوں سے جدا کرتے ہوئے کہا ”چھٹھ صاحب! مجھے اپنے پہلے ٹور کا یہ منظر کبھی نہیں بھولتا“ اور پھر ماضی کے درپچوں سے جھانکتے ہوئے یوں گویا ہوئے:

”میں آسٹریلیا میں اپنے پہلے کاروباری ٹور پر تھاقریہ باقریہ سفری صعوبتیں برداشت کرتا ہوا فٹ بال کے گاؤں کی تلاش میں تھا کہ ایک گاؤں تک رسائی ہوئی گئی۔ فٹ بال کے کئی اور ایکسپورٹرز بھی گاؤں کے پاس بیٹھے تھے۔ میں نے اپنا تعارف کرایا اور ملاقات کا مقصد بیان کیا تو پاکستان کا نام سنتے ہی وہ چڑسا گیا۔ سخت لفظوں میں مجھے یہ تک کہہ دیا کہ آئندہ مجھے اپنا چہرہ نہ دکھانا۔ میں نے کہا محترم میں اپنا چہرہ دکھانے نہیں اپنے فٹ بال دکھانے آیا ہوں۔۔۔ وہ کچھ توقف کے بعد بولا۔۔۔ اچھا دکھاؤ!۔۔۔ میں نے فٹ بال کے samples اس کے سامنے میز پر پھیلادئیے۔ گاؤں کے فٹ بال کو خوب خوب جانچ رہا تھا۔ اس عمل کے دوران اس کے چہرے کی



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سابق صدر ایوان صنعت و تجارت سیالکوٹ

شیخ محمد اقبال صندل شہر اقبال کی معروف صندل فیملی کے چشم و چراغ تھے۔ تمام عمر مجہد مسلسل میں گزری۔ کاروبار کے سلسلہ میں غیر ممالک کے بے شمار دورے کئے۔ ہر سفر میں جہاں آرڈرز حاصل کرنے کی اُمید ہوتی وہاں گھروالوں کی جدائی کے احساسات کا ایک طوفان بھی دل میں چھپائے رکھتے، جونہی سفر کا مقصد حاصل ہو جاتا فوری گھر لوٹ آتے۔ خدا کا شکر ادا کرتے کہ انہوں نے آنے والے ہیں۔ آہ اقبال صندل، اب کے جس سفر پر روانہ ہو گئے ہیں۔ واپسی ممکن نہیں۔ شیخ محمد اقبال صندل کی نماز جنازہ 7 مارچ 2015 کو ”محمد اشرف کھوکھر جنازہ گاہ“ میں ادا کی گئی تھی۔ شدید بارش اور بجلی کی کڑک کے باوجود لوگ جوق در جوق نماز جنازہ میں شریک ہوئے۔ ہر شخص گہرے کرب میں نظر آتا تھا بہت سی آنکھیں نم تھیں۔۔۔ بارش تھی کہ تھمے کا نام نہیں لے رہی تھی، لگتا تھا جیسے اقبال صندل مرحوم کی موت پر آسمان بھی نوحہ کرناں ہو۔ مرنے والے تو سکھ کی نیند سو جاتے ہیں مگر انہوں کو آنسوؤں اور سسکیوں کے تلاطم میں چھوڑ جاتے ہیں۔

شیخ اقبال صندل کی وفات کے دوسرے دن سیٹھ محمد یونس غریب خانہ پر تشریف لائے اور کہا چھٹھ صاحب۔ اقبال صاحب کی موت سے میں انتہائی پریشان ہو گیا ہوں، رات بھر سو نہیں، وہ میرے محسن تھی۔ سیٹھ صاحب کی آواز بھرا گئی تھی۔ پھر گویا ہوئے۔

”جب جی ٹی سرجیکل زوال پذیر ہو گئی اور ہماری فیملی پوری طرح مصائب و مسائل کے گرداب میں پھنس گئی، تو ایک اقبال صندل صاحب تھے جن کے مخلصانہ مشوروں سے مجھے نہ صرف حوصلہ ملا بلکہ کاروبار بھی دوبارہ ترقی کے زینے طے کرنے لگا۔

ہمیں یہ اعزاز حاصل ہے کہ اقبال صاحب کی زندگی میں ہم نے اُن کی شخصیت پر کالم لکھا تھا۔ کالم پڑھا تو فون کیا۔۔۔ داؤد! وعدہ کرو کہ تم نے تحریر کیا جو اسلوب اپنایا ہے، جاری رکھو گے۔

قارئین کرام۔ شیخ محمد اقبال صندل کی وفات حسرت آیات سے چند ماہ پہلے لکھے گئے کالم کا ایک حصہ پیش خدمت ہے۔

شیخ اللہ دین غفوری کے گھر 1934ء میں جس بیٹے نے جنم لیا اس کا نام محمد اقبال تھا۔ اقبال صاحب نے ابتدائی تعلیم ”مئڈا سنگھ اسکول سیالکوٹ“ (موجودہ گورنمنٹ کالج یونیورسٹی برائے خواتین) سے حاصل کی۔ اسلامیہ ہائی اسکول سے مڈل پاس کیا اور پھر 1950ء میں

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AWARENESS SESSION ON CM PUNJAB ASAAN KAROBAR MICROFINANCE LOANS PROGRAM PHASE-II



An awareness session on the Chief Minister Punjab Asaan Karobar Microfinance Loans Programme (Phase-II) was held on October 22, 2025, at Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI). The delegation from the Punjab Small Industries Corporation (PSIC)—including Director (C&M) Ms. Rehana Yasmin, Director (PEN) Mr. Khawaja Muhammad Imran, and Regional Manager Mr. Zahid Safdar Malik was warmly received by Senior Vice President Mr. Muhammad Murad Arshad. The session, organized by PSIC in collaboration with the Bank of Punjab (BOP), aimed to brief the business community on the soft-loan initiative launched under the leadership of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif to support SMEs across Punjab.

During the proceedings, the SVP welcomed the delegation and praised the Government of Punjab, the Industries and Commerce Department, PSIC, and the Bank of Punjab for their roles in expanding financial access for entrepreneurs. This was followed by a comprehensive presentation by Mr. Khawaja Muhammad Imran, who highlighted the objectives, eligibility criteria, and financial structure of Asaan Karobar Finance Phase-II. He shared that the programme builds on the success of its first phase and now features an expanded allocation of Rs. 75 billion for Punjab, with an additional Rs. 15 billion reserved for export-oriented SMEs. For Central Punjab, including Sialkot, Rs. 27.23 billion has been allocated to support 2006 SMEs. Loan facilities include financing for startups, working capital, expansion, and adoption of climate-friendly technologies, offered at 0% markup for new projects and 3% for existing businesses, with flexible repayment terms and inclusive eligibility criteria.

An interactive question-and-answer session enabled participants to seek clarification on documentation,

application processes, and export-related financing, with the Bank of Punjab's representative, Mr. Mubarak Ali, addressing concerns and outlining the bank's facilitation mechanism. The event concluded with a note of appreciation from the Senior Vice President, who reaffirmed SCCI's commitment to supporting its members, especially young entrepreneurs, in availing themselves of the programme's opportunities. In acknowledgment of the delegation's efforts, a commemorative shield was presented to Mr. Khawaja Muhammad Imran, marking the successful conclusion of the awareness session.

MEETING ON DIGITALIZATION OF MEMBERSHIP RECORD



A meeting on the "Digitalization of Membership Record" was held on October 24, 2025. The Meeting began with the recitation from the Holy Quran, after which Mr. Syed Ahtesham Mazhar, President SCCI, welcomed the participants and outlined the agenda. He highlighted the purpose of the meeting: to review IT initiatives completed over the past year and to deliberate on the digitalization of membership records due to extensive physical file storage. Mr. Omer Khalid, Former Vice President, was invited to present updates on recently completed IT projects.

Mr. Omer Khalid briefed the participants on several significant IT developments undertaken in the previous tenure. These included the development and deployment of SCCI's Android Mobile Application and the creation of a secure online portal equipped with modules such as Certificate of Origin, Visa Recommendation Letter, and Free Sale Certificate. He also informed the committee of enhancements made to the Membership Software through the integration of a photo capture and storage feature. Regarding the ERP system, he reported that while feasibility and demonstrations were completed, most available solutions did not meet SCCI's customized requirements. The President appreciated these efforts and instructed that IT

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services be more prominently displayed and communicated to the membership.

In addressing the second agenda point, the President stressed the urgency of digitalizing over 95,000 physical membership files. He outlined a phased plan beginning with the scanning and disposal of files belonging to members inactive for ten years or more, followed by the remaining records. The Secretariat presented the implementation strategy and cost estimates, including the hiring of two contractual employees to scan up to 10,000 files monthly. After thorough deliberation, the Committee unanimously approved the project and emphasized its importance for SCCI's digital transformation, recommending immediate initiation of the work.

VISIT OF H.E. MR. SHUICHI AKAMATSU, AMBASSADOR OF JAPAN TO PAKISTAN



On October 25, 2025, His Excellency Mr. Shuichi Akamatsu, Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan visited the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI). The session began with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, followed by a formal welcome from SCCI President Syed Ahtesham Mazhar. In his remarks, the President highlighted the long-standing friendship between Pakistan and Japan, acknowledging Japan's significant contributions through JICA and its continued support in industrial development, skill enhancement, and policy assistance. He emphasized the strong economic potential between the two countries, noting that bilateral trade reached USD 1.57 billion during FY 2024-2025, yet substantial opportunities remain in sectors such as engineering goods, sportswear, surgical instruments, and value-added textiles. He also discussed ongoing initiatives, including previous and future trade missions to Japan, and requested the Ambassador's assistance in strengthening B2B linkages through JETRO, improving business visa facilitation, and revitalizing

technical cooperation programs.

Responding to the President's remarks, Ambassador Mr. Akamatsu expressed gratitude for the warm welcome and praised Sialkot's dynamic industrial base and entrepreneurial spirit. He shared insights from the recent official visit of Chief Minister Punjab to Japan, noting that the trip opened new avenues for bilateral cooperation. The Ambassador acknowledged concerns raised by SCCI members regarding visa challenges and limited participation of Japanese businesses in Pakistani trade exhibitions, assuring that these issues would be examined within the Embassy. He reaffirmed Japan's commitment to expanding engagement in trade, human resource development, and cultural exchange, and expressed optimism that the visit to Sialkot would strengthen mutualties.

During the meeting, several senior members and representatives from both SCCI and the Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Sialkot, presented their views. Dr. Mariam Nouman highlighted the growing role of women entrepreneurs and invited the Ambassador to the upcoming "We Exhibit 2026", while also encouraging the Japanese Embassy to explore bringing trade delegations to Sialkot. Other members, including former presidents and executive committee representatives, raised important suggestions related to multi-entry business visas, sector-specific Japanese delegations, joint venture opportunities, direct flight connectivity, and women-focused exchange programs. The Ambassador responded positively, acknowledging the value of these proposals and reiterating Japan's interest in supporting initiatives that promote women's empowerment, innovation, and mutual industry linkages.

