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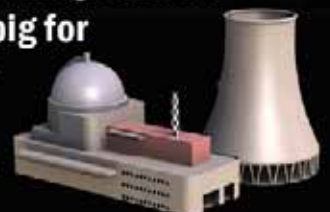
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# GIDC bill - Economic Terrorism!

**Govt ignores a big uproar across the country against imposition of GIDC**

By Sajid Aziz

**A** big uproar has been created across the country among industrial and commercial consumers of natural gas as the present government has conspired through the so-called public representatives for imposition of Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (GIDC). The government without giving a consideration to the industry's woes, is determined to impose and collect GIDC from gas consumers whatever the consequences are, is eyeing on the revenue it expecting from this unjustified, baseless and uncalled for tax which is meant for further erosion of industry's profitability.

The imposition of Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (GIDC) is a problem for Pakistan's industry and for the public who has invested or bought shares in gas companies. It is sad to see that the government is solely focusing on increasing revenue collection without giving thought to how this could negatively impact the country's industrial sector. Instead of increasing the tax net and increasing tax collection, the government is taking the easy route out and targeting organisations, which have chosen to invest in Pakistan and are providing employment to thousands.

Countries all around the world provide incentives to encourage foreign and local organisations to invest. Pakistan being a negative grade investment country, needs to do this now more than ever. Instead, what the government is doing is increasing operating costs, so why would anyone, local or foreign, choose to invest here? What makes the matter even worse is that many of these companies have been set

up by Pakistanis who invested heavily in the textile and fertiliser sectors and have even been given assurances by the government, but unfortunately, it is very easy for powerful institutions to break

their promises.

Additionally, the GIDC is adversely affecting share prices of the affected industries, with textile stock prices falling and the fertiliser stock prices taking a hit of almost 10 per cent in the last few weeks. All those people who bought shares of these local companies have lost large chunks of money - for many of them, these were their savings or retirement funds which are irrecoverable. What are the people of Pakistan to do when it is becoming increasingly difficult to set up any kind of business in the country, and investing in local businesses is shaky with no guarantee of return?

There is no arguing the government's need for revenue, and the fact that gas is already priced low in Pakistan when compared to alternative fuels. That said, there are better ways to raise gas tariffs, for instance, one that attracts more investment in exploration activities. Even the GIDC itself could mean much more if it were used for its intended purpose of building infrastructure for gas imports, analysts say.

On the other hand, all the chambers and trade bodies have become one voice against GIDC and vowed to fight against the unjust cess. They pointed out that the main purpose of GIDC was to mobilise funds for the development of infrastructure for the Iran-Pakistan (IP) and Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India (TAPI) gas pipeline projects. However, the government had failed to start any infrastructure development activity and it should immediately withdraw GIDC as its collection without undertaking any work on the planned projects was unjustified.

"The government has set the GIDC collection target at Rs145 billion for this fiscal year, though it collected about Rs84 billion since 2011",



the analysts say. They believed that the tax would dampen the growth of various sectors like manufacturing industries, exports and agriculture as it would augment the cost of production and make Pakistan's products uncompetitive in the international market. Instead of taking anti-business measures, the government should facilitate the growth of business and industry in order to give a boost to manufacturing activities, generate more tax revenues, create jobs and increase exports, industrialists argued. ■



# 5th FIRE SAFETY & CONVENTION & AWARDS 2015

## 5th Fire & Safety Convention & Awards 2015 Formulation of fire safety laws stressed



President KCCI Iftikhar Vohra addressing at 5th Fire Safety Conference. Engr. Nadeem Ashraf, Naeem Qureshi, Dr. Kaiser Waheed, Shamsul Haq Memon & Anis Younus sitting on dias.

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They were speaking at 5th Fire & Safety Convention and Awards 2015 organized by National Forum for Environment and Health (NFEH) in collaboration with Fire Protection Association of Pakistan (FPAP) here at a local hotel. Speakers included President Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) Iftikhar Vohra, former Secretary Environment Sindh Shamsul Haq Memon, President FPAP Farhat Hussain, Fire Chief Karachi Port Trust (KPT) Saeed Jadoon, Chairman NFEH Dr. Kaiser Waheed, President Naeem Qureshi, MD Emba Anis Younus and others.

