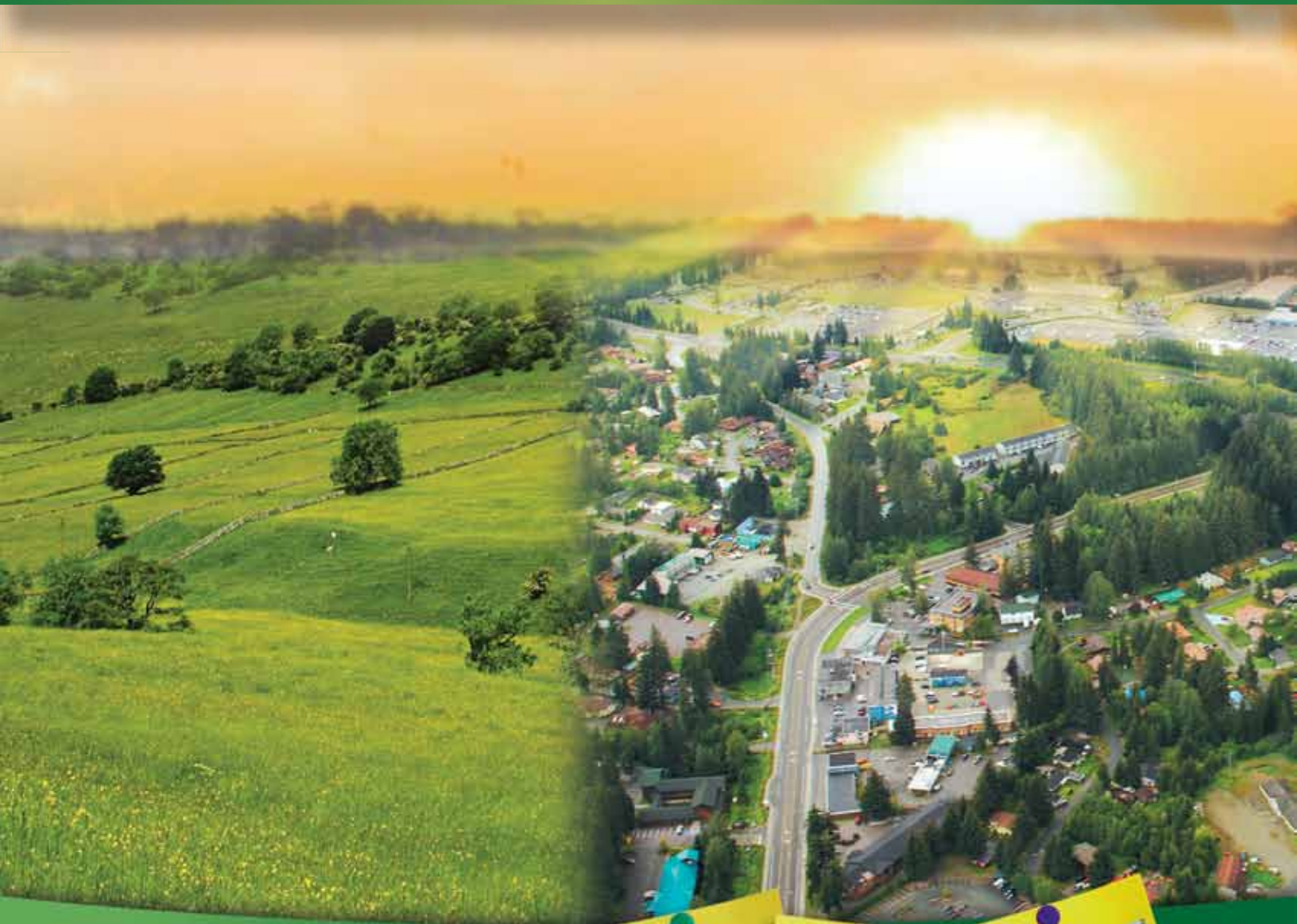


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HEARLADING A PROSPEROUS FUTURE



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Then which of the favours of your Lord will you deny?

Surah Ar Rehman

Ayah : 12

From The Editor's Desk

Life is full of rhythms; it is throbbing with zest, zeal and activity. If you look around and ponder for a while you will see that great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance. It is with this exuberant resolve that we present before you the issue of DHA Journal 2011. The magazine epitomizes the progressive spirit of DHA and is reflective of the quality of life in the community in its truest form.

A surge of reinvigorated spirit of professionalism has lately permeated the affairs of DHA which is visible in all its undertakings and transactions. This has infused a new lease of dynamism and vitality in the Housing Authority. DHA, with hands on the present and eyes for the future, is well on the path of progress and advancement. The launching of DHA City Karachi (DCK) project on Super Highway is one such example which substantiates the credibility and stability of DHA Karachi as a strong entity in the field of housing and development in the country.

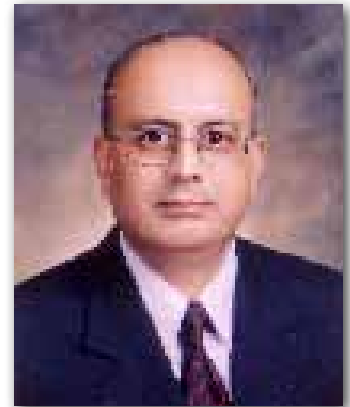
DHA News 2011 is a special issue specifically dedicated to DHA City Karachi project which heralds a new future for Karachi. The magazine, in its essence, contains fascinating project details, its strategic objectives and contours of planning parameters that would transform what is presently a vast virgin land into a unique residential estate with the potential to provide state-of-the-art living, working and recreational experience to its residents.

The Journal also includes a host of feature reports on DHA's revitalized efforts to revive the stalled waterfront projects, Housing Authority's forward looking initiative to revive the Cogen project at the earliest, a graphical representation of ongoing infrastructural development works in DHA Phase-VIII and an exclusive report on DHA going digital with advent of computerization in its working.

The Residents' Forum echoes the residents' aspirations and problems; paradoxically it also highlights the commitment of the Authority in facilitating and providing the best services and amenities to its residents. A fascinating feature on "Old Classics for Modern Life" included in Periscope section provides a refreshing reading by rediscovering the great works of English literature. An essay on "Cultivate the habit of Cheerfulness" is a tonic for mind and body.

We eagerly look forward to your suggestions, comments and criticism to make the next issue of the Magazine more comprehensive, informative and encompassing in all its forms and manifestations.

Happy Reading.



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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rafat Naqvi".

Lt Col (R) Syed Rafat Hussain Naqvi
Editor

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DEFENCE OFFICERS HOUSING AUTHORITY, KARACHI
A Progressive Vision for the Future

President Executive Board DHA & Commander 5 Corps

I feel privileged and happy to address the residents and staff of Defence Housing Authority through the forum of DHA's Annual Magazine, and through it also extend my best wishes to all.

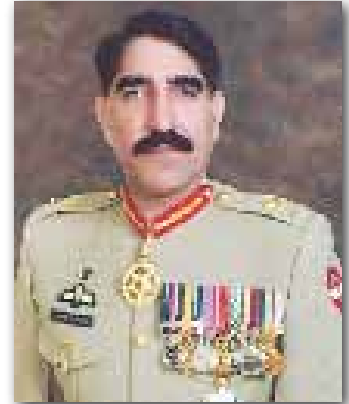
DHA Karachi has come a long way and has emerged as the largest and most prestigious residential enterprise in the country. DHA, throughout its cherished history, has constantly endeavoured to establish benchmark standards in the field of housing, planning and community living. This has been made possible due to the consistency, dedication and devotion of the staff at DHA and the co-operation of its residents.

It is reassuring that master planning of DHA City Karachi project, being built on Super Highway, is going on at a fast pace in accordance with modern engineering and architectural concepts. The project will serve as a role model for developers to follow by virtue of its salient features of unique planning and sustainability. This venture undoubtedly has the potential to provide an emblem of modern, secure and comfortable living environment to its residents.

I expect DHA to revitalize its efforts for speedy and efficient completion of its ongoing development projects. I would particularly like to see the infrastructure development works in DHA Phase-VIII to be completed with a renewed pace at the earliest. DHA should also revive the stalled waterfront projects with a visionary, prudent and forward looking approach.

I would like to stress the need for DHA to take residents on board while undertaking any mega development cum infrastructural improvement project in DHA for the residents. It is imperative that DHA and residents should work in tandem to achieve the goals of efficient, vibrant and dynamic civic life. I am confident that DHA would continue to launch its futuristic landmark development projects aimed at carrying out quality infrastructural development and providing versatile living environment to its residents.

I wish DHA and its management Godspeed in all its efforts and future plans. My sincere compliments to the editorial board for bringing out the issue of 2011 Annual Magazine.



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Lt Gen Muhammad Zahirul Islam
Commander 5 Corps and
President Executive Board, DHA

Administrator DHA

It gives me great pleasure to felicitate and extend my good wishes to residents and staff of DHA on the publication of DHA Journal (DHA News 2011).

The year gone by had been very eventful for DHA Karachi which saw completion of a number of important projects and significant progress being made towards the rest. The speedy handing over and occupancy of Creek Vistas Apartments, completion of allied works of Gizri Flyover, introduction of computer culture in DHA and a host of other development projects are few of the worth mentioning works completed by DHA in the preceding year.

The development works in Sector A and Sector B of DHA Phase-VIII have been completed; Sector 'A' and Sector 'B' have been opened for construction accordingly. The infrastructure development of Sector C and E-8 has commenced simultaneously this year. Water Front Projects are also being reviewed and revived with a new flexible, dynamic and pragmatic approach.

Recently launched residential cum commercial project on Super Highway, 'DHA City Karachi', was a resounding success signifying the confidence of people in DHA. The process of master planning and designing of the project has gained momentum and project design is being completed by a consortium of globally distinguished town planning and architectural consultants along with a leading national consultant on most modern lines. The final concept of the master plan including allotment of plot numbers is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year 2011 followed by a fast track infrastructure development of the area.

Most importantly, DHA is all focused to revive the Desalination Plant (Cogen) on a fast track. With hectic efforts, significant headway has been made in this direction and we hope to achieve our goal within this year.

I would urge the residents' societies of DHA to keep playing their pivotal role in providing us with valuable feedback on various issues so that pragmatic policies could be formulated for provision of best civic amenities to the residents. Trust of residents in DHA's endeavours and projects is essential for their real success. I wish DHA residents all the success for a better and comfortable future.