In concluding the meeting, SCCI leadership emphasized the need for a dedicated focal person at the Japanese Embassy to streamline communication, visa processing, and trade facilitation for Sialkot's business community. Ambassador Mr. Akamatsu appreciated the constructive proposals and assured that they would be given careful consideration. The meeting ended on a note of goodwill, with both sides reaffirming their commitment to enhancing economic, cultural, and people-to-people relations, and expressing strong resolve to build a deeper and more productive partnership between Japan and Sialkot.

MEETING OF SIALKOT INDUSTRIAL ZONE PROJECT

On October 21, 2025, the meeting focused primarily on reviewing the progress of the "Sialkot Industrial Zone

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Project”, with President Syed Ahtesham Mazhar informing participants that the Chief Minister Punjab had formally approved the project and directed submission of its summary by October 31, 2025. He traced the project's evolution since 2016 and acknowledged the consistent efforts of successive Chamber presidents, PIEDMC, the Industries Department, and SIFC in completing essential technical and administrative stages. The President reiterated that the Industrial Zone marked the beginning of a transformative era for Sialkot's industrial growth, exports, and employment generation, and that the current meeting aimed to finalize the financial model ahead of the Chamber's upcoming engagement with the Secretary Industries.



Former Presidents, including Mr. Ikram-ul-Haq, Khawaja Masood Akhtar, Majid Raza Bhutta, and others, provided detailed insights into the funding challenges, land acquisition status, and proposed implementation models. Discussions highlighted two parallel tracks: preserving the 1,400-acre Industrial Zone exclusively for Sialkot's SMEs under the PIEDMC framework, and separately exploring opportunities for Saudi-led or other foreign joint ventures on alternative sites of 650 or 350 acres. Consensus emerged that foreign investment could play a valuable role in technology transfer and global market connectivity, but should not be merged with the main Industrial Zone, which must remain affordable and accessible for Sialkot's small and medium manufacturers.

The meeting also reviewed the ongoing concerns regarding the “Final Tax Regime (FTR)” and continued advance tax deductions despite exporters' transition to the Normal Tax Regime (NTR). The President emphasized the need to protect exporters from unjustified deductions, directing exploration of both policy engagement and legal remedies. Participants agreed that while dialogue with the Government and FBR should continue, the Chamber must also prepare

the groundwork for potential litigation to strengthen its negotiating position. Several members stressed that collective advocacy and readiness to pursue legal channels had historically yielded positive outcomes for the business community.

In the final segment, the meeting discussed the “University of Applied Engineering & Emerging Technologies (UAEET)”, with the President reaffirming it as a top priority. Members noted that while Punjab's funding commitment had been fulfilled, the Federal allocation remained pending, prompting consideration of foreign or private investment. However, the house emphasized that the university should remain a public-sector project to ensure affordable, high-quality technical education. Participants supported continued government engagement to safeguard the project's original vision and stressed the importance of partnering with reputed international

MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION REGARDING AL-SUFFAH FREE TUITION PROGRAMME



The meeting of the Departmental Committee on Education held on October 31, 2025, focused primarily on three key agenda points: Presentation of the Annual Performance Report for the Al-Suffah Free Tuition Programme, and Acknowledgment and appreciation of stakeholders, donors, volunteers, teachers, and outstanding students, Chairing the session, Dr. Khurram Anwar Khawaja welcomed all distinguished participants and highlighted the remarkable progress achieved under the Al-Suffah Programme. He presented a detailed report showcasing the programme's expansion from 10 schools in 2024 to 19 schools and two colleges in 2025, supporting 2,285 students through the dedicated efforts of 95 teachers and volunteers. The presentation also emphasized infrastructural

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improvements, academic support for financially challenged students, and the commendable contributions of donors who enabled the programme to double its annual budget within a year.

The report further incorporated insights from attending stakeholders, including the Sialkot Welfare Council, SCCI leadership, and education experts, all of whom praised the programme's rapid growth and positive academic impact. Participants highlighted the need for continued collaboration with government institutions, particularly in enhancing technical and vocational training for Matric-level students, addressing declining educational standards in public schools, and improving basic infrastructure. The meeting also included notable financial commitments, such as donations announced by Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Malik and the Anwar Khawaja Family, reinforcing the shared commitment to sustaining and expanding the initiative.

In conclusion, the session reaffirmed the collective resolve to strengthen the Al-Suffah Free Tuition Programme as a long-term educational support model for underprivileged students. The Chair expressed gratitude to all donors, volunteers, teachers, and partner institutions for their unwavering dedication. The meeting closed with the distribution of shields, medals, and certificates of appreciation, followed by a vote of thanks to the Chair.

1ST BOARD MEETING OF SCCI MED PHARMACY



On November 01, 2025, the first Board Meeting of SCCI Med Pharmacy was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Mian Muhammad Khalil, beginning with the recitation of the Holy Quran. The Chairman welcomed all participants, expressing gratitude to Sialkot Chamber President Syed Ahtisham Mazhar and former Presidents for their presence. The meeting focused on the establishment, operational progress, and financial management of SCCI Med

Pharmacy, which was launched eight months ago to provide high-quality medicines at discounted rates for the general public. Mr. Ikram-ul-Haq highlighted the pharmacy's social mission, its increasing sales reaching up to PKR 600,000 per day, and contributions made to maintain and expand the medicine stock.

Discussions emphasized the financial and operational sustainability of the pharmacy. Treasurer Mr. Asad Nasir Malik proposed appointing an independent accountant to maintain daily accounts and assist with annual audits, which was supported by the Chairman. Strategies to introduce home delivery were reviewed, including a proposal for a fixed delivery charge, while the feasibility of using external delivery services was debated due to high commission rates. Suggestions were made to reduce the discount margin slightly, partially shift to generic medicines, and add personal-care products with higher margins to cover operational expenses, ensuring the "no profit, no loss" model remains viable.

The Board concluded with key decisions to strengthen the pharmacy's operations. These included conducting a third-party audit of accounts and medicine stock, appointing an independent accountant immediately, and utilizing the vacant space under the chamber mosque for pharmacy operations. The meeting underscored the commitment of all members to maintain the pharmacy's mission of providing affordable, genuine medicines while ensuring financial and operational sustainability.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SME/TRAINING/E-COMMERCE

The meeting of the Departmental Committee on SME/ Training/ E-Commerce was held on November 03, 2025, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Lahshan Khilji. The session began with introductions, followed by a discussion on the Committee's action plans and targets for 2025-26. The Chairman outlined the core objectives of the Committee, emphasizing SME capacity-building, export competitiveness, digital trade promotion, and collaboration with institutions such as SMEDA, TEVTA, and NAVTTC for a comprehensive annual training calendar. Members were encouraged to identify sectoral challenges so that the Committee could take them up with relevant government bodies and ministries for appropriate facilitation.

During the discussion, key SME concerns were highlighted, including the non-availability and inconsistent quality of raw

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materials, market disruptions caused by inexperienced new exporters, and serious shipping-related issues such as data breaches and unregulated agents. Members also pointed out persistent banking challenges and the absence of an international payment gateway, alongside a significant skill gap in digital marketing, particularly for SMEs needing training on social media advertising and e-commerce platforms like Amazon and Alibaba. Additional recommendations included developing SOPs for HR hiring to safeguard business data, establishing a fabric testing facility for quality standardization, avoiding dealings with non-registered suppliers, and setting up an SCCI Complaint Cell for structured resolution of industry grievances.



In response, the Chairman assured members that all reported issues would be prioritized and addressed systematically. He announced plans to organize seminars on digital marketing and modern business technologies, engage Alibaba Global Channel Partners for capacity-building sessions, and invite DHL, FedEx, and UPS to discuss and resolve shipping challenges. The Committee also agreed on several action points, including preparing the annual training calendar, forwarding banking concerns to the relevant Committee, evaluating the proposal for a Complaint Cell, and reviewing the feasibility of HR SOPs and a fabric testing mechanism. The meeting concluded with the Chairman's invitation for members to formally submit their concerns via email, ensuring timely escalation and effective implementation of Committee initiatives for the benefit of SMEs.

discussing the fundraising strategy for the Al-Suffa Free Tuition Program. While discussing Agenda Item No. 1, the Chairman emphasized the rigorous scrutiny process adopted by the Committee to ensure that scholarships are granted only to deserving and academically strong students enrolled in government colleges and universities. Due to limited funds and a significant increase in applications, particularly from GC Women University, only 26 students were approved for scholarships for the period November 2025 to April 2026, including 8 renewal cases and 18 new applications. The Chairman reiterated the Committee's commitment to supporting students throughout their degree programs, provided they maintain satisfactory academic performance.



Under Agenda Item No. 2, the Chairman highlighted the recent event organized at SCCI to present the Annual Performance Report of the Al-Suffa Free Tuition Program and acknowledge the commendable contributions of donors, volunteers, and teachers. To brief participants who could not attend the event, the Chairman invited Mr. Shahid Naseer, Convener of Sialkot Welfare Council, who elaborated on the program's scope and impact. He noted that more than 2,000 students across 19 Government High Schools and 2 colleges are currently benefiting from the initiative, along with the distribution of winter clothing to over 2,400 underprivileged children. Representatives from GC Women University, including Dr. Muhammad Latif and Dr. Yaar Muhammad, assured continuous volunteer support and offered forward-looking proposals such as enhancing teacher motivation, recording lectures for online access, and exploring partnerships with media channels to maximize outreach.

MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting of the Departmental Committee on Education, held on November 07, 2025, focused on three key agenda points: Awarding scholarships to deserving students and

The Chairman proposed a strategic plan to scale the program from 20 to 50 schools without increasing the budget, by introducing a structured cycle of in-school

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academic reinforcement followed by targeted crash courses for weak students. He also stressed the importance of strengthening school libraries to cultivate reading habits among students. The meeting concluded with the Chairman expressing gratitude to all participants for their insightful contributions and continued support toward advancing educational development in the district.

visits while drawing attention to critical issues such as high shipping costs and raw material challenges affecting SMEs. In response, the Chairman assured that Mr. Haji Tariq Hussain, Chairman of the Departmental Committee on Shipping/Dryport, would be invited to the next meeting for expert guidance. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SPORTS GOODS & SPORTS WEARS, TEXTILE, APPAREL, AND BAGS



A meeting was held on November 11, 2025, chaired by Mr. Wahub Jahangir, Chairman of the Departmental Committee on Sports Goods & Sports Wears, Textile, Apparel, and Bags, to discuss and finalize the Committee's objectives and operational scope for the upcoming year. The Chairman appreciated the previous efforts of the Committee under the leadership of Mr. Amer Majeed Kapoor and emphasized the need for expert collaboration in determining the Committee's priorities, structure, and core membership. He highlighted plans to study global import and export trends of sports goods, prioritize markets offering easier access and favorable visa policies, and explore opportunities in ASEAN countries whose ambassadors were scheduled to visit the Chamber. Stressing the significance of compliance for SMEs, he announced plans to conduct 7-8 seminars to raise awareness about compliance standards and involve special advisors and experienced members for technical guidance. He further added that business delegations for sports sector members would be arranged to enhance market exposure and secure new business avenues.