President KCCI Iftikhar Vohra said that city has witnessed very unfortunate fire incidents claiming lives of hundreds of people and loss of properties like Bolton Market, Baldia Factory etc. "After Bolton market fire, industrialists spared 1.4 billion rupees and gave this amount to government of Sindh for purchasing most modern fire tenders. But since then it is about 6 years now, no progress is made due to one or other reason. Government should

purchase these tenders immediately to cope with such incidents," he urged.

There must be multiple exits in each residential or commercial building for emergencies to save loss of life. Government should place most modern fire fighting system here. About 200 fire stations are needed for Karachi only whereas there are about 16 stations functioning at present. Out of these 16, in most of cases many fire tenders have no diesel, leaked pipes and without water. Malik Riaz of Bahria Town has also offered 4 modern fire tenders for city, Iftikhar Vohra shared.

"Business community of Karachi should be appreciated for their services in such conditions and now business situation is improving in city," he added.

Former Secretary Environment Sindh Shamsul Haq Memon underlined the need of comprehensive fire fighting system. "Many cases have been reported due to poor quality gas cylinders and accidents of vehicles apart from industrial fires. We all should perform our roles and there should be SOP and proper legislation to overcome these issues," he noted.

President FPAP Farhat Hussain stressed there should be fire protection systems placed in very building and existing systems



A group photo of award winners of safety award alongwith Commissioner Karachi, Shoib A. Siddiqui, Senaor Nehald Hashmi, Naeem Qureshi President NFEH, Fawad Bari, Engr. Nadeem Ashraf, Ruqliya Naeem, Masood Alam & others are seen in the picture.



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be upgraded. "Industries are free here to take standard measures themselves which should be mandatory. Our neighboring countries have laws and fire codes but unfortunately we don't have. We should promote fire safety culture," he urged.

Anis Younus of Emba Corporation said that every building should have more than one fire exits, fire extinguishers installed and responsibilities be fixed in case of fire.

Dr. Kaiser Waheed said that insurance companies are here to compensate loss of properties but do they compensate human loss and of course not. "There should be an emergency action plan in the country to cope with fire incidents so precious lives



*View of audience*

made safe from fires. Steps should be taken as an national emergency in this direction and NFEH is also striving to make buildings safe," he stressed.

Referring Baldia factory fire, KPT Fire

told. "In Baldia fire, we helped other agencies and provided sea water to extinguish fire. We have an unlimited quantity of sea water which can be used to extinguish fires in any part of city or at least in city areas near to sea. KPT has also pipeline water supply in old city areas for such emergencies. Many years back, there used to be drills for this and people thought it an action to wash roads," he told.

Fawad Barry, CEO Haseen Habib Trading talked about fire safety issues and stressed on own fire suppression system for buildings. "Major reasons behind fire incidents in buildings are lack of preventive measures, poor quality equipments, poor quality of electric wiring etc." he told.

Technical session was addressed by Khalid Nadeem of K-Electric, Hussain Sabz Ali of HBL, Imran Taj of Envirograph, Fawad Barry of Haseen Habib Trading and Wajahat Ali Khan of FPAP. Speakers in other sessions were Malik Saleem Iqbal of PIA, Muhammad Ghazzal of Sylani Welfare Trust and Commissioner Karachi Shoaib Sidiqi. ■



*Stalls of Fire Products*



could be saved," he demanded.

President NFEH Naeem Qureshi told that fire incidents are rising in Karachi which warrants a joint action plan and strategy by all trade unions and groups like chamber of commerce. "Each shop, house or factory should have fire fighting system and be

Chief Saeed Jadoon shared that a passerby student called him and informed about fire. "Student was real hero otherwise there were chances of more lives loss in case of further delayed response from fire departments. I informed city fire chief and he himself was unaware of that big fire," he



*At inagural session of 5th Fire & Safety Conference, President KCCI, Iftikhar Vohra, Farhat Hussain, President FPAP, Naeem Qureshi President NFEH, Dr. Kaiser Waheed Chairman NFEH, Engr. Nadeem Ashraf, Ruqiyah Naeem, Anis Younus, Saeed Jadoon, Khalid Iqbal and others are seen in the picture.*

## Award Winners of 4th Fire Safety Awards 2015



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# PUBLIC HEARING



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## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

### Move to build nuclear plants on the outskirts of Karachi criticised



**R**epresentatives of civil society at a public hearing on Monday once again criticised the construction of twin nuclear power plants on the outskirts of Karachi and requested the Sindh Environmental Protection Agency (Sepa) to give at least over two months to go through the voluminous environmental impact assessment (EIA) report and debate the pros and cons of the critical project.