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Brig Aamer Raza Qureshi
Administrator DHA

Secretary DHA

It gives me immense pleasure to convey my warmest greetings and felicitations to the residents and staff of the Housing Authority on the publication of DHA Annual Magazine for the year 2011.

DHA has always maintained the highest standards of professional excellence throughout its perennial history of development. DHA's main role as a development organization is to provide best infrastructure and living facilities which is being ensured in a professional manner.

DHA over the years, has established itself as a trend-setter in the field of housing and community living. A host of development and construction activities are going on in DHA including extensive development works in DHA Phase-VIII and the commencement of most modern master planning of DHA City Karachi by top of the line architectural firms. These activities are manifestations of DHA's progressive image for the future.

Shortage of water in DHA is a grey area affecting the residents which has started assuming dangerous proportions. DHA Power and Desalination Plant was inaugurated in 2008 with great hopes that the new technology, the first of its kind in Pakistan, would be instrumental in mitigating the problem of water scarcity in DHA, but the dream never came true.

The Cogen Plant which is non-functional since May' 2010 has exacerbated the problem of acute water shortage in DHA. DHA despite having no role in the management of the plant, has adopted a proactive role to revive the project at the earliest. A substantial headway has been made in this regard and accordingly the Cogen Plant is likely to be put back into operation soon.

The newly built storm water drainage system has validated its efficacy during the monsoon rains of 2009 and 2010. However the leftover portions of DHA Phase-IV and some portions of Phase-VII could only be built if the residents agree to share the cost of Drainage System, since DHA has no funds to undertake the said project. The elusive issue can be resolved if residents and DHA work in complete unison and agree to pay differential charges for the overall betterment of the area and their own well-being.

The active involvement and participation of residents in DHA's affairs is absolutely essential in administering the organization as an elite housing scheme. We therefore look forward towards frequent interactions between DHA and residents' associations for speedy and pragmatic solution of residents' problems.

Optimism, resilience and hope constitute the galvanizing spirit with which the Housing Authority is steering its way forward. I wish the staff and residents a bright future for comfortable living.



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Lt Col (R) Ajmal Rasheed, TI(M)
Secretary DHA

Readers' Write

I am highly indebted to have received the DHA News Annual 2010. The write-up with its façade and its useful contents invigorate a blooming radiance in the happy forward looking spirit of enthusiasm, heralding a happy future for the DHA residents with environmental freshness and clean surroundings, coupled with the requisite facilities befitting an ideal setup. The progress and the fast strides of the dedicated efforts of all Heads are commendable.

I am perhaps one of the first few members of the DHA since mid-fifties. I remember that this society started with almost nothing, whereas now the Defence Housing Authority is one of the best localities not only of Karachi, but of the entire country. It has glorified to the best imaginable dreams.

I congratulate and thank all the Heads of various departments for highlighting the achievements for our morale boosting information.

Gp Captain (R) Syed Barkat Ali,
SI (M)
Resident DHA

The DHA News Annual 2010 is a colorful magazine with a wide array of articles on key features of Defence Housing Authority which signifies the quality of life in the community, in the truest sense. It promises to be an ideal representative of the DHA community at large.

I sincerely hope and pray that the new edition of DHA News Annual 2011 will not only fulfill all expectations but go beyond them.

Brig (R) Iftikhar Arshad Khan,
SI (M)
Ex-Director Education DHA

It was indeed a great delight to go through information rich, reader enlightening, intellectually exciting and aesthetically vibrant DHA News 2010. The Magazine by now, has established its own identity and excellence carving a niche for itself in the historical perspective of DHA. No mention of any facet of DHA activities would be complete without mentioning DHA News which has become a source of pride and accomplishment for DHA.

DHA News is dutifully and beautifully committed to fulfill its obligation of recording annals and providing panoramic view of all socio-cultural activities and developments taking place in DHA.

Lt Cdr (R) Prof Zawwar Hussain

Many thanks for the annual magazine DHA News 2010 which was helpful for us to know the upcoming project details. We wish all the best for DHA Karachi.

Consulate General of the Sultanate
of Oman

We are delighted to receive DHA's Annual magazine. It is most informative and very well presented.

Such good issues we keep in our library as a permanent record.

Kimberly Gilani
Principal
DHA Early Learning Centre

DHA News 2010 covered all the institutions of DHA, from Parks to Clubs and Schools to Medical Centre. I congratulate the Editor and the Editorial team for publishing such a fine publication and best wishes for upcoming issue.

M Yousuf Ali
Assistant Librarian
DA Model High School Ph-VII



The good input of the Editorial Board has resulted in excellent output which is evident from the latest very high quality publication.

The data compilation is superb, which regularly provides very useful and interesting information to the large number of residents of DHA, free of cost. The sincere efforts of the Editorial team are highly commendable as it helps DHA to improve its image.

Keep up the dedicated spirit for the future editions.

Zafar Iqbal
President
Defence Residents Society

DHA News 2010 edition is the outcome of the hard endeavour put in by the editorial board. It provides complete information to the reader about the current projects and advancement in DHA. The impressive pictorial depiction reflects the aesthetic sense of the editor.

I wish to congratulate the editorial team for their remarkable hard work.

Mrs. Ayesha Wasty
Principal
DA Montessori

About DHA

DHA in Perspective

Highlighting some of the Noteworthy Facets of the Housing Authority

Lt. Col (R) Syed Rafat Hussain Naqvi

Defence Housing Authority is a residential enterprise which was established for the welfare of the serving and retired Armed Forces Officers of Pakistan and civilian officers paid out of the budget of Defence establishment. DHA, planned by a group of naval officers in Karachi, started its journey by the name of Pakistan Defence Officers Co-operative Housing Society Ltd in March 1953. The Housing Society which made a humble beginning with allotment of mere 76.2 acres of land (which constitute current Phase-I of DHA) has come a long way since. Today, DHA comprises of eight phases spread over an area of 8,796 acres of land.

Over the years, DHA has grown into one of the best, most prestigious and largest residential estate of the country which offers a fine blend of quality and modern living experience. Through a well-managed and regulated administration it provides the best educational, recreational, cultural and civic facilities in an aesthetically dynamic environment.

In August 1980, the Defence Co-operative Housing Society was dissolved and Pakistan Defence Officers Housing Authority was created through a Presidential Order 7/1980. This was done to organize, plan and manage the housing enterprise on professional lines at a mega scale to cater for the needs of Armed Forces Officers.

The functioning of DHA is vested in the two bodies, namely Governing Body headed by Secretary, Ministry of Defence and Executive Board headed by the Corps Commander posted at Karachi. The Executive Board exercises all



DHA Main Office

administrative and financial powers. Administrator DHA is the Executive Head and exercises all executive powers delegated in accordance with the policy laid down by the Governing Body.

Following is the brief outlook on the recently initiated as well as completed works by the Housing Authority.

DHA is a beautiful residential area having all facilities and luxuries of a peaceful and healthy life provided in a peaceful and serene location. It is a road map to modern living, a life style and a residential state where dreams come true.

Storm Water Drainage Works

Aug 2007, unprecedented cloud burst paralyzed the civic life and flooded major parts of Karachi including DHA. Emergent contingency plans were prepared to lay a new drainage system in the developed phases before the onset of next Monsoons. M/s. Techno Consultant Intl built a Modern Drainage System in accordance with a comprehensive master plan on emergent basis at the total cost of Rs. 2.2 Billion. The Drainage System withstood the downpour of monsoon rains of 2008, 2009 and 2010 and worked efficiently thus proving its efficacy.

Dev of Phase-VIII Infrastructure

DHA Phase-VIII has an area of 4151 acres. It constitutes a small peninsula land reclaimed before allotment of plots. Phase-VIII remained undeveloped since the last three decades. Initial town planning of Phase-VIII was not carried out by professional consultants; albeit simple crossroads were laid on the basis of ground survey. Remaining portion was plotted and allotted in different ballots held upto late 90's. A fresh Master Plan for Infrastructure Dev of DHA Ph-VIII was accordingly prepared by consultant M/s Osmani & Co based on which the development strategy is in progress. There are 6 Sectors in Phase-VIII (A to E & E8). The infrastructural development of Sector A and Sector B has been completed and the area has been opened for construction. The infrastructure development of Sectors C and E-8 is in progress.

DHA Cogen Power & Desalination Plant



DHA had sponsored establishment of a Power and Desalination Plant in 2004 (DHA COGEN) for production and supply of badly needed electricity and water to the residents of DHA. The plant was to give 80.3 MWatts (Net) Electricity and 3 MGD (Million Gallons Daily) water. DHA had given the land on lease to DHA-Cogen Limited specifically for this purpose. DHA Power & Desalination Plant was inaugurated in Feb, 2008. Unfortunately, this plant has been lying closed since May, 2010 and has worked only for eight months in the last two and a half years, which is clear reflection of intent and capability of existing management comprising of AEI (Asia). Overall the project is in default. In greater public interest and to operate this national asset for the benefit of DHA residents, DHA has decided to acquire the plant and its management. DHA is hopeful that Cogen Plant would become functional by the end of year 2011.

DHA Horticulture



DHA Horticulture Directorate is playing a vital role in the beautification and provision of a clean environment to the residents of Defence in particular and citizens of Karachi in general since last 18 years. DHA Parks satisfies the aesthetic sense of the residents and helps relaxing their stresses. The Horticulture Directorate under the guidance of ex President Executive Board has established a Tissue Culture Lab in the premises of Nisar Shaheed park. The lab is being looked after under the supervision of a Biotechnologist having 10 years of Tissue Culture experience. Initially the focus will be on ornamental plants and, later, crops will be produced on a large scale.

DHA City Karachi

The Housing Authority has never rested on its laurels. For DHA the struggle to achieve better than ever is a perpetual and untiring preposition. In this connection DHA with hands on the present



and eyes for the future started a new satellite town project on Super Highway by the name of DHA City Karachi. Launching of such residential projects are extremely significant as such mega enterprises are not only vital in solving the crucial housing shortage of the city but are also helpful to jump start the economy.

The Master Planning & Designing of the DHA City Karachi's project has begun with professional exuberance heralding a new future for Karachi. The master plan of the new residential project has been planned on most modern and contemporary principles of housing and engineering practices. The blue print of project's master plan is being prepared by a consortium of globally distinguished town planning and architectural firms alongwith a leading national firm of repute. DHA is determined to ensure that DHA City Karachi is developed in a way that it provides magnificent and state-of-the-art living, working and recreational experience to its residents.