The Senior Vice Chairman, Mr. Amer Majeed Kapoor, endorsed the Chairman's proposals and emphasized the need to maintain SME-focused initiatives and continuous feedback mechanisms. Vice Chairman Mr. Jawad Khalid supported the emphasis on compliance and delegation

MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON WAPDA / SUI GAS



A meeting of the Departmental Committee on WAPDA / Sui Gas was held on November 12, 2025, under the chairmanship of Mian Muhammad Anwar. The Chairman welcomed the representative of GEPCO, Mr. Sarfraz, along with all committee members, and outlined the agenda focusing on interaction, discussion of matters related to WAPDA/Sui Gas, and planning for the 2025-26 session. After member introductions, the Chairman highlighted his 25 years of service leading the Committee and reaffirmed his commitment to prioritizing the resolution of member issues. He also acknowledged the strong cooperation extended by GEPCO leadership, particularly Mr. M. Ayoub, CEO GEPCO, and the regional management of GEPCO Sialkot, for their prompt response to the concerns of Chamber members. He congratulated the newly appointed Senior Vice Chairman, Mr. Mehtab Maqsood, who assured full support in addressing member cases, while other members, including Mian Asif Ali, appreciated the Chairman's dedication and pledged their cooperation.

During the discussion, the Committee unanimously recommended that all GEPCO and SNGPL-related complaints from members must be submitted in writing on official letterheads along with copies of the relevant bills. It was further advised that the issue of Sui Gas load shedding should be taken up with the Regional Manager SNGPL, Sialkot. As part of the decisions, the Committee resolved to

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formally write to the Regional Manager SNGPL regarding gas load shedding and to arrange a delegation visit to the office of S.E GEPCO Sialkot for direct coordination. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks from the Chairman, who expressed gratitude to all participants for their valuable time and contributions.

VISIT OF ASEAN ENVOYS TO SIALKOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SCCI)



A distinguished delegation of ASEAN envoys visited SCCI on November 12, 2025, as part of their Economic Trip to Sialkot. The delegation included ambassadors and high commissioners from Thailand, Malaysia, Brunei, Myanmar, Vietnam, Indonesia, and the Philippines. The session began with a welcome address by SCCI President Syed Ahtesham Mazhar, who highlighted Sialkot's economic achievements, including annual foreign exchange earnings of USD 2.63 billion, leadership in sports goods manufacturing, and top global positions in surgical instruments, leather products, and textile sportswear. He proposed initiatives to strengthen economic ties, including regular B2B trade delegations, Quick Entry Visa facilitation, dedicated ASEAN embassy focal persons, and reviving institutional linkages for capacity-building programs.

The envoys provided detailed insights into ASEAN's economic potential and trade opportunities with Pakistan. The Thai Ambassador highlighted the ASEAN region's population of over 680 million, GDP exceeding USD 4 trillion, and initiatives like the ASEAN Single Window and E-Customs to streamline trade. He proposed an ASEAN Trade Fair in Sialkot and encouraged joint ventures in surgical instruments and sports goods. The Malaysian High Commissioner emphasized Malaysia-Pakistan trade relations, tax incentives for high-tech industries, and the potential for sports goods export growth. Representatives

from Brunei, Myanmar, Vietnam, the Philippines, and Indonesia highlighted opportunities in agriculture, rice, textiles, surgical instruments, sports goods, and halal industries, encouraging Sialkot businesses to explore partnerships, joint ventures, and participation in regional trade expos.

A detailed Q&A session followed, where SCCI leadership sought clarifications on ASEAN customs harmonization, tariff structures, aviation connectivity, and direct procurement opportunities. Former SCCI Presidents and Senior Vice Presidents emphasized challenges faced by Sialkot exporters, including indirect sourcing of surgical instruments, lack of brand recognition, and the need for value addition in the sports and surgical sectors. They proposed direct flights between ASEAN nations and Sialkot, technical collaborations with ASEAN universities, and streamlined trade processes to enhance competitiveness.

In response, the Thai Ambassador explained the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement's progress, customs harmonization, and the efficiency of the ASEAN Single Window system, offering its extension to Pakistani partners. The Malaysian High Commissioner addressed aviation connectivity and proposed frameworks for direct procurement of surgical instruments from Sialkot manufacturers. The session concluded with the dignitaries exchanging commemorative shields and recording their appreciative remarks in the SCCI Visitors' Book, reflecting a shared commitment to strengthening economic and trade relations between Sialkot and ASEAN nations.

HEALTH AWARENESS SESSION ON STROKE PREVENTION & EVERCARE HOSPITAL FREE MEDICAL CAMP



On November 13, 2025: The Departmental Committee on Medical/Hospital organized a health awareness session on

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stroke prevention led by Associate Professor Dr. Sajjad Ali, Consultant Neuro-physician. Muhammad Murad Arshad, Senior Vice President, welcomed attendees and emphasized the importance of early awareness and preventive measures to reduce the risk of stroke, highlighting the connection between physical and mental well-being and long-term productivity. Dr. Sajjad Ali explained stroke as a leading cause of death and disability, particularly in developing countries, and detailed modifiable risk factors such as high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, smoking, obesity, and sedentary lifestyle. He discussed emergency interventions, including the critical role of timely TPA injections, and provided practical demonstrations, case studies, and guidance on lifestyle modifications and risk management.

The session included active participation from attendees, including Sialkot Chamber President Mian Muhammad Khalil and Executive Member Mr. Sohail Masood, who appreciated the practical advice provided. The committee noted that the session successfully raised awareness and reinforced SCCI's commitment to member health. Sheikh Aamer Mahmood, Chairman Committee, proposed making TPA injections available at the SCCI Med Pharmacy at subsidized rates for emergencies, with Dr. Sajjad Ali agreeing to share the source for procurement.



On November 20, 2025: A medical camp was organized at SCCI in collaboration with Evercare Hospital Lahore, led by a team of senior medical professionals. Syed Ahtesham Mazhar, President SCCI, welcomed the delegation and emphasized the partnership's aim to provide reliable and accessible healthcare for Chamber members, addressing Sialkot's limited advanced medical facilities. The Evercare team highlighted services including cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, stroke and neuromuscular clinics, lifestyle disease prevention, mental health counseling, and family

medicine support. Speakers included Prof. Dr. Khawar Abbas Chaudhry (Pulmonary & Critical Care), Ms. Maryam Amjad (Clinical Psychologist), and Dr. Umaira Anjum (Family Medicine), who discussed environmental health challenges, mental health issues, and preventive healthcare practices.

Sheikh Aamer Mahmood requested an increase in the discount for Chamber members from 15% to 20% and sought updated price lists for surgeries and procedures to enhance transparency for members. Evercare representatives responded positively, noting ongoing negotiations with other hospitals such as National Hospital and Horizon Hospital Lahore under similar terms. The Chamber also encouraged the delegation to explore procurement opportunities in Sialkot's medical device and surgical instrument sectors. During the camp, over 82 patients were facilitated, reflecting the success and impact of SCCI's health initiatives in the local community.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH MANAGEMENT & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



On 14th November, 2025, the inaugural meeting of the Departmental Committee on Research Management & Sustainable Development was chaired by Dr. Raza-Ullah Shah, who welcomed the members and appreciated their commitment to advancing research-oriented and sustainability-driven initiatives for the Sialkot industrial sector. Members introduced themselves, sharing their academic and professional backgrounds along with ongoing research engagements. The Chairman outlined the mandate of the Committee and presented the proposed vision and workplan for 2025-26, emphasizing the need to strengthen university-industry linkages, formalize research frameworks, and align industrial growth with sustainability benchmarks. He highlighted the significance of Pakistan Standard 5549:2022 on Research Management for

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Sustainable Development and sought institutional support from SCCI to advocate for its wider adoption across national export sectors. He also underscored the existing disconnect between academic curricula and industrial realities, proposing the creation of a local industrial research databank at SCCI to support students, researchers, and applied industrial studies.

During the discussion, members shared insights on major sustainability and compliance challenges faced by Sialkot's industries, including zero-waste certification, recycling mechanisms, waste-to-energy solutions, and water treatment requirements. Collaboration opportunities emerged between academia, industry, and development partners—most notably through the UNIDO-supported Sialkot Tannery Zone and its Combined Effluent Treatment Plant. Contributions were made on carbon credit modeling, sustainable materials research, and environmental testing capacity. Industry representatives also raised concerns regarding the rising cost of medical-grade plastics and proposed collaborative research to develop sustainable alternatives. To streamline progress, the Committee unanimously agreed to establish two specialized working groups: (i) the Carbon Credit & Emissions Group, tasked with industrial greenhouse gas assessments and modeling; and (ii) the Wastewater & Resource Recovery Group, responsible for wastewater treatment, recycling solutions, and waste-derived raw material applications. Both groups will coordinate with the SCCI R&D Secretariat and present progress updates in upcoming review meetings.

welcomed participants and outlined the committee's strategic focus on fire safety, compliance, awareness programs, and practical emergency response training, particularly for SMEs that lack basic safety arrangements. He emphasized the importance of regular drills, proper installation of safety equipment, and proactive risk assessments. The Chairman highlighted collaboration with Rescue 1122 and other authorities to ensure hands-on training and stressed that stakeholders at all levels must be engaged to foster a strong safety culture. Mr. Shahbaz Saim, Senior Vice Chairman, shared experiences from previous mock exercises and noted challenges such as inadequate water supply systems and the need for updated firefighting equipment in factories.

Committee members discussed practical steps to improve industrial safety, including conducting surveys of chemical-handling factories, installing immediate firefighting measures like Fire Balls, and preparing a comprehensive list of essential safety equipment with suppliers and estimated costs. Mr. Jawad Khalid confirmed that awareness sessions, field visits, and mock exercises would continue to strengthen SMEs' preparedness. He also announced that representatives from relevant government departments would be invited to the next meeting to brief members on certification processes, compliance requirements, and safety standards. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair, reaffirming the committee's commitment to minimizing risks and promoting a culture of industrial safety.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY & RISK MANAGEMENT



On 14th November, 2025: the meeting began with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by introductions of the committee members. Mr. Jawad Khalid, Chairman,

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

On November 14, 2025: The meeting commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran and introductions of committee members. Mr. Salman Sheikh, Chairman/Vice President, welcomed the members and explained the strategic focus for 2025-26 using an 80-20 approach, dedicating 80% of efforts to major projects and 20% to smaller activities. He emphasized long-term Vision 2030 planning for IT initiatives and clarified that cyber security and Chamber automation would be managed by a separate committee under Mr. Umar Khalid. He highlighted the importance of cyber security for companies, the Chamber's ongoing work on an e-commerce platform in collaboration with China, and potential solutions for payment gateways despite the current unavailability of PayPal in Pakistan.

