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ABF'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS (2013-16)



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Words from The President



Pakistan continues to face extraordinary challenges on practically all fronts. No sooner is one issue resolved, that a new one erupts to take its place. It is indeed a trying time for everyone, and not least for businesses. However, in spite of the challenges that we have to overcome, we cannot remain indifferent to the issues and problems the larger society is confronted with. Strengthening society in all ways possible must remain one of our key goals, even as we try to strengthen our own businesses.

Currently the biggest predicament millions in the country are facing is the aftermath of the floods. Once again large parts of the country, especially in southern Punjab and in Sindh are under water. Countless people are once again homeless, and lives and property have been lost, as have livelihoods. One cannot really appreciate the plight and the suffering of the people directly impacted by the floods, unless one visits the flood-hit areas and experiences the fallout of this natural disaster first-hand.

What is certain is that the corporate sector must absolutely come forward and generously support relief and rehabilitation efforts, in many more ways than just donating a sum to a relief fund, important as even this is. Obviously my appeal is first to members of our own organization, the American Business Forum. We need to be clearly seen as the corporate leaders who are, and who always will be, there to come to the help of the communities we do business within.

Almost all ABF Members are contributing to the society, individually and together as a forum. We recently donated Rs. 1.5 million for relief & rehabilitation of Thar famine victims. Similarly in the past, ABF members have wholeheartedly donated during various calamities such as floods in Punjab and earthquake in Balochistan. And I reaffirm that the American business community will continue to play its positive role in uplifting our society.

I also take this opportunity to wish all of you the very best for the next year. While 2015 is still some months away, it is already time for all of us to make plans for the new year, devise new growth strategies and work together to make the ABF an even more effective and productive organization.

Sincerely,

Rizwan U. Khan
President
American Business Forum

ABF EVENTS

4TH ANNUAL DINNER 2014

The 4th Annual dinner of the American Business Forum (ABF) was held on April 12, 2014 at The Pearl Continental Hotel Lahore. The President, Mr. Rizwan Ullah Khan and the executive committee of ABF invited H.E Mamnoon Hussain President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan as Chief Guests. Honorable Governor of the Punjab Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwer was the Guest of honor. Other VIPs included Honorable Consul Generals from different embassies, Federal and Provincial Secretaries, Senior Editors and Anchors from Electronic and Print Media and well known businessmen. Amongst others were guests from ABFmembers. A Crystal made Minar-e-Pakistan was presented to the Chief Guest and Guests of Honor at the end.



FAREWELL FOR MS. NINA FITE AND WELCOME LUNCH FOR MR. ZACHARY HARKENRIDER

A lunch was hosted to welcome the new U.S Consul General Lahore Mr. Zachary Harkenrider and Farewell to Ms. Nina M. Fite (Outgoing U.S Consul General Lahore) on May 8, 2014 at Royal Palm Golf & Country Club Lahore. Majority of ABF members were attended the meeting. The President Mr. Rizwan Ullah Khan presented a monument to Ms. Nina M. Fite from ABF, while Mr. Mahmood Ahmad Vice President & Chairman Finance Committee presented the token of appreciation from the Special children of Rising Sun Institute



41ST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

41st Executive Committee meeting of ABF was held on July 18, 2014 at Expeditors International Office. The President Mr. Rizwan Ullah Khan, Mr. Afsar Mahmood, Mr. Mahmood Ahmad and Mr. Omer K. Sheikh attended the meeting.



ABF'S IFTAR DINNER 2014

Iftar Dinner for ABF members along with their spouses was arranged on July 17, 2014 at Dome, Royal Palm Golf & Country Club Lahore.



42ND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & THE MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The 42nd Executive Committee meeting and the meeting of Board of Governors of ABF was held on October 02, 2014 at The Coca-Cola Export Corporation office. The President Mr. Rizwan Ullah Khan, Mr. Afsar Mahmood, Mr. Mahmood Ahmad, Mr. Omar K. Sheikh, Mr. Osman Khalid Wahood and Mr. Sikandar Mustafa Khan attended the meeting.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

The Membership Committee Meeting of ABF was held on October 02, 2014 at The Coca-Cola Export Corporation office. Mr. Afsar Mahmood, Mr. Mahmood Ahmad and Mr. Omar K. Sheikh attended the meeting.



ABF'S DONATION OF Rs.1.55M FOR FAMINE VICTIMS

American Business Forum donated Rs.1.55 Million for the victims of TharParkar, Sindh on November 25, 2014. On behalf of ABF, Mr. Mahmood Ahmad Chairman Finance Committee ABF and Mr. Omar K. Sheikh Honorary Secretary General ABF presented the cheque to Brig. Mazhar Kayani Commander Relief Efforts 4 Corps Head Quarter, Lahore.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

The membership committee meeting of ABF was held on November 25, 2014 at Expeditors International Office. Mr. Afsar Mahmood, Mr. Mahmood Ahmad and Mr. Omar K. Sheikh attended the meeting.



43RD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING & THE MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Meeting of Board of Governors and 43rd EXCOM meeting was held on December 5, 2014 at The Coca-Cola Export Corporation Office. The President Mr. Rizwan Ullah Khan, Mr. Mahmood Ahmad, Mr. Osman Khalid Waheed and Mr. Imran Butt attended the meeting.



16TH GENERAL BODY MEETING

ABF's 16th General Body Meeting was held on December 05, 2014 at The Coca-Cola Export Corporation Office. Matters related to ABF's Constitution, term of Board of Governors & EXCOM and Future Policies were discussed in the meeting.



ABF'S MEETING WITH RSIL (RESEARCH SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW)

The meeting with the officials of Research Society of International Law (RSIL) was held on December 23, 2014 at The Coca-Cola Export Corporation Office. The President Mr. Rizwan Ullah Khan, Mr. Mahmood Ahmad, Mr. Omar K. Sheikh, Mr. Hasan Irfan Khan, Mr. M. Jananzeb and Mr. Fahad Qadir attended the meeting. The RSIL officials included Mr. Ali Sultan, Executive Director, Ms. Maira Sheikh and Mr. Moghees Uddin Khan.



CARBON EMISSION

The climate warming caused by a single carbon emission takes only about 10 years to reach its maximum effect. This is important because it refutes the common misconception that today's emissions won't be felt for decades and that they are a problem for future generations.

For the first time, a study conducted by Carnegie's Katharine Ricke and Ken Caldeira has evaluated how long it takes to feel the maximum warming effect caused by a single carbon emission. Their work is published in Environmental Research Letters.

"A lot of climate scientists have intuition about how long it takes to feel the warming from a particular emission of carbon dioxide," Ricke said. "But that intuition might be a little bit out of sync with our best estimates from today's climate and carbon cycle models."

Many climate model simulations focus on the amount of warming caused by emissions sustained over decades or centuries, but the timing of temperature increases caused by particular emission has been largely overlooked. Ricke and Caldeira sought to correct that by combining the results from two large modeling studies one about the way carbon emissions interact with the global carbon cycle and one about the effect of carbon on the Earth's climate used by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

They found that actions taken to avoid emissions today would be felt within the lifetimes of the people who acted, not just by future generations.

"CO2 emissions cause global temperatures to increase for about a decade, but then temperatures stay high for a long time," Caldeira said. "This means if we avoid an emission, we avoid heating that would otherwise occur this decade. This will benefit us and not just our grandchildren. This realization could help break the political logjam over policies designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

The authors note, however, that while the warming caused by a single emission reaches a maximum quickly, damage caused by this warming can play out over longer periods, including effects of sea level rise and harm to ecosystems caused by sustained warming.

Source: Carnegie Institute of Science