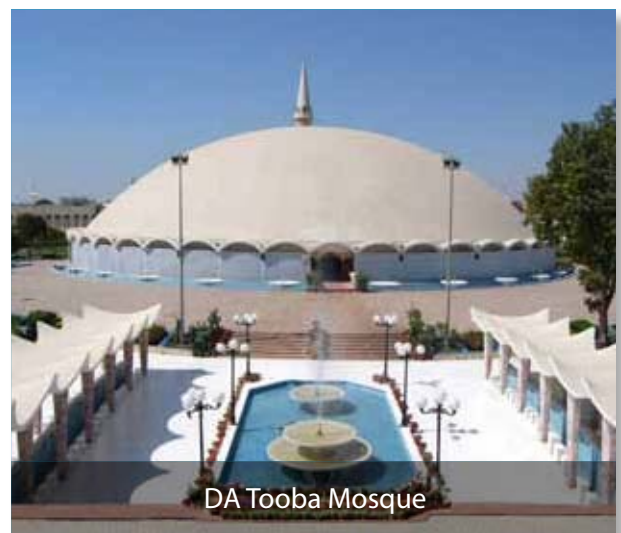
Waterfront Development Project

DHA is blessed with a 14 Km of beachfront with a variety of beach and sea characteristics which when harnessed would make attractive investment preposition. The Project is meant to add value to the beach and develop it according to the international standards to provide most exquisite, recreational and entertainment facilities to the public. No beach area is denied to any particular segment of society rather the entire beach is accessible to all and sundry. A number of waterfront projects for the purpose could not takeoff due to inevitable problems. A new strategy has lately been formed to give a new surge to the stalled projects.

Conclusion

DHA is a beautiful residential area having all facilities and luxuries of a peaceful and healthy life provided in a peaceful and serene location. It is a city within a city having beautiful architecturally designed and well structured buildings, malls, lush green parks, well constructed roads, play grounds and a variety of clubs that cater for all indoor and outdoor sports and entertainment for the residents.

What once was acres of waste land is now the most sought-after stretch of Cornucopia for cherished living and the land of new beginnings for beautiful tomorrows to come. DHA is a road map to modern living, a life style and a residential state where dreams come true.



Bidding Farewell to the Ex-Administrator DHA

Ex-Administrator DHA, Brig Khalid Masood Tirmizi held a Darbar meeting of DHA Employees at DHA's Main Office to bid them farewell. He thanked the employees for the wholehearted co-operation extended to him by them during his erstwhile tenure in the office.



Brig. Tirmizi Addressing the Farewell Darbar at DHA's Main Office

Brig Tirmizi urged upon the management and staff to continue their dedicated efforts for achieving the highest standards of excellence and asked them to uphold DHA's good name, reputation and credibility at all costs.

He also impressed upon the DHA's employees to leave no stone unturned in maintaining the stature of DHA as a modern, efficient and vibrant organization.

Brig Tirmizi in his concluding remarks said that the newly appointed Administrator, Brig Aamer Raza Qureshi had an excellent record of service and possessed the vision and acumen to steer DHA to new heights of success and glory.

Brig Tirmizi was given a befitting send-off on his departure from the Housing Authority's Main Office.

Welcoming the new Administrator DHA

Administrator DHA, Brig Aamer Raza Qureshi asked the DHA directors to collectively rise to the occasion and to work with utmost dedication to uphold DHA's good name, reputation and trust.

Brig Aamer addressed the first Directors' Conference at DHA's Main Office after assuming of the charge of his new appointment and said that DHA was a vibrant and dynamic organization committed to provide best quality living environments to its residents. He reminded the DHA officials that it was their solemn duty to build upon the trust of the organization and meet the high expectations of the residents.

He also asked the DHA management to bring a positive change in their attitude and approach of working. He directed them to adopt proactive policies, bring quality in all their undertakings and to keep the service of people as the foremost ingredient in all their actions.

The Administrator in his concluding remarks said that he was confident that DHA officials would spare no efforts in attaining higher housing and residential standards to maintain the role of the Housing Society as the trendsetter organization in the country.



Administrator Addressing the Directors' Conference

Get Connected to the Digital DHA

New Developments at MIS Department, DHA

Information Computer Technology (ICT) is no longer a luxury but a necessity for organizations to match customers expectations. MIS department at DHA Karachi is executing multi-dimensional role in providing back-end IT support to various DHA establishments as well as taking initiatives for introducing technology solutions for reducing manual work.

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For the first time in the history of DHA, DHA City Karachi (DCK) plot owners can get account details of their plot installments, membership and

any other payments online from DHA's official website <http://www.dhakarachi.org>. For using this facility, DCK plot owner is required to enter CNIC/NICOP and DCK Membership No (written on the plot information letter). Free email service can also be subscribed from the website in order to receive important news and announcements on regular basis.



Syed Waseem Akbar
Addl Director,
MIS Dept DHA

DHA Karachi is maintaining plots and membership files of the entire allotted land in DHA and DHA City. The software is available to record the plot and owner information, similarly biometric finger scan and photograph of the member is recorded in the system. The important paper documents issued are maintained in physical files. The initiative was taken to preserve the important documents in digital format; these digital documents are linked with plot system to minimize the physical file movements and retrieval time. With the efforts of MIS Branch and Transfer & Record Directorate, this project has been completed in record time and important documents of more than 75,000 plot files have been digitized.

Computerization of DHA Clubs is also in progress and initially 3 clubs are focused to implement Club Management System, this system includes point of sale, billing, inventory, fixed asset, GL and reporting modules. Once the system is successfully executed at these clubs, similar model would be implemented at other clubs as well.

Standardized student billing system has been developed and being implemented at more than 15 DHA schools and colleges, this system is enabling institutions to carry out student management, admission management, billing management and reporting through this software system. All of the computerization projects that are completed, in progress or to be started are aligned with overall DHA vision under the guidance and directives of DHA Management, to provide better quality services to its residents.

The Best Weekly Bazaar in Town DHA Bachat Bazaar

The weekly market trend is one that has been passed down from the ages. Even now, in developed and developing countries the weekly market is a staple of a city's consciousness. Similarly, Karachi too has its share of the weekly bachat bazaars.



The biggest and the best market in town is the Sunday Bachat Bazaar that is set up each Sunday in DHA Phase-VIII. Bags, shoes, clothes, books, accessories, toys, crockery, you name it and it is there. Scores of Sunday shoppers, make their way to Sunday Bazaar to haggle over every day fruits and veggies to branded footwear.

The sweltering heat of Karachi is enough to break the strongest of wills, so stock up on cold water to keep you hydrated through the day and don't forget to wear comfortable shoes.

For the book lovers, Sunday Bazaar is a treasure trove. You will find yourself chancing upon the unlikeliest of titles and a touch of romance also pepper these books in the form of inscriptions by its true owner. It is quite a treat to come upon an edition of a book no longer in print or an edition of a magazine that you have always wanted.

The new look of the Sunday Bazaar is much more welcoming and comforting. Accompanied with a clean and comfortable food court, a secure parking lot and packed with a variety of shops all in one place, DHA Bachat Bazaar will have you coming back for more each week and surely get you addicted.

Newly built Drainage System in DHA - Rjoinder

A spate of news items pertaining to recently introduced Refurbishment Charge (RC) published in a section of press had not been presented in a correct perspective and warrants clarification. The press statement issued by DHA elucidated that DHA had levied a one time RC on open/



constructed plots purportedly because of a financial impasse it faced; having spent Rs. 3 to 4 billion on refurbishment/renovation of the depleting civic infrastructure of the developed phases of DHA.

The statement asserted that DHA, being a development agency, did not receive any kind of taxes from the residents neither get grant-in-aid from government or any other agency; on the contrary it spent money out of its own exchequer to maintain good civic infrastructure and exclusive living environment in the locality.

The criticism of laying drains in centre of the roads is uncalled for as due to various civic services running on both sides of the road there was no other practical engineering solution except to build drains in the centre of the roads. The slopes of the roads will however allow the rain water to flow down the drains with gravitational force.

DHA is seeking the cooperation of residents in its hour of need. Most of DHA residents belong to affluent segment of society and are in a comfortable position to pay the new charges in four easy installments. DHA expects that the residents will demonstrate good will and accept the new move with a positive spirit.

Farewell Dinner

A farewell dinner was hosted by DHA in honour of Lt Gen Shahid Iqbal Ex Commander 5 Corps and President Executive Board DHA at Defence Authority Country and Golf Club

Administrator DHA Brig Aamer Raza Qureshi on behalf of DHA and the members of the Executive Board expressed his sincere gratitude to the outgoing Corps Commander for his polices which helped DHA to achieve its cherished objectives. He said that Lt Gen Shahid Iqbal during his momentous tenure gave a futuristic vision to the Organization which culminated into launching of landmark projects by DHA.

I look forward to early development of the project on most modern lines and DHA City Karachi emerging as a model satellite town on the extended horizon of the metropolis.

The Administrator reiterated that the guidance, direction and acumen of the outgoing Commander remained a guiding force which steered DHA to the path of progress and modernity. He said that DHA owes a lot to Gen Shahid for his leadership and wisdom which infused a spirit of dynamism in the Organization.

The outgoing Corps Commander thanked Administrator DHA and his committed team for their unbounded support given to him during his tenure as President Executive Board (PEB). He said that DHA had come a long way in emerging as the most prestigious residential estate in the country.

He asked DHA to carry on with sustained and dedicated efforts to further improve the living environment in the area. He said that he was confident that DHA would spare no efforts in attaining higher housing and residential standards to maintain its role as the trendsetter in the country.

The outgoing PEB urged the DHA management to prepare itself to meet the future challenges and commended the Organization for launching futuristic land mark projects. He said that these projects would serve as examples of pride and accomplishment for the Organization.

Lt Gen Shahid said that launching of a new

residential project which was in an embryonic form for many years was vital both for so many Armed Forces Officers waiting for allotment of plots as well as for DHA's expansion and for the sustainability of the Organization since the entire land bank of present DHA had been exhausted.

He said that DHA managed to come out of the imbroglia with flying colours by overcoming



Administrator DHA presenting a souvenir to the outgoing Corps Commander



Wife of Administrator DHA (Right) presenting a gift to Begum Shahid Iqbal

the numerous complicated problems and by successfully launching DHA City Karachi project on Super Highway. The outgoing Corps Commander said that the project had remained his obsession and dream. He said that he looked forward to early development of the project on most modern lines and to the vision of DHA City Karachi emerging as a model satellite town on the extended horizon of the metropolis.