The Committee discussed major projects including

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transforming the SCCI website into a “state-of-the-art” platform within three months, with modern design, prominent information display, Made in Sialkot product categories, exhibition updates, cyber security tickers, and an improved mobile app with push notifications. Plans were also shared to launch a podcast featuring business personalities and Chamber activities across social media platforms. Additionally, a state-of-the-art e-library was proposed, offering physical books, online subscriptions, international magazines, computer access, and monthly library club meetings to encourage reading culture and networking, in collaboration with the Women Chamber and Small Chamber.



Members provided suggestions on IT export industry support, cybersecurity awareness, user experience surveys, and global technology exposure. Emphasis was placed on addressing deficiencies in company-level security, preparing for ISO 27001 certification, and supporting online export platforms. After deliberations, the Committee unanimously agreed to adopt the 80-20 strategic approach, implement the website upgrade, develop the e-commerce platform, launch the podcast, establish the e-library, and continue advocacy with government authorities regarding payment gateways and cyber security requirements, ensuring SCCI remains at the forefront of IT innovation and export facilitation.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON POST OFFICE/TELECOMMUNICATION

On 18 November, 2025: the meeting of the Departmental Committee on Post Office/ Tele-communication was chaired by Mr. Ahmad Imtiaz Khan, who opened the session by thanking the members for their appreciation and reaffirming his commitment to serving the Chamber and ensuring smooth coordination with Pakistan Post and PTCL.

The Chairman reviewed the previous year's achievements, including the issuance of a commemorative postal stamp for the Women Chamber, establishment of a member facilitation help desk of Post Office in SCCI, introduction of registered postal delivery for the Chamber Bulletin, and constructive engagement with national institutions to address service-related issues. He briefed the members on his recent meeting with the Director General Pakistan Post, where key concerns, including rising Foreign Letter Mail (FGNG) rates were discussed. A mutual understanding was developed to offer up to a 30% reduction on FGNG rates for the Chamber's top 20 export destinations, and Pakistan Post also committed to exploring direct international dispatch of parcels from Sialkot International Airport to reduce transit time. The Chairman highlighted the need for upgrading the GPO Sialkot infrastructure and assured that SCCI, with member support, would contribute to this improvement during the current year.



Department representatives, including the Senior Postmaster and Directors from PTCL, provided detailed updates on service performance, infrastructure upgrades, and the status of ongoing fiber-optic expansion across Sialkot. Pakistan Post officials confirmed the formation of an internal committee to finalize the proposed foreign mail rate reductions, while PTCL representatives reported that nearly half of Sialkot's connections had already been shifted to Flash Fiber, with remaining areas, including Mujahid Road, Sialkot Cantt, and nearby localities—scheduled for completion over the coming months. Members raised operational concerns such as delays in foreign parcel handling, quality of packaging, staff behavior, and disruptions in PTCL services during extended load-shedding. Both departments acknowledged the concerns and assured timely corrective measures. The meeting concluded with the Chairman expressing confidence in continued collaboration with Pakistan Post and PTCL and

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announcing that a seminar would soon be organized to brief Chamber Members on available postal services and updated rates, reinforcing the Chamber's commitment to strengthening national institutions.

METING WITH MR. MUHAMMAD ASIM MALIK, PROJECT DIRECTOR SBCC



A meeting was held at the Sialkot Business and Commerce Centre (SBCC) on November 18, 2025, where Mr. Lahshan Khilji, Chairman Committee on SME/Training/E-Commerce, met with Mr. Muhammad Asim Malik, Project Director SBCC, to discuss collaborative opportunities between SCCI and SMEDA for SME-focused trainings. Mr. Khilji shared a comprehensive list of proposed training programs covering areas such as costing and pricing, access to finance, digital marketing, e-commerce business development, AI tools, FTAs, logistics, TQM, leadership skills, and intellectual property rights. He emphasized that Access to Finance remains the most critical training need for SMEs, as many business owners are unaware of available fundingschemes. Mr. Malik informed that SBCC will celebrate Women Entrepreneurship Day on December 03, 2025, where loan disbursements will take place, and agreed to invite the Presidents of SCCI and the Women Chamber. He further assured full support to SCCI members facing challenges in loan application processing.

The Chairman also highlighted the need to upgrade the SMEDA Machinery Upgradation/Stitching Unit Scheme by including modern equipment such as sublimation, embroidery, DTF, and laser-marking machines. Mr. Malik agreed to raise the matter with higher authorities. Additionally, he confirmed that SBCC would collaborate with SCCI to organize a two-day Vendor Fair featuring leading national fabric suppliers to facilitate SMEs with improved sourcing opportunities. He also announced a planned

exposure visit to Faisalabad for Sialkot entrepreneurs to enhance their technical and industry knowledge. Both parties agreed to work together in arranging advanced training sessions in e-commerce, supply chain, and AI tools, with SMEDA sharing trainer profiles with SCCI for review.

ZOOM MEETING WITH MR. HAROON SHARIF, PAKISTAN REGIONAL ECONOMIC FORUM



On November 19, 2025: The meeting, chaired by President SCCI Syed Ahtesham Mazhar, opened with an overview of the strategic significance of Saudi investment for Sialkot's industrial expansion. The Chair emphasized that global economic shifts, particularly under Saudi Vision 2030, present a timely opportunity for Pakistan to integrate into diversified, high-value supply chains. Briefing the participants, Mr. Haroon Sharif traced the evolution of global Economic Zones and highlighted that successful international models thrive not merely on tax incentives but on comprehensive ecosystems featuring industrial clustering, skilled human capital, efficient regulatory structures, and integrated services such as banking, customs, logistics, and training. He identified Pakistan's fragmented federal-provincial approach as a key reason for past underperformance and stressed the need for modern, self-contained, professionally managed zones supported by long-term leasing frameworks commonly adopted across Asia and the Middle East.

During the discussion, participants noted that Saudi Arabia currently offers a uniquely aligned investment climate due to its expanding non-oil manufacturing base, demand for skilled Pakistani labor, and availability of blended financing through international development institutions. A strategic Tripartite Joint Venture structure—combining Pakistani manufacturing strength, Saudi capital and market access, and Chinese technical expertise—was proposed as the most

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viable formula to accelerate industrial advancement. Members underscored that Sialkot's future export growth depends on developing critical import-substitution capabilities, especially in high-grade polyester, technical fabrics, and stainless steel, as well as addressing structural cost disadvantages such as high utilities and heavy corporate taxation. The group also noted that shifting global production patterns, particularly Chinese diversification triggered by US tariffs, create an opportunity for Pakistan to capture new manufacturing flows through a shared Pakistan–Saudi production architecture.

In conclusion, it was recognized that although challenges exist, sustained institutional focus and unified industry leadership can turn this opportunity into a transformative industrial initiative for the region. A Private Sector Export Processing Zone model was identified as the most efficient framework for execution. The meeting agreed on key recommendations, including the development of an investor-ready Options Document by PREF, escalation of the proposal to SIFC and the Prime Minister's Office, identification of suitable land under a long-term lease model, formation of a leadership and technical task group, and targeting a two-year development horizon subject to government facilitation and financing. The Sialkot Chamber also committed to preparing a formal wish-list document to serve as the foundation for the concept note and detailed proposal.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS



On November 19, 2025: the meeting began with the recitation from the Holy Quran, after which Mr. Haseeb Tahir, Chairman of the Committee, welcomed the members and introduced himself. He emphasized his commitment to supporting young entrepreneurs and encouraged members

to share their business-related concerns so the committee could work toward practical solutions. Senior office bearers, including Vice President Mr. Salman Sheikh and Executive Committee Members Mr. Jawad Khalid and Mr. Mehtab Maqsood, congratulated the Chairman and expressed confidence in his leadership. Key early proposals included organizing industrial tours for capacity-building, improving the functionality of the SCCI mobile application, and addressing ongoing industry challenges such as shipping delays, rising raw material costs, and logistical constraints.

Members highlighted several strategic initiatives for the year 2025–2026. Ms. Kinza Ijaz stressed the need for technical training, especially in taxation and business development, and proposed creating an incubation center to support new and female entrepreneurs. She also recommended using social media platforms to strengthen outreach and streamline information sharing. Contributions from other members included strengthening postal and logistics services, supported by updates from the Chairman of Post Office/ Telecommunication Committee and encouraging industry–academia collaboration to bridge knowledge and skills gaps. Ms. Fatima Saba from Future Synergy shared opportunities for networking and international exposure, including an upcoming event in Azerbaijan aimed at promoting entrepreneurial engagement.

The members collectively emphasized crucial areas requiring attention, such as improving labor skills through coordination with NAVTTC, TEVTA, and SMEDA; conducting training programs on costing, certifications, production practices, and export requirements; and addressing shipping and customs-related challenges through proper channels. It was highlighted that while Sialkot produces world-class goods for global brands, local entrepreneurs must enhance their branding and marketing capacity to strengthen the “Made in Sialkot” identity internationally. The committee agreed on the need for continuous awareness sessions, mentorship programs, and

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON MACHINERY, CHEMICAL AND RELATED SECTORS

On November 19, 2025: The inaugural meeting of the Departmental Committee on Machinery, Chemical and Related Sectors was convened under the chairmanship of Mr. Iqbal Asad, who welcomed all members and outlined the purpose of forming the Committee for the year 2025–26. He highlighted the vision of SCCI President, Syed Ahtesham

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Mazhar, in recognizing the growing importance of machinery, chemical, and textile process industries in Sialkot's industrial landscape. Members introduced themselves and shared their professional backgrounds, reaffirming their commitment to contributing toward sectoral improvement and policy alignment.



In reviewing the Committee's objectives, the Chairman presented a comprehensive overview of the challenges faced by the sportswear, machinery, and chemical sectors, including dependence on imported performance materials, outdated machinery in smaller units, limited brand development, and shortages of skilled technical workers. Members added that high energy tariffs, complex buyer compliance requirements, shipping inefficiencies, and weak digital marketing further hinder export competitiveness. Additional concerns were raised regarding the soap and detergent industry's reliance on imported raw materials and the absence of a traceable, environmentally compliant chemical and dyeing ecosystem, prompting strong support for establishing a dedicated Chemical and Dyeing Industrial Zone with CETP facilities. The Committee also recognized the need to adopt digital production monitoring and AI-enabled efficiency tracking, now increasingly demanded by international buyers.

To advance practical solutions, the Committee agreed to prioritize research on energy-efficient boiler systems for polyester dyeing and cost-effective automation models suitable for local industries. It was unanimously decided to arrange two industrial study visits: one to Siddique Tannery, Lahore, to examine its solar-thermal hybrid boiler system as a potential low-cost energy solution, and another to Style Textiles, Lahore, to observe modern automation, digital performance logging, and real-time manufacturing analytics applicable to Sialkot's sportswear sector. These initiatives aim to equip the Committee with evidence-based

insights for recommending reforms that enhance productivity, sustainability, compliance, and global competitiveness.

MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON EVENT MANAGEMENT

The meeting of the Departmental Committee on Event Management was held on 24 November, 2025. The Chairman Committee Mian Muhammad Khalil welcomed participants and thanked SCCI President Syed Ahtesham Mazhar for attending. He noted that co-option letters had not yet been issued, resulting in low attendance, and assured that the next meeting would include all members. The Chairman highlighted the success of five Social Media Marketing Courses conducted over the past two months, which trained over 600 participants and resulted in several receiving export or sample orders. Positive feedback from participants, including those from other cities in the Gujranwala Division, was acknowledged, demonstrating the Chamber's commitment to empowering youth.



The meeting also focused on upcoming events and collaborations. The President suggested organizing a "Made in Pakistan One-Day Expo" alongside the Best Achievement Awards, with invitations extended to foreign ambassadors, and emphasized partnering with SMEDA to secure free venues and additional support for training programs. The committee also discussed reviving speech competitions, debates, national songs, and other academic contests for students, while documenting events through videos for broader social media outreach. Previous successful initiatives, such as the Made in Sialkot Expo and Best Achievement Awards at Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad, were cited as models to guide future events.

Concluding the meeting, the Chairman confirmed the resumption of delegation visits to other chambers, with the

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first scheduled for Swat and Gilgit-Baltistan, and reaffirmed the committee's commitment to organizing all proposed events diligently over the coming ten months. He expressed gratitude for the cooperation of members and emphasized that the committee's achievements were due to collective effort and the blessings of Allah Almighty.

MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INCOME TAX / FTR



On November 25, 2025, the meeting of the Departmental Committee on Income Tax / FTR was chaired by Mr. Imran Ali Rana and attended by all committee members. The Chairman welcomed participants and emphasized the purpose of discussing emerging issues under the Normal Tax Regime, challenges in audits, refund processing, IRIS system limitations, and difficulties faced by exporters following the withdrawal of the FTR. Members highlighted key concerns including procedural harassment during audits, system faults such as negative HS coding affecting refunds, delays in basic IRIS functions, and the need for a stable, predictable tax environment.

The Committee extensively deliberated on specific issues raised by members. Points discussed included the CVT exemption threshold, complications in salary and purchase matching, recurring audit objections, unofficial practices during refund claims, and operational bottlenecks affecting exporters' compliance. Members stressed that ongoing challenges such as blocked refunds, repeated audit notices, and inconsistent interpretation of clauses are creating uncertainty for the business community. Recommendations were made for system improvements, better delegation of authority, and clearer guidelines to ensure fair treatment of taxpayers.

Regarding policy solutions, the Committee agreed on

consolidating proposals for the restoration of the Final Tax Regime (FTR) to stabilize the sector and reduce audit burdens. Members also welcomed FBR's initiative to conduct a Tax Culture and Awareness Session at SCCI to educate taxpayers and facilitate compliance. The Chairman directed members to submit their recommendations promptly for inclusion in the upcoming budget proposals. The meeting concluded with a decision to hold a follow-up session in December to review progress and finalize action points.

VISIT OF MR. AHMED SHUJA, CHIEF COMMISSIONER INLAND REVENUE, RTO SIALKOT



On October 21, 2025, Mr. Ahmed Shujja, Chief Commissioner Inland Revenue, RTO Sialkot visited the SCCI. The meeting began with welcoming remarks from the President of Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI), Syed Ahtesham Mazhar, who emphasized the need for strong coordination between the Chamber and the Regional Tax Office. He, along with other participants, highlighted key concerns such as rising compliance pressures, difficulties in documenting informal vendors, delays in refunds and audit closures, and confusion arising from certain legal provisions. Representatives including the Senior Vice President, Chairmen of various departmental committees, and members pointed out that exporters, especially those working with micro and home-based vendors, face structural challenges that must be considered in tax administration. Despite these issues, the exporters reiterated their willingness to comply with documentation requirements to the extent practically possible.

Responding to the concerns, Chief Commissioner Ahmed Shujja acknowledged the crucial role played by Sialkot's export sector and stressed that exporters remain a priority for the department. He clarified that while documentation

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requirements are mandated by law, the RTO would adopt a practical and facilitative approach. He assured participants that unnecessary notices would be minimized, pending cases would be fast-tracked, and monthly coordination meetings would be reinstated to prevent future backlogs. The Chief Commissioner also addressed misconceptions regarding penalties on export proceeds, strongly denying that any such measures were under consideration. He reaffirmed the department's commitment to simplifying procedures and maintaining open channels of communication.

In addition to addressing participant-specific issues, the department provided a general briefing on tax collection challenges, including the impact of newly imposed taxes and increased FASTR refund outflows, which affect overall revenue performance. Both sides agreed on several actionable steps, including reinstating regular monthly review meetings, expediting refund processing, issuing clarifications on documentation for informal vendors, reducing repetitive notices, and appointing a dedicated liaison officer for continuous coordination. The meeting concluded on a positive and collaborative note, with mutual appreciation and a shared commitment to strengthening the working relationship between SCCI and RTO Sialkot.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL/HOSPITAL



On November 25, 2025: the meeting began with the recitation of the Holy Quran and the introduction of committee members. Mr. Aamer Mahmood Sheikh, Chairman, expressed gratitude for his appointment and outlined the committee's objectives for 2025-26, emphasizing support for Chamber members, staff, workers, and the broader community seeking medical assistance. He updated the participants on past activities, including awareness sessions, medical camps, and MOUs with

hospitals such as Evercare Lahore, IDC, and Shaukat Khanum. The Chairman also highlighted ongoing efforts to facilitate local cardiac care at Sialkot District Headquarters Hospital and Wazirabad, as well as plans to meet with health authorities to present suggestions for improving local medical infrastructure.

Committee members discussed key issues and proposed initiatives. Syed Ahtesham Mazhar, President SCCI, appreciated recent awareness sessions and medical camps conducted at SCCI. Members stressed the need for improved emergency treatment, endocrinology services, dental care, and nutrition awareness. Sh. Atik ur Rehman and others highlighted the lack of public trust in local doctors and proposed strengthening local hospitals, improving food safety, and addressing hospital waste management. Dr. Nouman Raza Qureshi and Dr. Usman Bhutta suggested partnerships with specialized hospitals for complex cases and school-level awareness programs, particularly in dentistry and reproductive health.

The committee also focused on strategic collaborations and long-term planning. Discussions included expanding MOUs with additional hospitals such as Hameed Latif, Children Complex Lahore, and University of Lahore for specialized care. Members emphasized engaging the Punjab Food Authority, District Health Office, and emergency services like 1122 to improve community health standards. The Chairman assured members that awareness sessions, medical camps, and advocacy efforts would continue, and the committee remains committed to addressing medical gaps, improving local facilities, and safeguarding public health in Sialkot.

SEMINAR "EXPORT AWARENESS AND GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES"

The Departmental Committee on SME/ Training/ E-Commerce organized a seminar on "Export Awareness and Global Opportunities" on November 25, 2025, attended by over 400 participants including young entrepreneurs, emerging exporters, and B2B/B2C professionals. The session commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by a welcome address from Chairman Mr. Lahshan Khilji, who emphasized the critical role of SMEs in driving export-led growth and assured that similar initiatives would continue to support aspiring exporters.

The seminar featured focused presentations covering various aspects of export business, including compliance

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with international trade laws, raw material sourcing, product design, IT and ERP integration, social media marketing, e-commerce strategies, machinery selection, customer communication, SEO, AI-driven market analysis, and shipping/logistics compliance. Special attention was given to machinery automation and technological upgrades as essential for enhancing productivity, quality, and global competitiveness. President SCCI, Mr. Syed Ahtesham Mazhar, stressed that automation is no longer optional but a strategic necessity for SMEs to meet international standards.



During the interactive session, participants requested practical demonstrations and hands-on exposure to automation technologies. The Chairman assured that specialized practical sessions would be organized to provide real-world guidance for SMEs. The seminar concluded with a reaffirmation of the Chamber's commitment to supporting SMEs and young entrepreneurs, ensuring guidance, and facilitating adoption of modern practices to strengthen export readiness and competitiveness.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INDUSTR-ACADEMIA LINKAGES

The inaugural meeting of the Departmental Committee on Industry-Academia Linkages was held on November 27, 2025, under the chairmanship of Mr. Salman Sheikh. The session commenced with the recitation from the Holy Quran, followed by an interaction and introduction of committee members. The main agenda included presentations by USKT, UMT, and GC Women University Sialkot on their potential support for local industries, along with brainstorming on the Committee's strategic goals for the year 2025-26.

Dr. Hammad Majeed (UMT Sialkot) and Dr. Muhammad

Hamid (GCWUS) highlighted the urgent need for digital transformation, AI adoption, ERP integration, and automation within Sialkot's traditional industries, emphasizing gaps such as manual quality inspection, limited supply chain visibility, and shortage of skilled labor. They proposed collaborative solutions including customized ERP systems, AI-driven quality modules, industrial internships, applied research projects, and curriculum alignment with industrial needs. The discussions emphasized structured collaboration, regular industry visits, and long-term partnerships to achieve sustainable industrial advancement.



The committee agreed on establishing regular engagement platforms, appointing points of contact at universities, and sharing detailed capability profiles to address industry-specific challenges. A comprehensive SWOT analysis of Industry-Academia Linkages will be conducted, focusing primarily on 1-2 major projects while supporting secondary initiatives. The meeting concluded with a commitment from the Chamber to facilitate strong, sustainable partnerships between industry and academia, guided by a Vision 2030 framework to enhance Sialkot's industrial competitiveness and foster applied research-led growth.