The public hearing, the first on any nuclear power plant in the country, was held on the directives of the Sindh High Court that had stayed the construction of the \$10 billion project last year till a proper EIA is conducted and properly processed before the approval.

The project - K-2 and K-3 of 1,100MW each - is to be built by a Chinese company while the government agency involved in the project is the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC).

"Such an EIA report was not expected from you. It's not a fresh EIA and most studies presented in the report are old, conducted in 2011. The report doesn't include the impact assessment of the two other reactors [K-4 and K5], also part of the project," said Arif Belgaumi, senior architect and social activist.

He also questioned as to why the evacuation plan was restricted to five kilometres only, though the

wind, as mentioned in the report, blew from the plant site to Karachi most part of the year.



Criticising what he called 'over-confidence' of PAEC experts who claimed to have built a 100 per cent foolproof system, he said that even the best technology could fall victim to a natural disaster or an act of war and it was important that plans were made and implemented that catered to all kinds of emergencies.



Roland D'Souza of a non-governmental organisation, Shehri-Citizens For A Better Environment, termed the plan of constructing nuclear power plants close to the city of 20 million 'criminal'.



he said, was growing fast and might increase multiple times when the project would finally commence in 2021 and complete its 60-year operational life in 2080.

"These population estimates should have been mentioned in the report, though majority of Karachi is located within 30km of the project site," he said, adding that the site was also ecologically sensitive and had been notified as a sanctuary under the category four of the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

Citing a study published in the journal Nature a few years ago, he said that Karachi had been found to have the largest population of 8.2m living within the 30 kilometres of a nuclear power plant (Kanuup) than

any other reactor site in the world.

Fearing that an unforeseen accident at the nuclear power plants could lead to a closure of Karachi port and subsequently affect the economy of the entire country, Mr D'Souza suggested that the nuclear plants should be taken to a site where only 10 to 15pc population of the country lived.

He raised doubts over the in-house capability of Sepa in conducting the preliminary scrutiny of the EIA, while also calling into question the expertise of the environmental management consultants in



carrying out an EIA of the nuclear power project.

"The experts' names and details about their professional background should be provided to us," he said, adding that the 2,400-page EIA report on the construction

of nuclear plants was too technical and lengthy and it was important that Sepa give sufficient time to concerned citizens to go through the report and hold series of meetings on the subject.

Concerns relating to the storage of spent fuel and possible impact of hot water on marine ecology were also raised at the gathering. ■

### Fishermen's hopes

"It's an issue of our survival because we believe that this project will bring employment opportunities for the locals. We request the project proponents to provide us with clean drinking water and build health and educational facilities so that our areas could also come up at par with other parts of the city," one fisherman said. ■

### PAEC justifies project's location

Earlier, PAEC experts gave detailed presentations, highlighting various features of the plants, including its in-built safety systems. They were of the opinion that the plants posed no serious threat to people and environment during construction and operation as, they argued, the earthquake-proof plant design with double containment and active and passive systems was the most modern (ACP-1000, a generation three design) and the project was located at a higher elevation to make it secure against tsunami risk. ■

Courtesy:  
Daily Dawn

## 2nd Transforming Youth Media Summit 2015

# Challenges and growth of Pakistani mass media discussed at youth summit



Jesper Mollar Sorensen

**D**enmark's Ambassador to Pakistan Jesper Mollar Sorensen has said that despite phenomenal growth of mass media in Pakistan the country is still one of the most challenging countries for journalists to perform their duties.

The Danish Ambassador stated this on Saturday delivering his speech while presiding over the inaugural session of second Transforming Youth Media Summit-2015 organized by Publicity Channel in collaboration with Youth affairs department, govt of Sindh.