He concluded that he was departing with a sense of satisfaction and with full knowledge that better days lie ahead for DHA.

Education is the key to Success

Comd 5 Corps visits DHA Educational Institutions

Commander 5 Corps Lt. Gen Zahirul Islam visited DHA Educational Institutions to see various educational, infrastructural and sports facilities offered at these institutions for grooming and training the students who constitute the future leadership of the country.

Administrator DHA, Brig Aamer Raza Qureshi accompanied the Corps Commander and briefed him about the various facets of DHA Educational System.

A/Director Education DHA, Commodore (R) Ansari and the concerned Principals of DHA Colleges were also present on the occasion and briefed the Corps Commander about their respective outfits.

The Corps Commander said that the purpose of education was to produce confident, dynamic and self reliant individuals who could succeed in every field of life and contribute positively to the society. He said that the academic and co-curricular activities and facilities available at DHA schools and colleges should be organized, maintained and utilized in an optimum manner for best mental grooming and wholesome development of students' personalities.

He added that the stature and status of an educational institution was determined by its

academic performance. He advised the Principals to exclusively devote all their energies towards achieving academic excellence and highest standards of education at their institutions. He said that this could be achieved through a dedicated and high quality faculty and efficient management of available resources.

The Corps Commander also visited the newly built campus of Defence Authority College for Women in DHA Ph-VII (Extn). He appreciated the team of extremely competent teaching and non-teaching staff engaged in maintaining dynamic learning environment at the campus and said that the college had the potential of becoming a leading university of the country and to emerge on national educational canvas.

He asked DHA to start preparatory work for launching a state-of-the-art university to impart high quality post graduate studies in various disciplines of pure sciences, social sciences, technology, arts and literature etc.

DHA intends to upgrade its various campuses to start the University for which HEC had already given a charter to DHA to start Saffa University.

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Corps Comd visiting a class room at DA SKBZ College



Comd 5 Corps observing a model of College Building

Enhancing Public Relations

A Luncheon meeting with Print and Electronic media Guests

Administrator DHA Brig Aamer Raza Qureshi hosted a lunch in honour of senior editors and executives of electronic media at Defence Authority Club. Talking informally to the editors, Administrator DHA said that media played a monumental role in making news and in developing public opinion by providing them empirical and objective information on any subject. He said that DHA's policies were transparent and the Organization would go all out to support media by providing all information.

He said that DHA, throughout its cherished history of existence, had constantly endeavored to establish highest standards in the field of housing, planning and community living. He added that in this context DHA had recently launched DHA City Karachi project on Super Highway which substantiates the credibility and stability of DHA Karachi as a strong entity in the field of housing and development in the country.

He said that the process of master planning and designing of DHA City project had gained momentum and the project design was being completed on most modern lines. He disclosed that the final concept of the master plan was scheduled to be completed by the end of the year 2011 followed by a fast track infrastructure development of the area.

Administrator said that DHA was a development authority while CBC was a municipal body which received all taxes from residents. He added that

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water supply and general services in totality had been handed over to CBC as part of shifting of maintenance of responsibilities. He clarified that DHA functions under its own rules, regulations and byelaws, framed as per provision of Presidential Order 7/1980 and the role of CBC was to provide municipal services and to collect relevant taxes (water, property, conservancy etc) within the Specified Area (DHA). It is however being ensured that the efforts of DHA and CBC in their



Administrator DHA talking to the journalists

respective fields complement each other and the two Organizations work in tandem to meet the requirements of residents.

The Administrator replying to a question agreed that Cogen Plant in DHA which was non-functional since May' 2010 had exacerbated the problem of acute water shortage in the area. He said that DHA despite having no role in the management of the plant had adopted a pro-active role in ensuring solution of the complicated problem.

He disclosed that a third-party evolution of DHA Cogen Plant would soon be carried out by an internationally known reputed firm in the field followed by repair/replacement of damaged parts. He said that desalination plant was expected to be made operational by end of this year. He reiterated that DHA would continue to launch its futuristic land mark development projects aimed at carrying out good infrastructural development to provide dynamic living environment to its residents.

A Warm Send Off

Extracts from the speech of Senior Proj Dir DHA made on the eve of farewell dinner hosted by DHA at DA Country and Golf Club to give a warm send off to the outgoing Administrator DHA Brig Khalid Tirmizi.

“We have gathered here tonight to bid farewell to Brig Khalid Tirmizi, who on completion of his memorable tenure of two years as Administrator DHA has been posted to GHQ to take on another important assignment. Postings and transfers are part of Army life. However tonight one can feel a touch of melancholy in the air; yet I am sure that Brig Tirmizi must be a very satisfied and a relieved man with a sense of accomplishment and pride as he has successfully concluded his tenure on a happy note.

During his remarkable tenure as Administrator DHA, he infused a galvanizing spirit of modernization and dynamism in the Housing Authority to ensure that DHA remains a vibrant and versatile organization ready to perform. He also made immense contributions in revitalizing and in resurrecting the stalled projects as well as in giving an impetus to ongoing DHA mega projects.

In the brief association with him I had the privilege of knowing him as a person, spontaneous in human interaction and of relaxed nature, forthcoming, incisive and intense in his professional knowledge and commitment. Above all he is a human being par excellence with whom one could easily interact and discuss things with a degree of ease and benefit from his acumen and wisdom.

During the erstwhile tenure of Brig Tirmizi, DHA remained actively engaged in executing and launching some of the futuristic projects that were indeed, contributory factors in enhancing the efficacy and viability of the Housing Authority.

Despite the precarious financial health of the Housing Authority, Brig Tirmizi by dint of his charismatic personality and leadership qualities energized the team of DHA with a sense of vision and commitment, to maintain the momentum of development activities in DHA. As a consequence a number of mega projects were launched during his tenure; the successful handing over of Creek Vista apartments to owners, completion of Gizri Flyover, establishment of DHA Services, opening of the modern Bachat Bazaar in DHA Phase-VIII and a host of other development endeavours are some of the



Administrator DHA (L) presenting a gift to Brig Tirmizi



Wife of Administrator DHA (Right) presenting gifts to Mrs Brig Tirmizi

land mark achievements of the Defence Housing Authority of his tenure.

Perhaps the most remarkable event to the credit of Brig Tirmizi for which he will be remembered for long time to come is the successful launch of DHA City project on Super Highway. He and his committed team made possible what was only a fantasy.

Brig Khalid Tirmizi won tremendous respect and confidence of the residents through his sterling personal qualities of dynamism and kindheartedness par excellence. He was always approachable to hear and resolve residents' problems. He leaves behind a legacy of professionalism for which he will be remembered for a long time.

We wish him and his family the best of health, happiness and prosperity in all times to come. Sir, as we bid you farewell, may I submit that DHA will remain your home now and later and always. The show goes on but you will be missed.”

Heroes Die Young: A Journey to Martyrdom

Capt Farhan Ali has written a golden chapter of courage and bravery in the annals of history; the Shaheed who achieved an eternal life while fighting courageously for a supreme cause was son of Lt. Col (R) Nasrullah Khan, Staff Officer to Administrator DHA.



Capt Farhan Ali, Shaheed

Martyrdom is a supreme journey of courage, conviction and devotion leading to the exalted stage of "Shahadat" which constitute an eternal life and a status of great honour and pride. Captain Farhan Ali fighting fearlessly and dauntlessly with the terrorists in "Tor Cher Valley" of Dara Adam Khel laid down his life in defence of his country.

The valiant Officer is son of Lt. Col (R) Nasrullah Khan, the Staff Officer to Administrator DHA. Captain Farhan Ali epitomizes courage, sacrifice and dedication and is undoubtedly the pride of the nation. We salute the courage of young Officer and briefly present the pen picture and details of the operation in which the Officer laid down his life.

Captain Raja Farhan Ali was born on 7 March' 1986 in Jaranwalla, a district of Punjab, and got his early education at Army Public School Mangla Cantt. From the early childhood he was a very noble, obedient and decent person and had a very loving and promising personality. He joined Pakistan Army in Nov' 2005 and was commissioned in the elite 26 Punjab (LAT) Regiment which his father had earlier commanded. He was sent with his Battalion to Kohat and later sent to Dara Adam Khel to participate in the operation "Rah-e-Nijat".

During the ensuing period he demonstrated extraordinary feats of courage and chivalry against the extremists in most trying circumstances. His leadership qualities and acts of devotion to duty inspired his under command and the young Officer kept leading his outfit gaining enormous success in various operations against the extremists. He looked eye to eye into the death and always led his troops from the front. On 2 March' 2011 he was assigned the difficult mission of destroying the fortified positions of the extremists in Valley of Tor Cher.



Capt Farhan Ali meticulously planned the operation with precise tactical and operational skills and decided to capture a hillock with a view to destroy the enemy from a dominating position. The young Captain infused with the spirit of Jihad and courage attacked the hillock with his fighting group. While on his mission, the group was surrounded by heavily fortified enemy and came under intense miscreants' fire but under the inspiring leadership of Capt Farhan Ali the combat group kept moving forward.

Suddenly Capt Farhan Ali received a burst of Machine Gun 127 on his chest and died fighting in defence for his motherland. The fighting group however kept advancing and achieved its mission of capturing the hillock which ultimately led to destruction of the extremists in the area.

Capt Farhan Ali has written a golden chapter of courage and bravery in the annals of history. May Allah ever shower His blessings on the Shaheed who achieved an eternal life while fighting courageously for a supreme cause. He would always live in our hearts. It is true that heroes die young.

A Land of New Beginnings

Comd 5 Corps visits DHA City Karachi

Commander 5 Corps (President Executive Board DHA) Lt. Gen Zahirul Islam accompanied with Administrator DHA Brig Aamer Raza Qureshi, visited DHA City Karachi (DCK) project site. DCK is an upcoming residential cum commercial project being developed by DHA as a unique housing enterprise of the metropolis.

The Corps Commander appreciated DHA's initiative of launching a mega housing project with resounding success. He said that the commencement of the project substantiated the credibility and stability of DHA as the strong entity in the field of housing and development in the country.

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Administrator DHA said that the mammoth master planning exercise of DCK project was in the advanced stage of completion. He said that the master plan model of DCK project was being developed with a pragmatic and holistic approach that focuses on developing it as a modern city of the future extending the horizon of the metropolis.

