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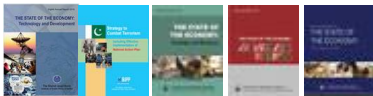
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FROM THE DESK OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN



The recent decision of the government to send the Turkish teachers of Pak-Turk Schools back

to Turkey is extremely disappointing and unjustifiable. It is indeed sad and sordid that Pakistan ranks 147 out of 189 countries on the human development index and 132 out of 142 countries surveyed for educational attainment. Despite this pathetic performance, Pakistan ironically, is perhaps, the only country in the world which has succumbed to the political pressure to repatriate the Turkish staff and their families. Not to speak of lack of governmental commitment to promote education, the decision also smacks of lack of sensitivity to the possible victimization and persecution of these teachers and their families when they return to their country.

Pak-Turk Education Foundation (PTEF) has been working in Pakistan since 1999 to promote quality education in the country as a tool of human and social development. The focus of their School System is on imparting high quality education to the Pakistani students and on character building. The vision is to develop future leaders in the country who are dedicated and committed to uplifting the well-being and welfare of the people and creating a peaceful, tolerant and harmonious society based on the principles of humanism as enunciated by

great Muslim scholar and saint Maulana Jalal-ud-din Rumi. There are in all 26 Pak Turk International Schools in 10 Cities (Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Lahore, Multan, Jamshoro, Karachi, Khairpur Mirpur, Hyderabad and Quetta) with more than 11000 Pakistani students. These institutions are staffed with 135 highly competent Turkish and over 1500 Pakistani educationists. The performance of Pak-Turk School system can be judged from the fact that its students have since secured more than 30 gold, 65 silver and 80 bronze academic medals and have regularly secured positions in the national and international Olympiads and competitions. In addition, PTEF continues to generously contribute to the cultural and humanitarian assistance programs in Pakistan as is palpably evident from the devoted services which the Foundation provided to the October 2005 earthquake affected, the Internally Displaced Persons in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province and to the people devastated by 2010 floods.

The civil society of Pakistan has expressed overwhelming solidarity with the Turkish brethren and sisters engaged in promoting education and learning in Pakistan which has been echoed at various forums including media events and students-parents rallies to persuade the government withdraw its decision. Indeed we all feels deeply indebted to PTE Foundation, the Turkish staff and their families for their dedication and commitment and decades of services to the advancement of literacy, education and leadership in Pakistan.

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MESSAGE OF THE MONTH



Agriculture: There is perhaps not enough recognition of the fact that impressive agricultural growth of over 4 percent per annum for a long period of half a century- a record matched by few

countries—was a critical element in Pakistan’s good economic performance over 1960-90. This growth was the result of a combination of factors the most important of which were a three- fold increase in the supply of irrigation water over 1960-90, a speedy and effective response to the adoption of green revolution in in the late 1960s, rapidly increasing fertilizer use, and a major breakthrough in cotton productivity in late1980s.

FROM THE RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCY WING: Proposals and Research Publication Series

The research team at BIPP has discussed the possibility of embarking on a quarterly or bi-annual working paper and policy brief publication series. The idea is to publish at least two working papers together under one booklet to disseminate BIPP’s research to its partners, stakeholders and the wider audience. This is an established practice for research and knowledge dissemination among the research and knowledge generating institutions.

Apart from that, the last two months have been outright proposals and consultancy tasks. Two proposals to the UNDP; one for accelerator intervention on the SDG’s to UNDP Bangkok and other for district-level mapping of the SDG in Rajanpur and Bhakkar to UNDP Pakistan, have been duly submitted. The UNDP Bangkok team reached out to us themselves for this three country study that the Bangkok Regional Hub (BRH) was conducting. The three countries that were initially selected for this were Malaysia, Bangladesh and Pakistan. Representative research institutes from each of the three countries were to be selected for research support. Owing to BIPP’s good repute that it has built through active and competent engagement in the economic and development industry of Pakistan, we were invited by UNDP BRH to submit a proposal for the Pakistan work. The proposal was submitted in time and decision is yet to be reached by relevant authorities at UNDP BRH.