The Denmark's envoy said on the occasion that some 110 journalists had lost their lives in the line of duty in Pakistan in last 10 years meaning that almost one journalist was losing his life every month while 11 journalists were being killed every year.

He said the sorry state of affairs for media personnel had been persisting despite the situation that mass media scene of the country had witnessed phenomenal growth in over last ten years. He said that during this period number of TV channels had grown to 100 from merely one TV channel, number of FM radio station had increased to 150 from mere one radio channel, while almost 2,000 newspapers were being printed in the country in 11 languages.

The Danish diplomat said that given the risks and problems being faced by journalists in the country, the government of Denmark

had recently launched a media support programme in Pakistan in collaboration with concerned non-governmental sector with a total cost of 2.8 million US Dollars while total assistance of Denmark to the country stood at 50 million Dollars.

He said the Denmark's media support programme would be utilized for strengthening role of Pakistani media in support of democratic and pluralistic society and publicly accountable and representative system of governance in the country. The two-year assistance programme would also be helpful for proposing and adopting a consensus code of ethics for the entire Pakistani media while it would be used for improving skills and safety of journalists working at district and local levels especially for regional languages' media.

The Danish ambassador noted that in the past decade, the emergence of a vibrant media scene in Pakistan had played a crucial role in the evolving socio-economic and political discourse for the larger benefit of society and public. But media workers, especially those employed in the provinces, were often untrained and underpaid. In addition to these challenges, threats and violent attacks against journalists continue in Pakistan.

The diplomat noted that Pakistani youth and media combining together would become highly an influential highly force, which



Javed Jabbar



Mazhar Abbas



Shaabraz Islam



M. Naeem Qureshi



Qaiser Wainand



Ishtiaq Baig



Dr. Huma Mir



Duriana Butt



Yousuf Basheer Qureshi



Ruqiyaa Naeem



Mustafa Tahir



Group Photo of Award winners of media contest with Chief guest Sr. Journalist Javed Jabbar, Addl. Sec Youth Affairs Rafia Haleem, Mazhar Abbas, Mirza Ishtiaq Baig, Israr Shah, CEO Publicity Channel M. Naeem Qureshi, Ruqiyaa Naeem, Mustafa Tahir & Other team members.





Picture shows the Panel discussion Chaired by Afia Salam. The others members are Kamran Javaid, Shahzad Khan, Rehan Allahwala & Wajih Sani.

could be used for bringing improvement in society and public affairs to a great extent. He said the government of Denmark would also provide support to improve working conditions, provision of due privileges, safety and security to media personnel in Pakistan while media of the country should also be equally supportive to flourishing of democratic order.

Also speaking on the occasion, former Federal minister for Information and Broadcasting and media expert Javed Jabbar said the media commission appointed by the Supreme Court of Pakistan some years back had given some 40 proposals for improving and upgrading functioning of mass media in the country.

He said that one of the important proposals of media commission was that ministry of Information and ministry of Information Technology at the federal level should be merged together as well as the proposed merging together of Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority with Pakistan Telecommunication Authority for proper regulation alike of mainstream, conventional, modern and technologically advanced mass media.

He said the Ministry of Information of the present federal government had expressed willingness to accept majority of the proposals given by the media commission.

He said that no doubt the media scene of Pakistan had flourished but this progress was not much public friendly as at present there was no genuine public interest broadcaster in the country, which could be completely free of government's interference while at the same time such media outlet should not be fully dependent upon advertisements for its entire financing needs.

He said that there was need to change revenue model of Pakistani private TV chan-



nels in the undesirable situation that they were fully dependent upon advertisements for revenue generation while fee paid by the common TV subscribers were totally pocketed by operators of cable TV service providers while no share of it was given to management of private television channels.

He said the citizens of Pakistan should be proactive for their rights while consuming media services so that due democratic privileges of public regarding availability of information could be safeguarded.

Noted TV artist Durdana Butt said the private TV news channels in the country had been unduly showing gory and violent scenes damaging the public rights and interests. He said that there could be no democracy in the country without responsibility so being all of us keen followers of democracy the private TV media should show more responsibility in their conduct and content making while covering public interests matters.