PEB directed DHA to ensure that the work on infrastructure development of DCK should be of international standard encompassing high class environmentally friendly amenities. He asked DHA to make judicious use of natural resources like



Corps Comd. being briefed on his visit to DHA City Karachi

renewable energy including solar and wind energy which will not only reduce the load on our natural power resources but also provide the residents with a cheap, guaranteed and pollution free source of power.

DCK Offers a natural landscape with semi hilly terrain, depressions, natural valleys, flat ground and is sprinkled with natural springs and underground water in abundance. The Corps Commander directed DHA that the exploration for water and soil be undertaken as planned on top priority. He directed that any site constraints be overcome by making use of technology.

The Corps Commander also visited a Dispensary in adjacent Goth Allah Dad refurbished and made operational by DHA. He was informed that two DHA doctors and all types of medicines have been made available for the locals of the area. Corps Commander appreciated the initiative of DHA and directed that no effort should be left unturned to provide best health care facilities to the locals as a goodwill and welfare measure.

Closer to Nature Beautifying of Maj Khalid Shaheed Park

The world is chasing commercialism ever since the beginning of the millennium. The farther away the man goes from nature, the less likely is he to achieve peace of mind and rest at heart. For the purpose of bringing mankind back to its natural roots, it is important to incorporate Mother Nature in the fast track commercial life of today.

To fulfill this very reason, DHA has taken the task of integrating art and culture to the relaxation points such as parks, beaches etc. Recently, Maj Khalid Shaheed Park had been beautified with the addition of captivating sculptures and monuments for all age groups.

This effort would not only beautify the environment, but would also become a constant source of pleasure, joy and motivation for the public. An aesthetically beautiful and culturally throbbing city is where we all want to live.

Anjum Ayaz, a very talented dramatist, artist and sculptor came up with the idea of decorating newly established Maj Khalid Shaheed Park in DHA Phase-VIII with sculpted stone and metal which speaks volumes of the imagination and creativity of the artist.

Ayaz has carved ten carved stone and metal assemblages which have been placed at periodic distance in the entire park. The work placed at the park is a myriad collection including non figurative sculptors with an occasional tortoise, crow, red ladybird, swan and wolf, butterfly, Indus bull, fish and some traces of Islamic calligraphic sculptures.

The artistically crafted sculptors depict full impact of life, morals of life, our rich traditions and culture in its entirety. They are monumental master pieces which are a marvel of aesthetic designing and artistic excellence which will be a constant source of ecstasy and joy to the people.

The artistic monuments are simply ecstatic, exquisite and exotic in every sense and testify that 'a thing of beauty is a joy for ever'.

Newly installed monuments at Maj.
Khalid Shaheed Park



"Subhan Allah"



"Thirsty Crow"



"Balance"



"Indus Bull"

Projects

Strategic Objectives

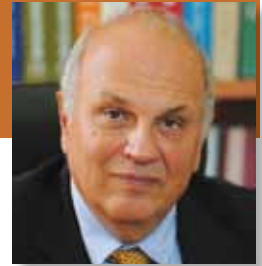
DHA City Karachi

DCK seeks to provide high quality living within the neighbourhoods, with strong economy and business development that enhances the bond between the residents and the city. At the same time it will welcome Karachiites to use public facilities and amenities that are missing in Karachi. In addition to all this, the city aims to function within a sustainable renewable energy sources, minimizing energy consumption and stabilizing a self-sufficient economy, security and healthy living.

DCK aims to create improved conditions not only for the residents but also for all Karachiites who will be using DCK's public amenities.

High Quality Living

DCK's unique landscape is able to provide a variety of parks, dispersed and interweaved recreational facilities, with a variety of neighbourhoods of different environmental characteristics, views and accesses. One of the most important factors that determine the high quality of life within the urban framework of DCK is the value of diversity. DCK aims to draw the guidelines for this value, by being simultaneously a city intimate for its residents and a city-platform for different functions and events for various visitors and users. Ingredients, such as mixed use districts, neighbourhoods, green spaces, educational centers together with sport centers, theme parks, golf course, efficient transportation system and pedestrian safety, traditional market and sustainable housing etc. all consist the quality that will weave DCK's urban tissue. The neighbourhood concept is promoted as one of the most important parameters in DCK residential development. Not only because it will be a cluster of intimacy, privacy



Prof. Spiro Pollalis
Chief Concept Advisor (DCK)

and security but also because it enables social coexistence and community life. In addition each DCK residential cluster will have its own center that will provide architecturally designed commercial areas, markets for peaceful shopping, community level schools, clinics, mosques, sports facilities, parks, relaxation areas, all in a development with little disturbance from outside traffic.

Economically Driven Development

DCK city seeks to encourage economically driven development by providing a variety of facilities such as business infrastructure and work opportunities for its own residents. This will create opportunity for the residents to reduce daily trips to Karachi and work in proximity to their dwellings. The sophisticated security structure of the city along with the overall life quality ensures that business activities can be hosted with maximum safety and support. Such a relation with the international business reality could finance the city, supporting it to achieve its higher goals for sustainability and exemplary quality of lifestyle.



A futuristic view of the upcoming satellite town, DHA City Karachi

Eco-Friendly Green City

DHA managed to get a big chunk of land on Super Highway from Government of Sindh to make a new residential estate as "DHA City" which marks the beginning of a prosperous and exciting future. DHA City is spread over 11,640 acres and located 26 km from Toll Plaza Karachi alongside the Super Highway towards Hyderabad.

DHA City Karachi is a unique project due to its attractive location and fascinating feature. Situated at the outskirts of Karachi, the upcoming city will accommodate the future residential and commercial expansion of the metropolis.



The nouveau approach towards the development of this virgin land has been carefully planned and will be executed by international and local consultants along with the professional team of DHA. A famous saying that landscape can make or break the development is very true in Pakistan's environment.

To enhance the quality of the natural landscape DHA is determined to take the aspect of landscaping as primary consideration as this is critical to the quality of our project. DHA has realized that the landscaping design should be considered at the very beginning of the design process so that the natural drainage pattern and beauty may not be disturbed.

A Consultancy Services contract for master/town planning of newly launched DHA City Karachi project has been awarded by DHA to world renowned consultants and town planners

accordingly.

Latest national and global standards will be implemented during the development of this project while making best use of the resources available to make DHA City Karachi a comfortable living, working and recreational experience.



Brig. Iftikhar Haider, SI (M)
Senior Project Director, DHA

Town-planning will be carried out in a way as to allow the residents of the city easy access to recreational, commercial and community services such as state-of-the-art facilities like hospitals, educational institutions and theme park etc.

Water is one of nature's many prime gifts and we, unfortunately, face acute water shortage in Karachi. To eliminate this hassle, it is being planned to extract and make use of ground water.

Our experts are also planning a number of very efficient options to secure the surface rain water from going to waste by building various small water dams and ponds and allowing ground water recharge through artificial wells at various locations.

Professionals at DHA are also working on elaborate designs to prevent and isolate water polluting agents from mixing with clean ground and surface water.

With the establishment of hundred percent sewerage treatment and comprehensive solid waste management plan, DHA City Karachi will ensure a healthy and clean environment for its residents. By doing so, we will not only ensure proper management of water but also create a natural green land.

The real estate property at DHA City Karachi forms an attractive package with various features like safety, security and reliable property handling through well established and matured system of DHA.

In short, DHA City is a fantasy made possible and would soon emerge on the extended horizon of the metropolis as a most sought-after residential estate and the land of new beginnings for beautiful tomorrow to come. DHA City is not just a project; it is a lifestyle!

First Sustainable City in Pakistan

DHA City Karachi (DCK) will be a landmark urban development showcasing a high quality of living for its residents and would potentially serve as a model Pakistani city of the 21st century. Centered on quality of life, security, world-class amenities and infrastructure; the master plan (under preparation) of DCK will follow a rigorous methodological and strategic approach to derive the best results, responding to the client's needs on international standards.

Urban Planning

Starting from the initial zonal plan, the concepts of major axes, green ribbons, the city center, principal amenities and activities, and individual residential sectors are being planned in a systematic way. The DCK urban plan is essentially comprised of a structured whole, constituting various semi-independent residential sectors or "Ekistic" communities. Each "Ekistic" community has its own mixed-use activity center and through a unique and articulate circulation strategy provides exemplary solutions for good quality city life, sustainable design, controlled access and security.



Arif Osmani
Consultant Director
DHA City Karachi

- Irrigation of farm houses, parks, golf club, garden irrigation
- Sewerage Treatment and Re-use planned at the sector level
- Grey-water re-use at house level to be promoted to reduce water consumption and to reduce the load of treatment plants
- Excess water is planned to be used to recharge the ground water aquifer

Energy

A holistic plan for sustainable energy is developed, emphasizing on energy conservation and efficiency, along with renewable energy generation at both macro and micro levels. Renewable energy sources including solar, wind, biomass besides waste-to-energy shall play key role in energy strategy of DCK.

Water & Waste Systems

The exploitation of the waste water treatment plant's effluents is being planned for a number of re-uses including:

- Enhancing the Water Storage in DCK Lakes for recreational purposes

Safety & Security

The optimal design of each Ekistic unit is derived in a way to control accesses and also maintain a livable and free community character. Major emphasis is placed on the perimeter of the site, with a robust set of strategies to prevent unwanted visitors, such as: controlled gates, boundary walls and a series of dense, tall tree vegetation and green rings to ensure a safe and calm communal environment within the development.

Transportation

The transportation strategy of DCK includes development of dedicated walk, cycling and mass transit tracks (in addition to an AASHTO based roadway network) to support and promote a sustainable transportation system providing priority to Walk - Cycle - Bus/Metro - and then Car.

Business & Economic Opportunities

Based on the challenges and opportunities related to this project, a number of business and economic infrastructure development proposals are identified for ensuring job creation and sustaining the economy of this new urban scheme. It is being planned that DCK should have initially something tangible on ground as a working model unit to make the project a success, for which a range of economic initiatives are being planned:

- Construction and delivery of complete communities in first phase, including built-up houses with their schools, community centers, shopping centers, healthcare facilities, etc.
- University(ies) and Cadet college
- Teaching Specialized Hospital(s)
- Theme Parks
- Outlet malls
- Expo and Convention Center
- Off-road Race Track
- CBD (Central Business District)

The proposed location and the linear shape of the CBD, shall make it the focal point of the entire DCK, while allowing the development of it in stages, following the gradual evolution of the entire city.