However, agricultural growth has gone down sharply to only 2 percent per annum in the last decade and appears to be declining. This trend needs to be reversed strongly for overall healthy growth, alleviating widespread rural poverty, and strengthening the balance of payments.

This will, a priori, require major shifts in policy and strong implementation with focus on economical use of water through substantial and steady increase in water rates, much greater attention to research and development, less emphasis on major crops and more on oilseeds, meat and milk and fruits and vegetables including aggressively exploring export markets for the latter.

Dr. Parvez Hasan

We are also in the process to submit a proposal for a USAID project titled “Technical Assistance for Formulation of Agriculture Policy in Punjab”. This study which is implemented by Chemonics International and funded by USAID Pakistan has to be completed in 4 months. The ultimate deliverable is a comprehensive and workable agriculture policy for the province of Punjab that can be used by the Agriculture Department of the Punjab to resolve pricing and production issues that the farmer of Punjab faces today. The BIPP team deliberated and participated in the proposal conference held at the USAID Lahore office in the last week of November and discussed the possibility and likelihood of supporting this work. BIPP’s comments were acknowledged and integrated to re-conceptualize the proposal.

A study on sugar policy for the Department of Industry, Investment and Commerce of the Government of the Punjab is also underway. The study does a review of the sugar policy of Punjab and discusses alternate sugar policy options in light of the developments that have taken place since the last policy was enacted. One of BIPP’s senior advisers is supporting the study tasks and has already completed, in an individual capacity, majority of analytical work.

Progress Report on the Smart Health Project “TEEMARDAR”

TEEMARDAR Project has finished its Sixth Quarter after successful implementation of five Quarters while achieving all the milestones envisaged. In the Sixth Quarter, the Project focused on the initiation of public awareness campaign; end line survey of workers and patients; customization of Teemardar for Disease Early Warning System (DEWS); deployment of all LCD screens; and project completion workshop for senior staff of district Sheikhpura.

In the Project Completion Workshop of TEEMARDAR held on Saturday, 26th November 2016 at BIPP, the following objectives were achieved:

- the participants developed insights into the project operations and understood the process of inventory management through TEEMARDAR;
- the participants acquainted with the process of storing, distribution, inventory closing and procurement planning of medicines through TEEMARDAR inventory management system;
- the participants were provided with orientation of Dashboard usage to be able to benefit from the data available for monitoring and planning purposes;
- The participants also discussed the exit strategy and sustainability of the project and the ways and means on continuing with the TEEMARDAR project in the post closure period.

It was extremely encouraging that the participants expressed their complete satisfaction on TEEMARDAR projects' solution. They in particular appreciated the decision of the project management to initiate the process the project handing over and exit during the 6th Quarter. The Vice Chairman BIPP impressed upon the need for the district and provincial government to take over the project trained Human Resource, financial obligation, technical solutions and functional operations and to make full use of the successful pilot geared to pro-poor delivery of health services and improved health services management. The participants also echoed their full satisfaction with Teemardar operations and pleaded for its replication elsewhere in the district as well as the province. The

government has already hired more computer operators which could be trained to expand the Teemardar solution. The participants also suggested to provide MS Office trainings to the Computer Operators to enhance their computing skills and basic understanding of software, which was acknowledged by the Vice Chairman with assurance of conducting the same.

The meeting of the Project Steering Committee also took place on 29 November 2016 to oversee the project handing over as also to finalize the management and implementation modalities in case the project continues till June 2017 of which SNG/DFID has already provided a positive signal. Thereafter, the project activities will be integrated into the existing health management system and service delivery at the district level as assured by the Secretary Primary Health, Punjab.



FROM THE THINK TANK WING: Climate Change and Agriculture

On the global level, climate change has become an issue of grave and immediate concern having far-reaching effects not only on agricultural productivity but also on the demand for water and energy. The impact of fast melting of glaciers is well documented in a report commissioned by the government in conjunction with the World Wildlife Fund which reveals that Pakistan is among the 10 countries likely to be most badly hit by global climate change. The stagnant or declining production in cotton in Pakistan is now largely attributed to climate change.