Senior journalist and analyst Mazhar Abbas said that university students aspiring to become media persons should not become unduly impressed by emerging and expanding private TV news media scene. Instead the students should complete their higher education, augment their reading and researching habits and afterwards select the news medium they would like to join according to their personal potential and aptitude.

The senior analyst said that he had happened to interview fresh university graduates for job vacancies in media outlets and in the process he had found serious dearth of healthy reading habits among young job aspirants.

He said the private media outlets especially TV channels were increasingly being controlled by their respective owners on the cost of weakening the influence and control of editorial leadership on production of news and infotainment content so there had been increased threat to objective, neutral, and independent show of journalism.

Those also spoke on the occasion motivational speaker Yousuf Basheer Qureshi, Shahbaz Islam of Sui Gas Company Ltd, Kaiser Waheed of National Forum of Environment & Health, Syed Babar Shah, Afia Salam, Huma Mir, Rehan Allahwala, Israr Shah, Naeem Qureshi, and Ruqiya Naeem. ■



Group Photo shows Denmark's Ambassador to Pakistan Jesper Mollar Sorensen, Senior actress Durdana Butt, Motivational Speaker Yousuf Basheer Qureshi, Head of corporate communication SSGC Shahbaz Islam, CEO Publicity Channel M. Naeem Qureshi, Ruqiya Naeem, Mustafa Tahr & Others on the eve of 2nd Transforming youth media summit held at local hotel.



## Wish Granting of 25 Make-A-Wish Children

The wish granting of 25 Make-A-Wish children suffering from life-threatening illnesses held on Thursday 9th April 2015. The Chief Guest of the ceremony was AIG Police Ghulam Qadir Thebo and the Guest of Honour was Dr. Mirza Ikhtiar Baig. Ghulam Qadir Thebo distributed the gifts among the ailing children as per their wishes. Ghulam Qadir Thebo lauded the work of the Make-A-Wish Pakistan said that the Foundation is doing a unique work by fulfilling the dreams of the ailing children in Pakistan and assured his full support to the Foundation. Ishtiaq Baig thanked the guests for their support to the organization and said that by fulfilling their most cherished wishes we bring joy and happiness on the faces of the ailing children. It is the mission of the Foundation that no Pakistani child leaves this world without his/her wishes being fulfilled. ■

## World Wish Day Celebrated at KSE

To mark world wish day with world wish day like other affiliate countries Make A Wish Foundation Pakistan Children started the World Wish Day by ringing the business bell at Karachi Stock Exchange. The President Karachi Stock Exchange Nadeem Naqvi welcomed the ailing children and said this is the first time in the history of Karachi Stock Exchange where the ailing children of Foundation rang the business bell. Founding President Make A Wish Foundation Pakistan Thanked the President Karachi Stock Exchange and his team for inviting Make A Wish Children and organizing the event which will create awareness about the World Wish day. Later Make A Wish Foundation Pakistan organized a Wish Granting Ceremony and granted the wishes of 25 ailing children. The Consul General of Switzerland Emil Wyss was the chief guest. ■

## Specialised eye hospital for children in Pakistan on cards

Keeping in view the prevalence of eye diseases in Pakistan, particularly in children, the Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital has decided to establish a state-of-the-art specialised eye hospital for children in Pakistan.



We have set a goal to establish a full-fledged children eye hospital by 2017 which would be first of its kind in the entire region, said Lt. Gen. (Retd) Hamid Javed, President of the trust. Founder of the trust Late Jahandad Khan envisioned a specialised eye hospital for children in Pakistan which will become a reality within two years. As a first step, we have established a fully equipped eye department which can handle two hundred patients per day, said Gen. Hamid Javed. He said that only a specialized doctor can check a child and very special equipment is required for screening premature babies, he said, adding that it is easy to cure eye disease in childhood rather to wait and let it grow to a complicated level. He said that new hospitals would be established after consolidation of the existing facilities at four hospitals in Rawalpindi, Sukkar, Kohat and Muzzafarbad. Every day about 1000-1200 patients from across the country visits the trust and are checked by the eye specialists while 70 to 80 surgeries are performed daily. The number of patients needing surgery is much more which results in waiting periods. ■

## Zong Signs MoU with AIOU for the provision of cutting edge products and services

Zong, Pakistan's most advanced and only 3G & 4G operator signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Al-lama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), Pakistan's biggest university in terms of student enrolment. With Zong's focus on becoming an indispensable digital life partner, this MoU will facilitate the academia and student body of AIOU in its educational pursuits through access to various Zong products and services.