The town planners would leave no stone unturned in overcoming the challenging preposition arising out of the location of the project sites at a far off distance from the metropolis by striving innovative and forward looking measures to overcome the impasse.

A number of options for minimizing the distance of DCK to the metropolis are being explored including provision of fastest possible access from DCK to Karachi through various innovative initiatives.

The security of the area would be accorded top most priority in the plan by incorporating physical as well as digital security measures including electronic surveillance of the area. The two gated entrances to DCK from Super Highway are being planned and a boundary wall planned all around DCK would make the upcoming city secure.

Vision & Objectives

Karachi is the largest city and the economic hub of Pakistan, with a distinct urban culture. DHA City, which is located at the eastern border of Karachi, has the potential to become the most successful satellite city of Karachi.

There is no doubt that DHA's brand image is rock solid and well reputed, therefore the response on sale of plots was a huge success and all plots offered for sale were sold. Now the main challenge for DHA is to develop a suburban city of Karachi that is not only developed on international standards but also meets the "Aspirations & Needs of People" that will eventually populate it in the next 10 to 20 years. Vision based Master Planning by top-notch consultants, shall make this new suburban city a huge success.

Objectives

Vibrant city people want to live in

- City of the 21st century, looking to the future
- Success: Appreciation in real estate value
- A step forward for DHA and an example for other developments

Strengths

- Reputation of DHA, its ability to deliver and maintain
- Large area
- High demand for good quality land, as the land bank of present DHA has exhausted
- Quality of the site
- Semi hilly terrain with beautiful natural landscape
- Proximity to the highway

The land at the moment is untouched and absolutely pure with beautiful natural landscape features like nalas, rainwater streams, hills of varying heights, valleys and flat ground parcels.

This will be developed by DHA according to contemporary trends in town planning to make it the most sought-after stretch of utopian residential estate, and the land of new beginnings for a beautiful tomorrow.



Maj (R) Shaukat Alvi
Director DHA City Karachi

Steal a Look into the Future

DHA Waterfront Development Projects

Creek View & Terraces



It is a mix use, high-end condominium complex located next to Creek Vistas in DHA Phase-VIII. The project is spread over 43 acres of land comprising of 28 storied 300 feet high blocks. The construction activity will commence shortly.

Creek City Hospital



It was 300-bed hospital project (without financial returns to DHA). The project was completely stalled since 2005 and heading for long term litigation. After successful negotiations, DHA has been able to get its 18 acres of leased land from Developer. A new DHA's initiative to established a state-of-the-art medical facility and a teaching hospital is in offing.

DHA Power & Desalination Plant



The plant is managed by DHA Cogen Ltd, a Pvt Co. owned by the shareholders. Since the plant is non operational it is facing difficult financial crisis against the lenders (Banks, KESC and SSGC). Efforts are in progress to arrange the additional funds required to put the plant back into operation. In a latest development DHA is making concerted efforts to accuire the plant's management with the stipulated aim to make the Cogen Plant operational this year (2011).

Creek Marina



The 8x27 storey residential complex having 768 flats is spread over 19 acres of land. This stalled project is re-visited through Addendum to Agreement wherein the Developer was given the permission for collateralization of land to raise funds for development. Presently, work in progress on first 3 x Towers is stalled. Collateralization has been granted and the Developer has proposed addition of 3x towers with Desalination Plant.

Shopping Mall (Global Haly)



The project is a five storey shopping mall comprised over 5.3 acres of land with 3 level underground parking lot.

Commercial Complex (Minhal)



It is a 30 storey mix use commercial complex project to be built on 12 Acres of land. The construction on this project is expected to complete over a period of five years.

Emaar Project

It is a high rise residential and commercial complex comprising of 46x30 storey buildings. The agreement was signed in 2004 and the Lease was granted in 2005. Work on only 3x Towers has commenced since July 2010. Payment for provision



of utilities to Developer is presently disputed due to divergent views of DHA and the Developer. DHA has however asked the Developer to expedite progress.

Development Project Zamzama Club cum Shopping Mall & Parking Plaza



Utilizing the commercial potential of the location of DA Zamzama Club, Zamzama Club cum Shopping Mall and Parking Plaza are being built at the place of Stadium Parking Plaza. The new project has been conceived with a vision to meet social and business needs of DHA residents. It will bring many modern shopping and business facilities at one place for the ease of residents.

Zamzama Shopping Mall will consist of a basement, ground and four storeys. Basement will provide parking area for over 700 vehicles. Ground, first and second floors will house shops and third floor will be kept for offices. Restaurants and banquet halls shall be built on fourth floor. Covered area of entire building is 40,000 square meter. The shopping mall will have 15,275 sqm area.

The Project will have commercial utilization, car parking arrangement, indoor Cricket Stadium and other sports facilities.

Creek View & Terraces

Signing between DHA and Creek Developers

A Document of Land Lease and an Addendum of project were signed between DHA and Creek Developers in a simple and impressive ceremony held at DHA's Main Office. The signing of the Document marked the formalization of the start of Creek View and Terraces in DHA Phase-VIII located astride the Arabian Sea.

The document was signed in the presence of Administrator DHA and Chairman Transparency International. The new found initiative is in accordance with the vision of Corps Commander and President Executive Board DHA envisaging revival of DHA waterfront development projects through a realistic, pragmatic and forward looking approach.

The prestigious Creek View and Terraces is an upper end condominium project located contiguous to Creek Vistas project in DHA Phase-VIII. The project is spread over 43 acres of land and comprises of 28 storied 300 feet high blocks.

Mr Aqeel Karim Dhedhi (AKD) speaking on the occasion said that the formal launching of the project for public would be held soon to provide renewed opportunities for market to flourish;

promote construction industry and to open floodgate of employment besides giving boost to the real estate in the country.

Administrator DHA described the new DHA-AKD initiative as a bold step forward which would ensure concerted development activity in the city and help in transforming the vision of providing qualitative living environments to the residents of Karachi into a reality.



A signing ceremony between DHA and Creek Developers held at DHA Main Office

Creek Vistas Apartments

Steering towards Higher Success

Creek Vistas, one of the pilot projects of Creek City is a garden-resort residential project located in DHA Phase-VIII overlooking the Arabian Sea. All living facilities are available in the Complex including a centrally located Clubhouse that has a Gymnasium, Coffee Lounge and Internet Cafe.

Services Maintenance Company (SMC) being controlled by DHA Services is looking after the operations and maintenance of basic facilities.

The buildings have been reinstalled with 36 high-speed Korean lifts, providing round-the-clock service. Famous BEGA lights from Germany have been used for lighting. Power Generators are set on 24-hours standby for uninterrupted power supply for lifts and emergency lighting at Creek Vistas. Electronic security apparatus system includes security lights, vehicle access cards and electronic gates.



Creek Vistas Residency & Service Management Centre

Unique in many respects, Creek Vistas stands head and shoulder above most of the mushroom growth residential societies. Creek Vistas does not lure in people through hollow run of the mill alluring glitches and deceptive generalities; it is but a reality speaking loud and clear of its glamour and compactness of all in one comfort providing system.

The city is equipped with the state of art facilities and the Management takes upon itself the onerous responsibility of addressing the post construction residual snags, ensuring post occupation comforts.

Sprawled over an area of 16.5 acres, the city presents an enchanting spectacle by virtue of its close proximity to the panoramic seaview. The administration is ubiquitous with a firm resolve to preserve and uphold its individuality at all costs.

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The commitment of the Service Management Center with the occupants is permanent and bilateral with no intermediary in between. It is the mutual trust among all the stakeholders which provides strength, confidence and inter-dependability, which is what SMC cherishes and truthfully extends to its valued customers.

The Scheme was conceived by experts of repute keeping in view all related kinks and corners of the past. Modern and innovative ideas were carefully incorporated to ensure maximum comfort to the dwellers.



Maj (R) Abid Mubarak
Addl Dir DHA Services (SMC)

A residency complex studded and equipped with carefully conceived and perceived needs of modern living can be best termed as a dream come true.

Primarily designed to cater for the Elite, the Residency has the potentials to meet the needs and aspirations of moderate living not much beyond the financial grasp of the willing ones.



An elegant view of Creek Vistas

DHA Power and Desalination Plant Project Management Failure

There is no universal diagnosis on why projects fail. Every project has its own unique complexities and its own set of players and circumstances. Project managers have to discern the uniqueness of the project that they have on hand, and keep crosschecking the project's progress against the established timeline. No one likes failure, but failure can also be a road to success.

The Desalination Plant has remained non-operational since its inauguration. This is a depressing state of affair for the residents who had pinned great hopes in the project. The article written by Ex-Engineer of the Plant gives an interesting insight into the reasons for failure of the project. Meanwhile, DHA has taken an erstwhile initiative to put the plant back into operation at the earliest.

The idea here is to be pro-active in avoiding problems in future projects before this event gets triggered, rather than being reactive. Various studies have defined, quite elegantly, three categorizes of project outcomes:

Success: A project that gets the bouquets and awards for it is completed on time, within budget, and has met all original specifications.

Challenged: A project that finally made the deadline. Yet, there were cost/time overruns and perhaps not all of original specs were met.

Failure: A project abandoned or cancelled due to executive project management failure. Consistently, the percentage of category 3 (Project Management Failure) has been higher whereas

the percentage of category 1 (Success) has been abysmally low.

Let's look at the reasons for project failure very broadly:

Conflicting Objectives

These are considered to be one of the primary reasons for project failure. Conflicting objectives could be among team members, between the team and the executive management, between the management and the OEMs/EPC. The reasons could be anything but if these signs are visible then one has to take necessary steps so that an amicable resolution is reached. The idea is to extinguish the fire before it spreads.

Lack of Co-operation

It is crucial to identify causes of no involvement early on, and work towards integration, so that the full support of the end users is gained. It is important to remember that projects can neither be completed nor operated and maintained by individuals; it is always a team effort! Likewise, it is important for the team to realize the fact that by striving to accomplish the project/organization's goal, their personal goals will eventually be fulfilled, rather than vice versa.

Poor Motivation

Motivation can move mountains. The various stages during a project life cycle are all mountains that need to be moved. It is apparent that when motivation levels are down, progress of the project becomes labored and prone to delays. It is this team that is going to materialize the plans of the project manager from the drawing board into a functioning and live project.



