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Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE)

*International Youth Day Celebration, 2017*  
*On the theme of*  
**“Youth Volunteerism & Peace”**

**Dated: August 29, 2017**

**Venue: Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad**

**Chief Guest: Mr Seharyar Khan Afridi (Member National Assembly)**

**Number of Participants: 150**

The International Youth Day, celebrations, 2017 on the theme of “Youth Volunteerism & Peace”, was hosted and organized by Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) on August 29, 2017 at Junior Combination Room (JCR) in Pakistan Institute of Development Economics-(PIDE) Islamabad. The event was joint venture of ORIC & UNV Pakistan. Six different NGOs participated in the event All of the respected guests came from different well known institution which plays vital role in volunteer work and foster volunteerism & Peace. Their prestigious backgrounds make this discussion more fruitful and result oriented.

The event was inaugurated with the recitation of holy Quran by Mr. Innam Ullah. After the blessing of recitation the function was formally started with welcome remarks of our respected vice chancellor Dr. Asad Zaman. He said few words on the importance of “Youth Volunteerism & Peace”.

There were two parts of the event one consists of talks of guest speakers and other consists of Panel Discussion. In first portion of event there were two guest speakers in the event. One was Mr Bilal Khattak from Meri Awaz Sunno Islamabad. He was founder of the NGO Meri Awaz Sunno, who does work for street children. He gave presentation on their work in Islamabad. He shared few stories of his volunteer work. The other Speaker was Mr Ghulam Dastageer from JZT Lahore. JZT works nationwide. Mr Dastageer played documentary of his organization and shared the contribution of his organization in volunteer work.

In second part of the event that is panel discussion. Mr. Khurram Zaheer Ellahi was moderator and there were four people in discussion team. In the start Mr Shaheer Ellahi who is teacher at Bahria University explained the importance of Youth Volunteerism & Peace. His talk was so impressive and heart touching. Then Ms. Yumnna, who is student and volunteer, said few words. Ms. Bilquees Tahira who is CEO of SHIRAKAT foundation told the





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importance of Youth Volunteerism & Peace. Ms. Habiba Salman who works at REGRUTS media that is an international NGO shared her experiences and explained how people use volunteer work in wrong way.

After the panel discussion Master Ayub was invited on stage to share his experience of volunteer work in Pakistan. Master Ayub is volunteer and running a street school in F-6 Islamabad. Mr Ayub is doing volunteer work for about 25 years. He shared his experience how he started volunteer work and how he is successfully running all. After this Vice chancellor PIDE, Dr. Asad Zaman told about his voluntary work in Muslim colony.

In the end chief guest Mr. Sheharyar Afridi was invited on stage who gave inspirational speech. After his speech shields were given to all guests and certificates were given to all organizers by VC and Chief guest. Then lunch was served in the end.

**Competitions:**

Two competitions were held in International Youth Day Celebration, 2017 On the theme of “Youth Volunteerism & Peace”.

1. Essay Competition
2. Photography Competition

1. **Essay Competition:** There were 25 participants in the essay competition. The Prize of essay competition was Rs. 10,000/= sponsored by Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE). Two members panel selected the winner of competition. Panel members were:
  - i. Mr. Akhtar ud Din (UNV Pakistan)
  - ii. Ms Fareena Iqbal

The winner of essay competition was Mr. Ammad.

2. **Photography Competition:** There were 15 participants in the Photography competition. The Prize of Photography competition was digital camera sponsored by UNV Pakistan. Two members panel selected the winner of competition. Panel members were:
  - i. Ms Fareena Iqbal
  - ii. Dr. Nadeem Ahmad Khan

The winner of Photography competition was Mr. Asad.





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