سیمینار برائے اسلامک بینکنگ

جناب مفتی صاحب نے اسلامی فنانسنگ کی مختلف اقسام بالخصوص مراہجہ (لاگت اور منافع واضح کر کے فروخت)، مساومہ (قیمت کے تعین میں لچک)، بیع سلم (پیشگی ادائیگی کے بدلے مستقبل میں سامان کی فراہمی)، استصناع (آرڈر پر کوئی اشیاء تیار کروانا)، اجارہ (اثاثے کا کرایہ پر دینا)، مشارکہ و مضاربہ (نفع و نقصان کی بنیاد پر شراکت داری)، مشارکہ متناقص (مشترکہ ملکیت کی بتدریج خرید)، تجارت و بیع مؤجل (ملٹوی ادائیگی کے ساتھ خرید و فروخت) اور وکالہ (نمائندگی کے ذریعے مخصوص کاروباری معاملات) پر تفصیل سے روشنی ڈالنے کے بعد وضاحت کی کہ ہر اقسام مخصوص نوعیت کی مالی ضرورت کے لیے استعمال ہوتی ہے اور اس کے اپنے شرعی اصول، دستاویزی تقاضے اور کارروائیاں ہیں۔ انہوں نے زور دیا کہ اسلامی بینکاری میں ہر مالی لین دین کو کسی حقیقی اثاثے، خدمات یا ذمہ داری سے جوڑنا لازمی ہے اور قیاس آرائی، سود یا غیر واضح لین دین کی گنجائش نہیں۔

جناب مفتی جمشید نے اسلامی بینکنگ سے متعلق عام غلط تصورات کی نشاندہی کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ اسلامی بینکاری نہ تو روایتی بینکاری کا کوئی بدل ہوا ماڈل ہے اور نہ ہی محض اصطلاحات کی تبدیلی۔ بلکہ یہ ایک مربوط شریعہ گورننس فریم ورک کے تحت چلنے والا مکمل نظام ہے، جہاں ہر پروڈکٹ اور لین دین باقاعدہ شریعہ بورڈ کی منظوری سے مشروط ہوتا ہے۔

شرکاء نے اسلامی و روایتی بینکاری کے طریقہ کار، دستاویزات، اور ایکسپورٹ و صنعت سے متعلق عملی مسائل پر مختلف سوالات اٹھائے۔ مفتی صاحب نے تمام سوالات کے تسلی بخش جوابات دیتے ہوئے شرعی اصولوں اور عملی میکانزم کی وضاحت کی جسے حاضرین نے بے حد سراہا۔

صدر سیالکوٹ جمشید جمشید سید احتشام مظہر نے اسٹیٹ بینک آف پاکستان اور میزبان بینک کا سیمینار کے انعقاد پر شکریہ ادا کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ اسلامی بینکاری کا دائرہ کار پاکستان میں تیزی سے بڑھ رہا ہے۔ اس لیے ضروری ہے کہ بزنس کمیونٹی اس کے طریقہ کار اور فوائد سے پوری طرح آگاہ ہوتا کہ وہ شریعہ کے مطابق مالی صل سے مستفید ہو سکے۔ انہوں نے امید ظاہر کی کہ مستقبل میں بھی اسی نوعیت کے تربیتی اور معلوماتی سیشنز جاری رہیں گے تاکہ کاروباری طبقہ مالیاتی فہم اور اخلاقی بینکاری کے میدان میں بہتر رہنمائی حاصل کر سکے۔

مورخہ 24 نومبر 2025ء سیالکوٹ چیمبر آف کامرس اینڈ انڈسٹری (SCCI) کی جانب سے اسٹیٹ بینک آف پاکستان اور میزبان بینک کے اشتراک سے اسلامک بینکنگ پر آگاہی سیمینار کا اہتمام کیا گیا۔ سیمینار میں کاروباری برادری کے اراکین، ایگزیکٹو کمیٹی کے ممبران، اسٹیٹ بینک اور میزبان بینک کے نمائندگان نے بھرپور شرکت کی۔

جناب سلمان شیخ، نائب صدر سیالکوٹ چیمبر آف کامرس نے معزز مہمانان گرامی، جناب مفتی جمشید اسلم، شریعہ اسکالر، میزبان بینک اور جناب وقاص کاشف باجوہ، چیف منیجر، اسٹیٹ بینک آف پاکستان کا اس اہم سیمینار کے انعقاد پر شکریہ ادا کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ آج اسلامک بینکنگ، پاکستان کے مالیاتی نظام کا ایک اہم ستون بن چکی ہے اور کاروباری طبقے کے لیے ضروری ہے کہ وہ اسلامی مالیاتی طریقہ کار، شرعی اصولوں اور روایتی بینکاری سے اس کے عملی فرق کو بہتر طور پر سمجھ سکیں۔

میزبان بینک کے شریعہ اسکالر جناب مفتی جمشید اسلم صاحب نے اسلامی بینکاری کے تمام اہم پہلوؤں پر نہایت جامع اور تکنیکی پریزنٹیشن پیش کرتے ہوئے واضح کیا کہ اسلامی بینکاری کی بنیاد چار اصولوں پر قائم ہے۔

اثاثہ جاتی بنیاد: (Asset-backing)

ہر لین دین کسی حقیقی اثاثے، سروس یا ذمہ داری سے منسلک ہوتا ہے۔

نفع و نقصان میں شراکت: (Risk-sharing)

نفع یا نقصان میں شریک ہو کر کاروباری اخلاقیات اور شراکت داری کو فروغ دیا جاتا ہے۔

شفافیت: (Transparency)

تمام معاہدوں میں قیمت، شرائط اور ذمہ داریوں کا واضح ہونا لازمی ہے۔

سود کی مکمل ممانعت: (Prohibition of Riba)

اسلامی بینکاری میں سود کی کوئی گنجائش نہیں، ہر پراڈکٹ شریعہ بورڈ سے منظور شدہ ہوتی ہے۔



پنجاب ورکرز ویلفیئر فنڈ ایکٹ 2019 اور کم از کم اجرت نوٹیفکیشن

اکاؤنٹس پہلے ہی اسی اکاؤنٹنگ معیار کے مطابق کرتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ WWF کے ذریعے ورکرز کے لیے رہائشی فلیٹس، تعلیمی ادارے، کتابیں، اسکالرشپس، شادی گرانٹ (400,000 روپے) اور وفات گرانٹ (800,000 روپے) فراہم کی جاتی ہیں۔ ایک اہم تبدیلی یہ بھی ہے کہ ترمیم شدہ قانون کے تحت اب کمرشل ادارے بھی WWF کے دائرہ کار میں آگئے ہیں اور ان کے ملازمین بھی انہی سہولیات سے فائدہ اٹھا سکیں گے۔

جناب محمد طیب ورک نے کم از کم اجرت کے نئے نوٹیفکیشن پر رینٹیشن دیتے ہوئے بتایا کہ 40,000 روپے ماہانہ کم از کم اجرت تمام صنعتی و تجارتی اداروں، دفاتر، فیکٹریوں اور دکانوں پر یکساں طور پر لاگو ہے۔ انہوں نے کم از کم اجرت بورڈ کی ساخت، آجروں کی ذمہ داریوں اور اس بات پر زور دیا کہ کوئی ادارہ کسی کارکن کو اس حد سے کم تنخواہ نہیں دے سکتا اور نہ ہی پہلے سے زائد تنخواہ کو کم کر سکتا ہے۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ خلاف ورزی کرنے والے اسکولوں اور اسپتالوں کے خلاف کارروائیاں جاری ہیں۔ مستقبل کی قانون سازی میں تنخواہوں کی مکمل ادائیگی بینک اکاؤنٹس کے ذریعے لازمی قرار دی جا رہی ہے تاکہ کیش ادائیگیوں سے پیدا ہونے والے تنازعات ختم ہوں۔

شرکاء سیمینار کی جانب سے پیش کردہ مختلف سوالات و تحفظات بھی پیش کئے جن میں بڑھتی ہوئی کاروباری لاگت، عالمی مسابقت، ایکسپورٹ سیکٹر پر دباؤ، کنٹریکٹر کے نظام میں خرابیوں کے مسائل شامل تھے۔ نجی اسکولوں اور اسپتالوں میں اساتذہ و عملے کو کم از کم اجرت سے کم تنخواہیں دینے پر بھی تشویش کا اظہار ہوا جس پر متعلقہ محکمے نے بتایا کہ قانونی کارروائی پہلے ہی شروع ہو چکی ہے۔ بعض شرکاء نے تنخواہوں کی لازمی بینک ٹرانسفر کے حق میں مضبوط دلائل دیے۔ صنعت کی موجودہ بے چینی کے باعث فیلڈ وزٹس مؤخر کرنے کی سفارش بھی سامنے آئی۔ جناب سید احتشام مظہر نے اس اہم سیمینار کے انعقاد پر دونوں محکموں کا شکریہ ادا کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ان قوانین کے اطلاق سے پہلے انڈسٹری کو مناسب وقت ملنا چاہیے تاکہ سیالکوٹ چیمبر اپنے ممبران سے باہمی مشاورت کے بعد اپنی سفارشات حکومت کو پیش کر سکے۔

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مورخہ 21 نومبر 2025ء ایوان صنعت و تجارت سیالکوٹ آڈیٹوریم "شیخ محمد شفیع ہال" میں پنجاب ایمپلائز سوشل سیکیورٹی انسٹی ٹیوشن اور ورکرز ویلفیئر فنڈ ڈیپارٹمنٹس کے مشترکہ تعاون سے "پنجاب ورکرز ویلفیئر فنڈ ایکٹ 2019 اور کم از کم اجرت کے نوٹیفکیشن" سے متعلق آگاہی فراہم کرنے کیلئے ایک اہم سیمینار کا اہتمام کیا گیا۔ سیمینار میں ڈائریکٹر پنجاب ایمپلائز سوشل سیکیورٹی انسٹی ٹیوشن سیالکوٹ، جناب اظہر عباس گوندل، ڈپٹی ڈائریکٹر ورکرز ویلفیئر فنڈ سیالکوٹ جناب محمد طیب ورک نے خصوصی طور پر شرکت کی۔ اجلاس کی صدارت صدر سیالکوٹ جناب سید احتشام مظہر صاحب نے کی اور اس اہم سیمینار کے انعقاد میں چیئرمین ڈیپارٹمنٹل کمیٹی برائے لیبر لاز جناب اسد باجوہ نے اس سیمینار کے انعقاد میں کلیدی کردار ادا کیا۔ اجلاس کا باقاعدہ آغاز تلاوت قرآن مجید سے ہوا جس کے بعد صدر سیالکوٹ چیمبر نے معزز شرکاء سیمینار کو خوش آمدید کہتے ہوئے محنت و سماجی تحفظ کے محکموں کی جانب سے صنعت کے ساتھ براہ راست رابطے کو سراہا۔ انہوں نے واضح کیا کہ اس سیمینار کا بنیادی مقصد حالیہ قانون سازی، خصوصاً پنجاب ورکرز ویلفیئر فنڈ وصولی کے اختیار کی تبدیلی اور 40,000 روپے کم از کم اجرت، کے حوالے سے انڈسٹری کو بروقت راہنمائی فراہم کرنا اور انفورسمنٹ سے پہلے تمام ابہامات کا خاتمہ ہے۔

جناب اظہر عباس گوندل نے پرینٹیشن پیش کرتے ہوئے وضاحت کی کہ ورکرز ویلفیئر فنڈ (WWF) کوئی نیا ٹیکس نہیں بلکہ 2025ء کی ترمیم کے بعد ورکرز ویلفیئر فنڈ (2%) اور ورکرز پرافٹ پارٹیشن فنڈ (5%) دونوں کی وصولی کا اختیار پنجاب ایمپلائز سوشل سیکیورٹی انسٹی ٹیوشن (PESSI) کو منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے، پہلے WWF کی وصولی کا اختیار PRA کے پاس تھا، مگر اب یہ اختیار مکمل طور پر PESSI کو منتقل ہو گیا ہے کیونکہ یہ ادارہ ضلعی سطح پر ایک مؤثر نظام رکھتا ہے۔

انہوں نے WWF کی 2 فیصد کیلکولیشن کے طریقہ کار کی وضاحت کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ "مجموعی منافع، مائنس آپریننگ اخراجات، مائنس مالیاتی اخراجات، مائنس WPPF، باقی منافع $2\% \times \text{WWF}$ واجبات"۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ واجبات کی کیلکولیشن چارٹرڈ

IMPROVEMENTS IN FILING GOODS DECLARATION (GD)

The awareness session on “Improvements in Filing Goods Declaration (GDs)” was held on October 23, 2025, organised by the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI) with the support of the Model Customs Collectorate, Sarnbral. Sialkot, Mian Murad Arshad, Senior Vice President of SCCI, welcomed the guests, including Mrs. Javeria Shahid, Deputy Collector Customs, and Mr. Muhammad Waseem Khan, Appraising Officer. He highlighted the session's objective of educating the business community, particularly Customs Clearing Agents, on accurate GD filing procedures, common errors, and compliance requirements to ensure smooth export processes, timely rebate claims, and enhanced credibility for exporters.

