



PAKISTAN HOTELS ASSOCIATION

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PHA Secretariat Report to the Executive Committee on matters / activities during May to September, 2019:

1. **1 – 6 May, 2019:** For the purpose of development and to promote international tourism in Pakistan, Ministry of Commerce in collaboration with British Backpackers Society, a delegation of which visited Pakistan from 1 – 6 May, 2019 arranged a “Seminar on Realizing Pakistan’s International Tourism “ held at National Insurance Company Limited Building, Blue Area Islamabad on May 03, 2019. The objective of the Seminar was to create awareness on the economic benefits of Tourism, development of Tourism Infrastructure in Pakistan, and Seminar was attended Diplomats, Government Officials and prominent members of public and private sector. MOC requested significant members of PHA to attend the Seminar. To name some, Ramada Islamabad Hotel, Chief Executive of the Circle Club, Faisalabad, and other northern area hotels members attended the Seminar on behalf of Pakistan Hotels Association.

2. **May 09, 2019:** An evaluation meeting of TVET Sector Support Program, GIZ was held at Karachi Marriott Hotel with the members of Business and Industries Association (BIAs) and Work-place Based Training (WBT) Advisory Group. The role of BIAs at management level and role of WBT advisory group at operation level was presented in the meeting, attended by members of BIAs and WBT. On behalf of PHA, Mr. Ather Bhutto, Executive Committee Member and Secretary General of PHA attended the meeting, whereby Mr. Ather Bhutto highlighted the gap between academia and hotel industry requirement and way forward to fill the gap by taking positive concrete actions by the employers and hotel management institutions both public and private sector.

3. **May 29, 2019:** The third meeting of National Tourism Coordination Board was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Zulfiqar Bukhari, Chairman NTCB at Flashman’s Hotel Rawalpindi. Along with other Board Members, Mr. Mustansir Zakir, Chairman PHA also attended the meeting, wherein the Board deliberated on HR associated matters of PTDC with the proposed schemes and mechanism for transfer of properties. It was also decided that Provincial/Regional Governments to indicate estimates for their contribution to the Endowment Fund, Foreign Office to identify 10-20 countries of sizeable Pakistani community to attract them to explore beautiful landscape of Pakistan, while visiting their families and Research Wing be accommodated to facilitate decision making and strategy planning of PTDC.

4. **August 02, 2019:** The Executive Committee Meeting of Association was held at Karachi Marriott Hotel to discuss various agenda items including details of Election 2019.

5. **August 25, 2019:** The 5th Annual Convocation of COTHM Karachi Campus was held on Sunday, August 25, 2019 at FTC Auditorium, Sharea Faisal Karachi with Chief Guest Governor Sindh. Event was duly attended by Mr. Mustansir Zakir, Chairman PHA, Mr. Ather Bhutto, Executive Committee Member PHA and other member hotels. After welcome address by ED COTHM Karachi, event was addressed by CEO COTHM

Pakistan and distinguished Guests including PHA Chairman, followed by conferment of Diplomas and Certificates, Convocation address by Chief Guest with vote of thanks and dissolution of Convocation proceedings and Hi-Tea.

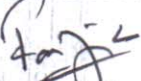
6. August 27, 2019: The TVET Sector Support Programme, GIZ in support with FPCCI organized a capacity development Session on Manual for Business and Industry Association for TVET attended by PHA Secretary General. During the Session, the contribution of Business and Industry Associations in Sindh for TVET Sector Support Program was highlighted along with orientation of the agreed work plan with all the newly appointed members of BIAs.

7. August 30, 2019: For upcoming Pakistan Hospitality Show 2019 on December 2-3, 2019 at Karachi EXPO Center, hosted by Employers Federation of Pakistan in association with Badar Expo, a Soft Launching Ceremony was held at PC Hotel Karachi to introduce the event inviting Association Chairman and members. Mr. Abdul Razzak Dowood, Advisor to PM for Commerce and Syed Zulfiqar Abbas Bukhari, Chairman, National Tourism Board & PTDC were the Chief Guest of the Ceremony.

8. September 13, 2019: To support for HORECA World Pakistan 2019, the International Hotels, Restaurants and Cafes Exhibition and Conference was held on 22-24th October, 2019 at Expo Centre Lahore, organized by M/s. FAKT Exhibitions (Pvt.) Limited, a soft Launching Ceremony & Corporate Dinner was held at Pearl-Continental Hotel, Lahore. Minister Tourism and Chairman PHA were guest of the evening besides other Government Officials and Industry Leaders.

9. September 27, 2019: A Meeting was held at 11.00 A.M. on Friday, the 26th September, 2019 hosted by Pakistan Hotels Association at Karachi Marriot Hotel. Meeting was held per request of Additional Secretary (Admin), Ministry of Inter Provincial Coordination, Islamabad, who was visiting Karachi and Sindh to convene meetings with Tourism, Hospitality and Travel industry of Pakistan. She also held meetings with officials of Sindh Tourism Ministry and Sindh Tourism Development Corporation to know the ground reality of tourism facilities and infrastructure in Sindh Province and to collect data on it. Chairman, PHA started discussions with overall history of hotel industry, current status of Hotels and Restaurants Act in Provinces after 18th amendment in 2010, Hotel's Tax structure local, Provincial and Federal Taxes, which need to be reviewed for payment under One Window operation. The meeting unanimously endorsed the various assessments by the Chair and participants and to move forward to implement proposed course of action

10. September 30, 2019: PHA Executive Committee Meeting followed by Extra Ordinary General and Annual General Meeting were held at Karachi Marriott Hotel. Various agenda items were taken up during these meetings including proposed amendment in Memorandum and Articles of Association as per Ministry of Commerce, Directorate General of Trade Organizations Islamabad Circular for replacement of Companies Ordinance, 1984 to be read as Companies Act 2017 in Articles of Association. Special resolution to this effect was unanimously passed in Extra Ordinary General Meeting to fulfill the requirement for change of the Companies Act 2017.


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