Mr. Samiuddin Mirza
Ex Senior Project Manager
DHA Cogen Ltd.



DHA Power & Desalination Plant

Lack of Involvement from the User

If the plant management team “end user”, who are ultimately responsible for operating and maintaining the plant and its supporting systems, are not involved during the various development and testing phases, there could be a lot of surprises for both the management and the end user.

In the context of the project as a whole, end users have needs and so do the management. The involvement of and discussions with end users should become a source of continuous feedback for the project manager. The results of these discussions should be incorporated into the project life cycle at different stages.

Frequent Change in User Requirements

A related consequence of the lack of end user involvement is that frequent changes in user requirements are bound to happen. However, even if the end users are involved and there are frequent changes in their requirements, then this should be a trigger to stop all other activities.

The team should reassess the situation and focus on understanding the exact nature of the user’s requirements.

Budget Overrun

Money is always a limited resource and a cost overrun during any stage should trigger an alarm so that it can be controlled before it gets too late. A tight financial control is necessary for any project.

Lack of Resource Management

Every project needs the right people with the right skills for the right job. Project deliverables are directly impacted by inadequate resource management. A project manager has to play a crucial role in allocating the correct number of resources and the right skills required to complete the job.

Unlike other disciplines, project management as a formal discipline is just fifty years young. Perhaps a few more decades of research shall be required for the knowledge base to attain critical mass, before the present failure rate can go down to a more tolerable level.

Current Events

Today's Visionaries assure Tomorrow's Victory

Highlights from the annual meeting of DHA Governing Body

The annual meeting of DHA Governing Body (GB) was held at Headquarters 5 Corps to discuss the overall progress of the Housing Authority as an entity. The meeting was chaired by the chairman of Governing Body, Secretary Defence Lt. Gen (R) Syed Athar Ali, while Commander 5 Corps Lt. Gen Zahirul Islam was present on the occasion.

Secretary Defence asked DHA to tackle the challenging problems of traffic, cleanliness, security and other issues with professional acumen to ensure safe and healthy living environment for everyone. He urged DHA to establish strategic competence and transparency in executing all their undertakings. He also asked DHA to pay special focus towards ensuring fast-track development of DHA City Karachi project.

Chairman Governing Body said that a Committee had been formed to create better harmony and unison in working of DHA and

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CBC/Military Lands & Cantonments (ML&C) departments. The setup would function under President Executive Board DHA to sort out all contentious issues between these departments.



Secretary Defence presiding over DHA's Governing Body Meeting at HQ 5 CORPS

Governing Body was informed that concerted efforts were being made to initiate planning and construction work on Malir Expressway linking DHA City to central city and industrial area of the metropolis which would provide fast and shortest possible access from these areas to Super Highway, minimizing heavy traffic flow from internal roads of Karachi.

The Expressway is already part of Karachi Mass Transit Plan 2030. The Chairman remarked that the joint sponsorship of this project by DHA and CDGK would turn it into success within no time.

Governing Body took serious notice of the non-functional status of the Cogen Power & Desalination Plant in DHA since May 2010 due to incompetence of the management in getting the recurring technical defects of the Plant removed.

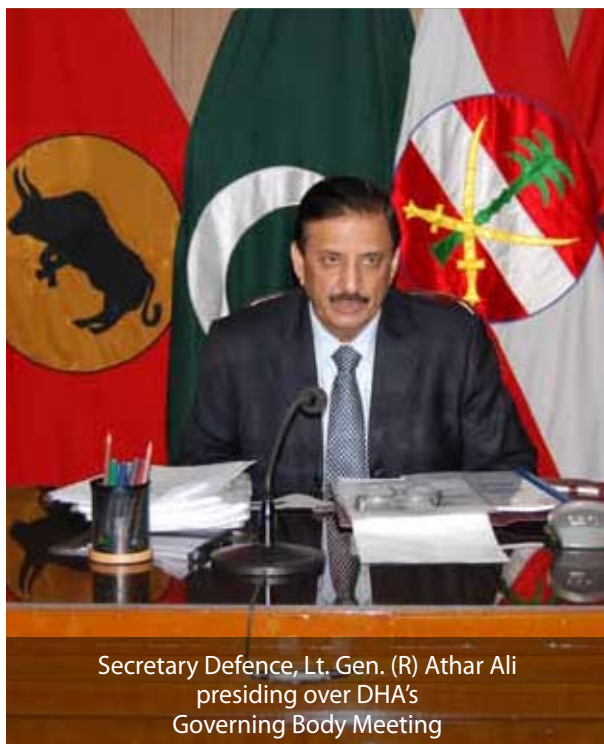
Secretary Defence said that the present stalemate has exacerbated the problem of water shortage in DHA and asked DHA to leave no stone unturned in proactively interacting with all the stakeholders of the project to ensure that the complicated financial, technical and administrative issues were resolved and the Plant was rehabilitated and made fully functional at the earliest.

Lt. Gen (R) Athar said that the success of desalination technology in Pakistan would provide the coastal organizations autonomy for their water and power needs in future.

Governing Body was informed that DHA laid a comprehensive drainage system in DHA in the aftermath of devastating monsoon rains of 2007. While major portions of the project were completed however some portions (Ph-IV and partially Ph-VII) could not be completed due to insufficiency of funds and time and were left for completion in the second stage of the project.

The complete efficiency of the project would be achieved with the completion of the left over portion of the project. The work on the same had not been undertaken because of pending elusive issue of refurbishment charges. The availability of funds for the projects would be possible on resolution of impasse.

The Governing Board gave approval of DHA fiscal Budget 2010-11 of the amount of Rs. 7.69 billion with Rs. 4.66 billion (60%) earmarked for development projects with focus on speedy completion of infrastructure development of Ph-VIII (Sector C & E-8) along with completion the other ongoing development works.



Secretary Defence, Lt. Gen. (R) Athar Ali
presiding over DHA's
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DHA on a Positive Stance

Employing optimistic approach to bring out a positive outcome

DHA's Executive Board Meeting chaired by its President, Commander 5 Corps Lt. Gen Muhammad Zahirul Islam was held at Corps Headquarters.

The newly appointed Corps Commander in capacity of President Executive Board (PEB) DHA took oath of his office and later presided the Executive Board meeting to review the progress of DHA's mega projects and other policy/administrative matters.

informed the house that despite having no part in the management of the Plant, DHA has played a proactive role lately and a number of meetings have been held with all stakeholders to make a breakthrough towards making the Plant operational.

The Executive Board was also informed that a Consultant Association of experts was hectically engaged in the erstwhile preparations of a unique master plan for the recently launched DHA City Karachi project on Super Highway. The Board was

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Commander 5 Corps and President Executive Board DHA presiding over DHA's Executive Board Meeting

PEB termed the Executive Board as an important policy-making organ formulated to take prudent and appropriate decisions which should contribute to the overall improvement of living standards and ensure sound provision of best civic amenities to the residents. He also stressed upon the need to take residents on board while undertaking any mega development cum infrastructural improvement venture in DHA. He said that residents' associations should work in tandem with DHA to achieve the goals of efficient, vibrant and dynamic civic life.

The Executive Board took serious notice of nonfunctional status of DHA Cogen Power & Desalination Plant since a prolonged period of time thus exacerbating the problem of water scarcity in DHA. Defence Housing Authority

further informed that efforts were being made to include Malir Expressway along Malir River in the CDGK Karachi 2020 Transportation Plan. This road, connecting DHA City Karachi to the metropolis, would significantly reduce the distance of DCK (DHA City Karachi) from Karachi.

The Executive Board was given a briefing on FAR (Floor Area Ratio) by experts who conceptually explained its impact on civic services (sewerage, water and electricity etc), its impact on traffic volume and its effect on environment in the area.

The Executive Board was informed that development work in Sector B of DHA Phase-VIII would be completed by the mid of 2011 and the area would be opened for construction accordingly.

A Window to New Opportunities

DHA Executive Board meeting at a glance

The Board was informed that the work on establishment of DHA Tissue Culture Lab purportedly for growing true replica of ornamental plants without seeds under controlled environment was being developed according to time schedule and the facility would soon become fully operational.



DHA's Executive Board meeting being held at HQ 5 Corps

A meeting of DHA Executive Board chaired by Ex-President and Commander 5 Corps Lt Gen Shahid Iqbal, was held at Corps Headquarters. The meeting reviewed the pace of progress of various ongoing projects in DHA and took a number of important strategic policy-making decisions.

Lt. Gen Shahid Iqbal appreciated the coordination and preparation done by DHA and CBC which proved successful during the last cyclone hazard/early monsoons. DHA's new drainage system worked efficiently during rainy season validating its efficacy yet the areas where the drainage system had not been extended were pounded.

The Executive Board took notice of the problems being faced by residents who were being charged with the accumulated transfer fees including those of all the previous transfers of a plot from the present owner by CBC as per the approved policy of their department/ministry. Corps Commander directed DHA to take up the case with the relevant authorities and to request them to rationalize the policy, keeping in view the problems faced by the residents.

The Board was informed that the work on establishment of DHA Tissue Culture Lab purportedly for growing true replica of ornamental plants without seeds under controlled environment was being developed according to time schedule and the facility would soon become fully operational. He asked DHA authorities to establish a vocational centre and a primary school for girls for the welfare of local population in the vicinity of DHA City as a good will gesture.

The Board was informed that DHA City has established a lab to develop suitable solution for sharing the part of power load through renewable energy as primary source. Corps Commander directed DHA to develop LED light technology for use in DHA projects to save energy. He also asked DHA to develop solar street lights and to arrange placement of those lights along Super Highway towards DHA City.

The Board was notified about the newly opened Major Khalid Shaheed Park in DHA Phase-VIII, which had constantly been modernized in accordance with the directions of Corps Commander to provide best exercise cum entertainment facilities to the citizens of the metropolis..

Beginning of a New Era in Sports

Inauguration of newly built DHA Sports Complex in DHA Phase-VIII

The club will accommodate all sorts of sports enthusiasts providing some exquisite sports facilities in addition to specialized professional coaching/training in cricket, squash and swimming at affordable rates.



DHA Sports Complex

With the increasing appeal in sports all over the world, the presence of a good platform for practicing sports and athletics was felt necessitated in the city. Hence, a magnificent sports club has been constructed astride Defence Authority Golf Club in Defence Phase-VIII along with Moin Khan Academy. The newly established DHA Sports Complex was inaugurated in a rather colourful ceremony enjoyed with much fun-fare.