Zong's cutting edge 3G & 4G technology is empowering a great number of Pakistanis each day, and this partnership with a university of the academic stature of AIOU implies that an even greater number of individuals, in particular youth, will be able to experience empowerment in the arena of education through our technological innovations. AIOU staff and students will be able to enjoy a vast category of Zong's cutting edge products and services, ranging from Zong's latest 4G enabled handsets through installment plan and WiFi connectivity for the AIOU Headquarters through Zong WiFi devices to mobile broadband based connectivity in 42 regions and mobile financial solutions for timely disbursements of monthly wages and collection of fees amongst many others products and services. ■

## Khalid Siraj Subhani takes over as President Engro Corporation Ltd

The Board of Directors of Engro Corporation Limited announced the appointment of Khalid Siraj Subhani as the new President and CEO of Engro Corp. Mr. Subhani takes over the Company from the outgoing President and CEO, Ali Ansari who served Engro for a term of three years and was responsible for effecting successful turnaround in the Company's flagship businesses.

Mr. Subhani began his career in the Manufacturing Division at Exxon Chemical Pakistan Limited in 1983 and has held a variety of leadership roles within the Company, including long term assignment with Esso Chemical Canada. He has served as Manager for New Projects, General Manager for Operations, Vice President for Manufacturing, Senior Vice President for Manufacturing and New Ventures and as President & Chief Executive Officer for Engro Fertilizers Limited.

He is a member of the Pakistan Engineering Council, Business Advisory Council of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Forum Pakistan. He has recently been elected Vice President of the Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce & Industry (OICCI). He graduated from NED University of Engineering and Technology, Pakistan with a degree in Chemical Engineering and has completed programs on advance management from MIT and Hass School of Business Management, University of Berkeley, USA. He joined the Board in 2006. ■



## Bokhari appointed MD & CEO, PPL

Government of Pakistan appointed Syed Wamiq Bokhari as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Pakistan Petroleum Limited, in place of Secretary Petroleum Arshad Mirza, who held additional charge. A seasoned oil and gas professional, Bokhari has over 30 years of management experience mainly with three international majors: Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company (KUFPEC), a subsidiary of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, Eni S.p.A. and Atlantic Richfield Company, USA. Bokhari's professional engagements have entailed assignments in several countries spanning five continents, the last as KUFPEC's Regional Manager overseeing the Canada and South East Asia region. He has a Bachelor's and Master's in Petroleum Engineering from University of Texas, USA and has attended numerous executive management programmes at prestigious institutes. ■



## ADB offers climate change funding

Pakistan is among the six countries of Asia selected by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to scale up investments in urban climate change resilience, especially for the urban poor, it was learnt here on Wednesday.

ADB under the Urban Climate Change Resilience Trust Fund (UCCRTF) will enhance investments across 25 secondary cities in Pakistan, the Philippines, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia and Vietnam. The ADB has already completed consultations with the government on the project.

The impact of scaling up investments will be that urban populations, especially the urban poor in the selected countries, are less vulnerable to the direct and indirect impacts of climate change.

The outcome will be increased application of urban climate change resilience (UCCR) principles in the selected cities of ADB.

Cities in Asia and the Pacific are particularly vulnerable to climate change as people and economic assets are highly concentrated in hazard-prone locations. The 238 million Asian urban poor are expected to be hit first and hardest by the effects of climate change. Disasters caused by natural hazards erase one to five per cent of GDP each year.

The regional capacity development technical assistance will make UCCRTF resources available to ADB's operations departments to provide planning and capacity-building support as well as activities for project development.