In this context, integrating climate change issues by mainstreaming in policy formulation process and development priorities should help to achieve sustainable

FROM THE EDUCATION AND LEARNING WING: Visit of BIPP Delegation to University of Missouri Saint Louis

A four member delegation comprising Mr. Shahid Javed Burki, Ms. Huma Ejaz, Mr. Ayub Ghauri and Mr. Khalid Sherdil visited UMSL from 7 to 9 November 2016 to, inter alia, discuss a cooperative frame work with UMSL management to establish a joint University - Burki University for Modern Sciences - in Lahore Pakistan. The delegation had series of meetings including with Mr. Joel Glassman, Director-ISP and Ms. Liane Constantine, International Liaison Specialist, Mr. Charlie Hoffman, Dean-College of Business Administration, Mr. Christopher Spilling, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Mr. Ronald Yasbin, Dean-College of Arts & Sciences, Mr. David Robertson, Curators' Professor, and Department Chair-Political Science, Mr. Michael Costello, Associate Teaching Professor-Finance & Legal Studies! Ms. Terrence Jones, Founders Professor-Political Science, Mr. Keith

development including eco-system preservation, rational management and utilization of natural resources and food security. The climate change policies should in particular strengthen risk management as well as household resilience; promote agriculture intensification; and improve watershed management.

There is a growing number of policy tools that are being used to assess the ex-ante impact of climate change on agriculture projects and programs. One such tool is developed by FAO "EX-Ante Carbon-balance Tool (EX-ACT) and is being increasingly used in policy and planning process. The BIPP is considering initiating an activity on a pilot basis, which will train policy makers using EX-ACT to determine ex-ante measurements of the mitigation impact of agriculture and forestry development projects, estimating net Carbon (C) balance from greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and C sequestration. EX-ACT is a land-based accounting system, measuring C stocks, stock changes per unit of land, and CH₄ and N₂O emissions expressed in the CO₂ per hectare and year. The main output of the tool is an estimation of the C-balance that is associated with adoption of alternative land management options, as compared to a business as usual scenario.



Womer, Professor-Logistics & Operations Management, Chancellor Thomas George, Mr. Joseph Rottman, Department Chair-Global Leadership & Management, Director-International Business Institute, and Professor-Information System and Ms. Deborah Balser, Director and Associate Professor-Public Policy Administration. The delegation headed by Mr. Javed Burki shared the BIPP vision for the university with UMSL management to prepare the Pakistani youth in rapidly globalizing world which will not only enable them to enter the modern sectors of economy in Pakistan but also be prepared for highly competitive world at large. They will be equipped with the necessary competency – skill – knowledge mix to join the sectors of finance, management, law, public policy and technology.

The visit was immensely successful and culminated in a firm understanding of mutually working towards establishing a

world class University in Lahore Pakistan. Initially, the Burki University for Modern Sciences will comprise the following five undergraduate colleges or schools, of which four will be in collaboration with UMSL while the fifth will be in collaboration with Kings College UK:

1. School of Arts and Sciences (SOAS) (with UMSL)
2. School of Technology Computer Science (SOTCS) (with UMSL)
3. Burki Institute of Public Policy & Global Leadership (BIPP-GL) (with UMSL)
4. Institute for International Business (IIB) (with UMSL)
5. School of Law (SOL) (with Kings College)

The two sides further agreed to conclude a formal affiliation agreement for which a draft would be prepared by UMSL and shared with BIPP by 10 Dec 2016. This draft has since been received and is being examined by the legal and financial experts engaged by BIPP.

FROM THE KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT WING: Recent Publications

Publications from the Partner Institutes

- UP's Ruling Party a Divided House
- India and New Zealand: Inching Forward, Gradually
- Follow-Up Reforms needed for a Demonetisation Dividend
- Demonetisation – Is this time different?

Newspaper Editorials

- Understanding Pakistan's 'new politics'
- Dealing with Trump's America
- Climate change: an early Trump casualty
- Moeen Qureshi: a true Pakistani patriot



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