The session also aimed to strengthen cooperation between SCCI and Customs through future awareness programs and specialized training initiatives.

Mr. Muhammad Waseem Khan, Appraising Officer highlighted common mistakes observed in GDs across major Sialkot export sectors, including incorrect PCT classifications, miscalculation of duty-free input quotas, wrong currency selections, incomplete documentation, and non-updated IBAN information in WeBOC, which result in processing delays and rebate claim issues.

The presentation highlighted key issues identified in export GDs filed by the major export sectors of Sialkot, including Leather, Surgical, Cutlery, Sports Goods, Textile, and Miscellaneous sectors. The following points were taken from his presentation:

INCORRECT PCT HEADINGS SELECTED IN EXPORT GDs

Customs highlighted multiple instances where the items declared on invoices did not match the PCT headings selected in the GDs.

1) Leather Sector: Leather vests & pants declared under incorrect PCTs, resulting in incorrect Duty Drawback (DDB) claims.

2) Surgical Sector: Baby scissors with plastic handles incorrectly filed under surgical instruments PCT instead of the appropriate heading with no rebate eligibility.

3) Cutlery Sector: Hunting axes & knives classified under the same PCT, despite different rebate applicability.

4) Sports Sector: Wooden hockey sticks declared with incorrect DDB rates compared to the applicable SRO.

5) Textile Sector: Denim jeans made of duty-free materials declared with DDB claims despite being non-rebate items.

These classification errors result in discrepancies, unnecessary queries, processing delays, and incorrect rebate claims.

INCORRECT CALCULATION OF DUTY-FREE INPUT QUOTA

Exporters often miscalculate quota-based inputs when filing GDs under schemes where input consumption matters. Such errors affect eligibility of rebates/refunds and cause complications in audit or examination.

WRONG SELECTION OF CURRENCY IN OPEN ACCOUNT GDS

Customs demonstrated cases where:

- ☆ Invoices were issued in USD,
- ☆ While the financial information in GDs was submitted in Pound Sterling (STG).
- ☆ Such inconsistencies lead to processing delays and regulatory complications.

NON-SUBMISSION OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Several GDs were flagged due to incomplete documentation, affecting processing of:

- ☆ Export examination
- ☆ Rebate claims
- ☆ Verification processes

NON-ACCEPTANCE OF PROCESSED REBATE CLAIMS

Due to incorrect PCT classification and mismatched entries, various rebate claims cannot be processed or are delayed.

NON-UPDATION OF IBAN IN WEBOC

Customs emphasized that many exporters have not updated their IBAN numbers in WeBOC, resulting in payments being delayed or blocked.

The following measures were strongly recommended:

- ☆ Proper classification of goods strictly according to the invoice and PCT guidelines.
- ☆ Ensuring accuracy in DDB applicability before filing GDs.
- ☆ Submitting all mandatory documents timely.
- ☆ Cross-checking currency fields with invoice details.
- ☆ Updating bank account information, particularly IBAN numbers, in WeBOC.
- ☆ Seeking technical assistance from Customs whenever ambiguity arises.



AWARENESS SEMINAR ON DIGITAL INVOICING – REGISTRATION & INTEGRATION

The Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized an Awareness Seminar on Digital Invoicing – Registration & Integration on November 3, 2025, at Sheikh Muhammad Shafi Hall. The session was chaired by Mr. Muhammad Murad Arshad, Senior Vice President, SCCI, and attended by members of the Executive Committee and the business community.

The keynote presentation was delivered by Mr. Abid Naeem, General Manager (Software Development) / Member BOM, PRAL, accompanied by the PRAL technical team. Mr. Ahmed Shuja, Chief Commissioner Inland Revenue, RTO Sialkot, also attended the session.

The Senior Vice President welcomed the guests and highlighted the significance of Digital Invoicing under SRO 1413(I)/2025, which mandates integration for all registered persons maintaining any invoicing system. He also conveyed key concerns of members, including difficulties in Form 181 amendments, frozen/blocked returns, the need for a PRAL helpdesk at SCCI, and requests for exemption for 100% exporters.

During his detailed presentation, Mr. Abid Naeem explained the objectives, requirements, and operational framework of the Digital Invoicing System, differentiating it from POS invoicing. He elaborated on the mandatory role of Licensed Integrators (LIs), the free integration services offered by PRAL, the complete registration-to-production process, and compliance requirements such as real-time invoice transmission, printed QR codes, and FBR-generated invoice numbers.

PRAL explained that Digital Invoicing is a B2B electronic invoicing system that allows a business's own invoicing or ERP software to connect directly with FBR for real-time transmission of invoices. The key steps include:-

- ☆ Selection of Licensed Integrator (LI)
Taxpayers must choose an approved LI. PRAL offers integration free of charge.
- ☆ Online Registration with LI
The business provides technical contact details and requests IP

whitelisting to connect securely with FBR systems.

☆ Sandbox (Test Environment)

A test account is automatically created where the taxpayer must generate sample invoices based on their business activity. This ensures the system works correctly before going live.

☆ Production Approval & Security Token

Once test scenarios are completed, PRAL issues a Production Token, which activates live integration.

☆ Real-Time Invoice Transmission

After going live, every invoice created in the business's system is automatically transmitted to FBR's portal. Manual invoicing is also available for those without advanced ERP systems.

☆ Invoice Verification Requirements

PRAL emphasized that all printed invoices must display:

- FBR Digital Invoicing Logo
- 22/28-digit FBR Invoice Number
- QR Code (Version 2, Size 1 × 1 inch)

This automated process eliminates the need for manual monthly uploading of Annex-C and ensures accuracy, transparency, and compliance.

A lively interaction followed, during which members raised issues regarding system complexity for SMEs, challenges in manual and bulk invoicing, data confidentiality, and technical constraints in Annex-C and IMS uploading. PRAL clarified that 100% exporters are exempt, while even minimal local sales trigger integration requirements. The PRAL team assured members that reported system issues, including Form 181 restrictions and unfreezing of returns, would be reviewed on priority.

In his concluding remarks, the Senior Vice President thanked PRAL and RTO Sialkot for their support and stressed the need for continued facilitation, system simplification, and improved coordination to ease taxpayers' compliance burden. The session concluded with appreciation from members for the Chamber's proactive role in creating awareness on evolving tax automation requirements.

AWARENESS SESSION ON CONSUMER RIGHTS



The Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI) organized an important awareness session on consumer rights on November 5, 2025, chaired by Mr. Syed Ahtesham Mazhar, President of SCCI. The President commenced the session by warmly welcoming the chief guest and FI Lt (R) Mr. Imran Qureshi, Director General, Price Control, Commodities Management & Consumer Protection.

The President emphasized the importance of the Consumer Protection Act, 2005 in safeguarding consumer rights and promoting fair, transparent, and responsible business practices. Mr. Ahtesham Mazhar highlighted Sialkot's strong tradition of quality and integrity, noting that such sessions strengthen understanding of legal responsibilities and consumer protection standards.

FI Lt (R) Mr. Imran Qureshi delivered a comprehensive presentation based on the Punjab Consumer Protection Act, 2005 and supporting departmental initiatives. He began by explaining the growing need for effective enforcement of consumer protection laws in today's rapidly evolving marketplace. He stated that consumers were increasingly exposed to misleading advertisements, pricing discrepancies, counterfeit or substandard products, and various service-related grievances. He said that these issues required a strong legal and administrative framework that would both protect consumer rights and guide businesses toward ethical and responsible practices. He explained that the Act had been established to safeguard and promote consumer interests, ensure the speedy redress of complaints, and address all matters related to fair commercial practices.

Mr. Qureshi presented key findings from a Consumer Protection Survey, mentioned that most consumers were unaware of their rights and unsure how to file complaints. The survey showed

strong public support for stricter enforcement, greater transparency, standardized pricing, and better-quality assurance. He said these results underscored the need for wider awareness campaigns, stronger institutional outreach, and closer collaboration with trade bodies like SCCI. He stressed that businesses must follow compliant practices and consumers must know their legal options for resolving grievances.

He shared a testimonial demonstrating how swift enforcement led to the successful resolution of a complaint, reinforcing confidence in the system and the Directorate's commitment to public welfare.

He explained the purpose of the Punjab Consumer Protection Act, 2005, which provides a legal framework for dispute resolution, consumer compensation, and penalties for unfair practices. He outlined key features such as complaint procedures, investigations, business regulations, and mandatory price displays, and described the district-level setup involving the DCPC, Deputy Commissioner, consumer courts, and enforcement teams.

He highlighted the appeal mechanism, the powers of enforcement officers under Section 23(1), and important provisions including Section 11 (complaint procedure), Section 16 (remedies), Section 18 (price display), and Section 19 (misleading advertisements).

He also discussed future initiatives, particularly a Consumer Dashboard aimed at digitizing complaints, improving efficiency, and enhancing access to real-time market data.

The session ended with the President thanking the Director General for his comprehensive presentation and reaffirming SCCI's commitment to supporting consumer rights, transparency, and fair business practices.

CANADA

GEOGRAPHIC/DEMOGRAPHIC OVERVIEW

**NORTH
AMERICA**

REGION

**41.65
MILLION**

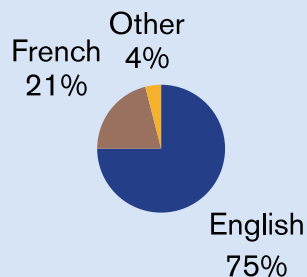
estimated, July 1, 2025
POPULATION

\$ 54,282

2024 USD

GDP PER CAPITA
(PPP)

PRIMARY LANGUAGE



KEY INTERESTING FACTS:

- Canada is the 9th largest economy in the world.
- Among the top 20 easiest places to do business.
- Canada ranks among the top 10 globally in logistics performance.
- Canada is a top global exporter of energy, minerals, agricultural products, and forest goods.
- Toronto, Vancouver, and Montreal are emerging as North America's fastest-growing tech hubs, providing opportunities for technology partnerships and knowledge exchange.
- With a GDP per capita exceeding USD 55,000, Canadian consumers have high disposable income and strong demand for quality imports, especially in consumer goods, food products, sporting goods, and medical devices.
- Canada is positioning itself as a leader in green trade and sustainable development, creating opportunities in clean technologies, renewable energy, and low-carbon materials.