According to an ADB report, more than 60pc of the projected increase in urban population from 2010 to 2050 will take place in Asia, and half of that growth will occur in medium-sized cities. These cities will make significant decisions on planning, land use, and major investment projects in the coming decades to support economic growth and to generate livelihoods for growing populations. Urban areas that are most susceptible to climate-related shocks and stresses have fragile systems, including fragile natural

ecosystem and large socially or economically marginalised populations.

Under the technical assistance, ADB will assist governments and civil society with better scientific and economic data at the subnational level to assist decision-making and provide support for project development and pilot activities. Participating countries will be able to identify UCCR strategies, build related institutional capacity, and enable multi-stakeholders engagement to implement UCCR initiatives and to assess the local impacts of climate change. ■

### Six Best Doctors in the World

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| 1. Sunlight        | 2. Rest    |
| 3. Exercise        | 4. Diet    |
| 5. Self Confidence | 6. Friends |

Maintain them in all stages of Life and enjoy healthy life.

If you see the moon ..... You see the beauty of God.

If you see the Sun ..... You see the power of God.

If you see the Mirror. You see the best Creation of GOD.

So Believe in YOURSELF. We all are tourists & God is our travel agent who has already fixed all our Routes Reservations & Destinations...So!

Trust him & Enjoy the "Trip" called LIFE





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Former Secretary Environment Sindh Shamsul Haq Memon underlined the need of comprehensive fire fighting system. "Many cases have been reported due to poor quality gas cylinders and accidents of vehicles apart from industrial fires. We all should



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perform our roles and there should be SOP and proper legislation to overcome these issues," he noted.

President FPAP Farhat Hussain stressed there should be fire protection systems placed in very building and existing systems be upgraded. "Industries are free here to take standard measures themselves which should be mandatory. Our neighboring countries have laws and fire codes but unfortunately we don't have. We should promote fire safety culture," he urged.

Anis Younus of Emba Corporation said that every building should have more than one fire exits, fire extinguishers installed and responsibilities be fixed in case of fire.

Dr. Kaiser Waheed said that insurance companies are here to compensate loss of

View of audience



warrants a joint action plan and strategy by all trade unions and groups like chamber of commerce. "Each shop, house or factory should have fire fighting system and be made safe from fires. Steps should be taken as an national emergency in this direction and NFEH is also striving to make buildings safe," he stressed.

he himself was unaware of that big fire," he told.

"In Baldia fire, we helped other agencies and provided sea water to extinguish fire. We have an unlimited quantity of sea water which can be used to extinguish fires in any part of city or at least in city areas near to sea. KPT has also pipeline water supply in old city areas for such emergencies. Many years back, there used to be drills for this and people thought it an action to wash roads," he told.

Fawad Barry, CEO Haseen Habib Trading talked about fire safety issues and stressed on own fire suppression system for buildings. "Major reasons behind fire incidents in buildings are lack of preventive measures, poor quality equipments, poor quality of electric wiring etc." he told.

Technical session was addressed by Khalid Nadeem of K-Electric, Hussain Sabz Ali of HBL, Imran Taj of Envirograph, Fawad Barry of Haseen Habib Trading and Wajahat Ali Khan of FPAP. Speakers in other sessions were Malik Saleem Iqbal of PIA, Muhammad Ghazzal of Sylani Welfare Trust and Commissioner Karachi Shoaib Siddiqi. ■

Stalls of Fire Products



properties but do they compensate human loss and of course not. "There should be an emergency action plan in the country to cope with fire incidents so precious lives could be saved," he demanded.

President NFEH Naeem Qureshi told that fire incidents are rising in Karachi which

Referring Baldia factory fire, KPT Fire Chief Saeed Jadoon shared that a passerby student called him and informed about fire. "Student was real hero otherwise there were chances of more lives loss in case of further delayed response from fire departments. I informed city fire chief and



At inagural session of 5th Fire & Safety Conference, Presiden: KCCI, Iftikhar Vohra, Farhat Hussain, President FPAP, Naeem Qureshi President NFEH, Dr. Kaiser Waheed Chairman NFEH, Engr. Nadeem Ashraf, Ruqiyah Naeem, Anis Younus, Saeed Jadoon, Khalid Iqbal and others are seen in the picture.

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