Canadian E-Commerce Market Overview



**HIGHLY DIGITAL
MARKET**

75%

**75%
POPULATION
E-COMMERCE USER**



**CROSS-BORDER
SHOPPING**

Half of the online purchases are from foreign websites (US/Asia)

PUPULAR E-COMMERCE PLATFORMS

amazon

✓ Very high

ebay

✓ Strong niche presence

Etsy

✓ Popular

shopify

✓ Growing rapidly

TOP Online Product Categories:

- Fashion & Apparel
- Electronics
- Home Furnishing
- Books
- Furniture
- Sporting Goods
- Safety & Industrial Wear
- Health & Beauty Products
- Medical Devices & Instruments
- Leather Goods
- Sportswear & Fitness Accessories
- Cutlery & Kitchen Tools
- Gift Items & Handicrafts
- Pet Accessories

PAKISTAN CANADA TRADE

FINANCIAL YEAR (JUL-JUN 2025)

Exports to Canada: 594.216 USD (M)**Import from Canada: 335.824 USD (M)**

Source: State Bank of Pakistan



Description	Pak Exports to Canada- 2024	Canada's Imports from World-2024
Sports Wear	1.336	192.413
Cutlery & Crockery	0.895	254.09
Badges	0.371	20.841
Musical Instruments	0.046	77.914
Leather Products	6.17	913.963
Sports Goods	4.132	573.991
Gloves & Protective Equipment	9.082	251.703
Surgical Instruments	4.199	4317.847
Shoes & Saddlery	0.237	2987.878
Total	26.468 M	11.44 B

(SOURCE: TRADEMAP/WORLD BANK)
Sources: ITC calculations based on Pakistan Bureau Of Statistics
All values in US\$ Million for the Year 2024

The table presents Sialkot's export performance to Canada for the year 2024, amounting to US\$ 26.47 million, compared with Canada's total global imports of US\$ 11.44 billion, depicting considerable scope for enhancing bilateral trade.

IMPORTANT LINKS FOR INFORMATION

For Business Visa

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/apply-visitor-visa.html>

CANADIAN TARIFF:

Canada applies tariffs by 6-digit HS code + country-of-origin
(Canada has no comprehensive FTA with Pakistan)

Here are official links for Canada's tariffs:

<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/trade-commerce/tariff-tarif/menu-eng.html>

<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/trade-commerce/tariff-tarif/2025/01-99/01-99-2025-eng.pdf>

<https://customscalculator.com/CUSTOMSCAWEB/CUSTOMSCAWeb.aspx>

Consulate General of Pakistan
Toronto Canada
pakconsulate.ca

High Commission of Canada in
Pakistan, Islamabad
<https://www.international.gc.ca/count-ry-pays/pakistan/islamabad.aspx>

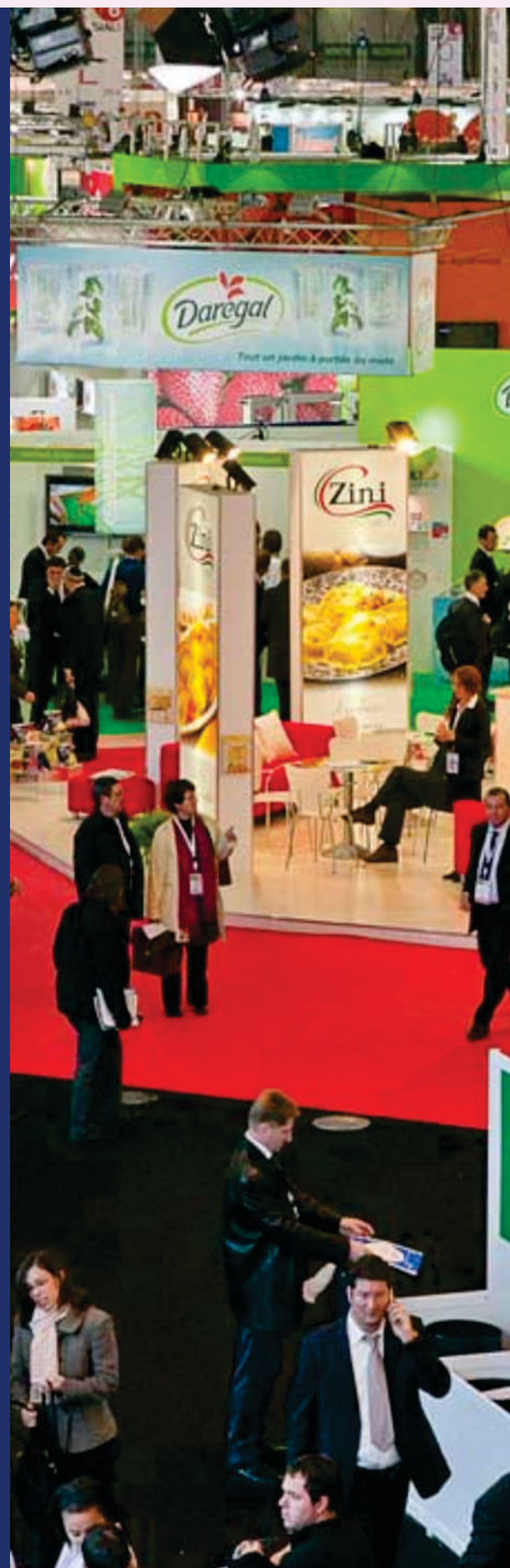


CANADIAN EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS

Trade fairs and exhibitions play a vital role in driving business growth — fostering market expansion, global networking, and new opportunities.

Presented below is a list of key fairs and exhibitions that highlight Sialkot's major industrial sectors.

- ★ **MedTech Conference - Surgical**
themedtechconference.com
- ★ **Canada International Textile and Apparel Expo -**
Textile, Leather and apparel products, accessories, and equipment.
canadatextileapparelexpo.com
- ★ **Toronto Market Week - Apparel, Accessories, Jewellery,**
Footwear, Handbags, and more.
torontomarketweek.ca
- ★ **International Business, Fashion & Property Expo -**
Apparel, Textile, Leather Products
fibre2fashion.com/trade-fairs/international-business-fashion-property-expo-2024-63718
- ★ **IThe National Women's Show - Vancouver - Apparel,**
Accessories and Fashion.
fibre2fashion.com/trade-fairs/the-national-women-s-show-vancouver-2025-65235
- ★ **Grocery Innovation - Food and Agriculture**
groceryinnovations.com
- ★ **Canada Sport and Entertainment Expo - Sports and Sporting**
goods, Apparel
groceryinnovations.com
- ★ **Start up Fest - IT**
startupfest.com
- ★ **Restaurant Canada show - Cutlery and Houseware**
restaurantscanada.org
- ★ **Ontario Dental Association Meet - Surgical**
asm.oda.ca
- ★ **Halal Expo Canada - Food and Agriculture**
asm.oda.ca
- ★ **Toronto Sportsmen's Show - Highland Outfitters**
torontosportshow.ca
- ★ **Canadian Music Week - Musical instruments**
departureto.com



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The Pakistan Single Window (PSW) has revolutionized export operations by replacing cumbersome paperwork with a single, integrated digital platform. Exporters can now submit, track, and manage all trade-related documentation in one place. Linked directly with the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) and the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), the system streamlines critical processes such as the issuance of Form-E and the Bank Realization Certificate (BRC).

For Sialkot's export-driven industries, this means faster clearances, reduced costs, and greater transparency. The platform ensures verifiable online records, supporting exporters in tax refunds, duty drawbacks, and compliance procedures — building both efficiency and trust.

To make the digital shift easier, SCCI members can also obtain free consultancy assistance for NTN login creation and PSW registration at the Business Facilitation Centre, Anwar Club Sialkot, where a Pakistan Customs PRAL Representative is available to guide exporters through the process. This hands-on support ensures that even first-time users can smoothly transition to the new online systems.



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SCCI's Digital Initiatives for Exporters

Parallel to the national digital reform, the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI) has upgraded its own digital ecosystem. Members can now renew memberships online and access various services directly from the SCCI website.

SCCI's Android Mobile Application has also been developed and deployed, providing members with quick and convenient access to essential Chamber services. In addition, a secure online portal has been designed and developed, integrating multiple modules for members' ease, including:

- Certificate of Origin
- Visa Recommendation Letter
- Free Sale Certificate

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CHINESE VISA GUARANTEE LETTER

A QUICK GUIDE FOR SIALKOT EXPORTERS



China remains one of Pakistan's strongest trade partners, and to facilitate Sialkot's exporters in securing Chinese business visas, the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI) issues Chinese Visa Guarantee Letters verifying the applicant's business standing and Chamber membership. Active members, including Directors, Partners, and Proprietors, must submit a company request letter, a filled application form with photograph, two undertakings, invitation or exhibition documents, a six-month bank statement apostilled by MoFA, passport copies, NTN certificates, a Police Character Certificate, and a valid SCCI Membership Certificate. Managers must additionally provide a bank guarantee, tax documents, signature verification, service certificate, CNIC, and an undertaking of return. The Guarantee Letter is processed within three working days, and applicants should apply at least three days before their visa appointment. This service reflects SCCI's commitment to facilitating business travel and strengthening trade ties with China.

QUICK CHECK LIST

For Directors / Managing Directors /
Partners / Proprietors

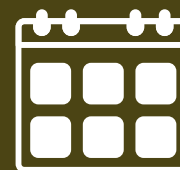
- Active SCCI Membership
- Request Letter on Company Letterhead (signed)
- Application Form with one photo (available from SCCI)
- Two Undertakings (available from SCCI)
- Invitation from Foreign Customer
- For Exhibitions: Stall Booking Proof, Invoice & Payment Proof
- Bank Statement (6 months, attested & apostilled by MoFA)
- Passport Copies (attach previous China visas if applicable)
- Copy of new passport showing old passport endorsement (if applicable)
- NTN Copies (Individual & Company)
- Police Character Certificate (apostilled by MoFA)
- SCCI Membership Certificate

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR FOR MANAGERS

- Bank Guarantee showing account operation for last 6 months
- Proof of NTN and Tax Return Filings
- Signature Verification from SCCI Records
- Service Certificate with Salary & CNIC Copy
- Undertaking from Authorized Representative confirming return

IMPORTANT:

- PROCESSING TIME: 3 BUSINESS WORKING DAYS
- SUBMIT APPLICATION: MINIMUM 3 DAYS BEFORE GERRY'S APPOINTMENT (LAHORE/ISLAMABAD)



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