The club will accommodate all sorts of sports enthusiasts providing some exquisite sports facilities to the citizens of the metropolis in addition to specialized professional coaching/training in cricket, squash and swimming at affordable rates. The membership of the Sports Club would be open to all the sports fans of Karachi irrespective of being a DHA resident.

The chief guest Administrator DHA, Brig Aamer Raza Qureshi said that besides providing entertainment in life, sports also promoted positive and healthy trends in society. He said that youthful sports and healthy activities helped develop tolerance, co-operation and positive attitudes among individuals; besides, a healthy body owned a healthy mind.

He said that DHA Sports Complex was a superb sports arena and featured a variety of sporting facilities like a cricket stadium with floodlight arrangements of international standard, a cricket academy with a practice field, a jogging track, a covered swimming pool, a high-tech gymnasium and three international level squash courts.



Administrator going with Moin Khan to inaugurate the newly built Sports Complex



Administrator DHA inaugurating the newly built DHA Sports Club in DHA Phase 8



A group photograph of team players with the Chief Guest

The former wicket keeper captain of Pakistan Cricket Team and CEO DHA Sports Club, Moin Khan thanked DHA and all of his well-wishers for their tremendous support.

He said that DHA Sports Complex was an extension of his vision of bringing continuous improvement to help the budding talent in the country master their craft and stay ahead in the game.

He added that cricket was a glorious game of technique, skill, temperament and complete coordination of mind and body. He said that the academy would groom and train the young talent of today and turn them into prospective cricket stars of tomorrow.

A number of former renowned cricketers including Inzamam-ul-Haque, Waseem Akram, Saeed Anwar, Sikander Bakht and Rashid Lateef attended the function. Some of the renowned

artists from the showbiz world including Javed Tahseen, Adnan Siddiqui, Hamayoun Saeed, Faisal Qureshi, Amjad Sabri, Sajid Hasan, Saud, Agha Shiraz and some more played the cricket match.

A twenty-twenty inaugural match between Waseem Akram XI and Tahseen Javed XI was played at night in the cricket stadium under special-purpose floodlights. In a very interesting encounter Tahseen Javed XI which was batted first, scored 142 runs, whereas Waseem Akram XI achieved the target within 18 overs winning the match by five wickets. Shahzeb Hasan (42), Mahmood Hanif (43) and Faisal Qureshi (42) were among the top scorers while Hamayoun Saeed took 3 wickets for 10 runs.

In the end the chief guest presented shields to all the players of the participating teams. Shields were also awarded to Dr. Muhammad Ali Shah, Minister of Sports, Govt of Sindh, Mr. Arif Ali Khan Abbasi, ex-President PCB, Inzamam-ul-Haque and Mr Moin Khan.

Students' Council Oath Taking Ceremony

DA Degree College for Women Ph-VIII

The Annual Prize Distribution Function and Students' Council Oath Taking Ceremony was held at Defence Authority Degree College for Women Phase-VIII. Administrator DHA, Brig Aamer Raza Qureshi was the chief guest of the function.

The newly elected members of the Students' Council took oath of their offices in a simple and graceful ceremony held inside the college auditorium. The chief guest later distributed badges amongst the elected council members.

focused towards producing confident, self-reliant and forward looking individuals who could succeed in practical life and contribute positively towards the society.

At the closing of the ceremony, the chief guest awarded prizes to the distinguished students who excelled in various curricular, co-curricular and sports activities. He also announced an award of Rs. 200,000 for the college.

The Administrator congratulated the members of the newly installed Students' Council of 2011 and advised them to discharge their onerous responsibilities with courage, vision and fair play. He added that the college had a glorious history and was not only well known for its achievements in academics but was also distinguished for imparting a wholesome and balanced training to its students.

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The Administrator appreciated the college and students for bringing so many laurels to the institution and DHA in various games at board, university, national and international levels.

The Principal, Prof. Nasreen Nasir in her welcome address said that the courses of studies and other activities at the college were designed to optimize development of intellectual, moral and physical potential of students. She said that all the educational activities were



Administrator DHA distributing badges among the elected council members of DA Degree College for Women Ph-VIII

A Humble Tribute to the Poet of the Century

**“A torch has Allah given me
A radiant lamp has He made me
Noble are those ones indeed
Whom others find while in need!”**



Honoured speakers paying tribute to the national poet Allama Muhammad Iqbal

A function to commemorate the 133rd birth anniversary of our national poet, Allama Mohammad Iqbal was held at Defence Authority Degree College jointly under the aegis of DHA and Mir Khalil-ur-Rehman Memorial Society.

Barrister Shahida Jamil, ex-Federal Law Minister was the chief guest of the function. Speaking on the occasion she said that Iqbal was a great visionary poet philosopher who wanted to bring an intellectual revolution in the youth through revival of the spirit of renaissance. She lamented that Pakistan today was not what Iqbal had envisioned or desired to be, adding that it required intellectual honesty and objectivity to understand the philosophical poet in its true perspective.

Mr. Obaidullah Baig in his keynote address emphasized on the value of Iqbal's idea of self discovery and the importance of self reliance for development of youth. He said that Iqbal's idea of a nation and nationalism transcended all racial and geographical boundaries and drew strength from religion.

Mr. Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui, Secretary Youth Affairs, Govt of Sindh in his speech endorsed the need to make the youth conscious of their importance, resourcefulness and responsibilities to shoulder the future leadership of Pakistan.

Mr. Naiz Ahmed Siddiqui, former I.G Police Sindh in his discourse said that in the present times of crisis, Iqbal's dynamic philosophy was a beacon of light for the guidance of nation. He said that the philosophical poet explored new avenues for struggle and gave a reinvigorated message of hope and faith to the youth.

Cmdr (R) Imran Ansari, Principal DA Degree College stated that Iqbal's concept of ego and self is central to development of a personality that repose complete trust in the Almighty Creator.

At the end of the ceremony, the outstanding students who excelled in various co-curricular activities were awarded prizes.

DHA City Karachi Master Planning on the Go

DHA organized a Consultancy Services Signing Agreement Ceremony for town planning of newly launched DHA City Karachi project at DHA Main Office. The master planning agreement was signed between DHA and a joint venture of strong planning and design teams comprising internationally renowned master planning firm Doxiadis Associates from Greece, global leading urban architectural firm RMJM Architects from UK and leading national consultancy firm Osmani and Company (Pvt) Ltd.

The consultants were then mobilized from this meeting onwards to carry out the high-tech master planning of the new upcoming city project spread over an area of 11,640 acres of land on Super Highway.

The new project is situated at the outskirts of Karachi at an attractive location accompanied by a serene backdrop of heavenly nature. The semi hilly virgin land is planned to accommodate the future residential and commercial expansion of the metropolis. The nouveau approach towards the



A Consultancy Services Signing Agreement Ceremony for town planning of DHA City Karachi

development of this gifted land has been carefully planned and is being executed by the professional teams of DHA along-with leading national/international experts on town planning.

Dr Pollalis of the consultancy services consortium said that the latest national and global standards would be implemented during the development of the project ensuring best use of the available resources to make DHA City Karachi a grand experience of comfortable living and healthy environment. Currently, 30,000 residential and commercial plots have already been allotted to the people in Phase-I of DHA City Karachi.

DCK – All Sketched Out!

The erstwhile master planning exercise of the recently launched DHA's residential cum commercial project on Super Highway, DHA City Karachi (DCK), is proceeding gradually on a fast track basis as per the stipulated schedule.

The foreign and local town planning and architectural designing experts are hectically engaged in finalizing the contours of the master plan. The focus of planning remains on ensuring availability of basic necessities as focal point of development plan.

A meeting of the global leaders in town planning and designing experts with the officials of DCK was held at DHA's Main Office and was chaired by Administrator DHA Brig Aamer Raza Qureshi. Various aspects of the master plan were discussed to make the project a viable and workable one.

Brig Aamer directed the planners to develop the master plan model with a pragmatic approach that focused on indigenous development of the project. He said that the town planning of DCK should aim at developing an independent city with the concurrent development of desirable amenities in the outer

sector circle to make the mega project sustainable.

Dr. Pollalis, an American master planning expert said that a number of options for minimizing the distance of DCK to the metropolis were being explored including provision of fastest possible access from DCK to Karachi through Malir Express Highway, Karachi Circular Railway loop, Karachi Circular Highway and M-9 Motorway project.

He said that security of the area would be accorded top most priority in the plan by incorporating physical as well as digital security measures including electronic surveillance of the area. He disclosed that two gated entrances to DCK from Super Highway were being planned and a boundary wall planned all around the city would make the upcoming city completely safe and secure.

Administrator DHA in his concluding remarks said that preparation of a dynamic master plan of the project would not only result in addition of a futuristic and sustainable city in Pakistan but would also prove to be a harbinger of the start of a whole new lifestyle for the people of Karachi.

Benefitting from Nature's little Gifts

Ex-Commander 5 Corps' visit to the two new high-end technology labs founded by DHA

Two notable establishments have recently been launched by Defence Housing Authority; modern DHA City Renewable Energy Development Lab at Seaview and DHA Tissue Culture Lab at Nisar Shaheed Park, DHA Phase-II. Ex-Commander 5 Corps Lt. Gen Shahid Iqbal paid a comprehensive visit to these need-of-the-day enterprises.

Tissue Culture technology is an evolving discipline of microbiology that has the potential to bring a revolution in the field of agriculture anywhere in the world. The purpose-built lab in DHA Ph-II is equipped with all basic tissue culturing equipment including autoclave and a green house with automatic mist irrigation system.

The Corps Commander asked DHA to play a pioneering role in promotion of emerging tissue culture technology and to concentrate on production of ornamental flowers in the initial stages followed by production of crops in demand.

The Corps Commander then visited the Renewable Energy Lab at Seaview. Renewable Energy is energy which comes from natural resources such as sunlight, wind, rain, tides, and geothermal heat, which are renewable (naturally replenished). The lab has been assembled for carrying out research in the field of renewable energy and has been tasked to indigenously develop cost effective and qualitative lighting solutions through optimum utilization of solar and wind energy for power generation.

The Corps Commander was briefed on the research and development work on renewable energy development carried out so far in the lab. He was also shown the prototype Solar LED Street Light model and the hybrid wind turbine model

The project is of great national importance as the electric power produced would substantiate power shortages and help to reduce the load on our depleting national power resources.



Ex Comd 5 Corps visiting the DHA City Renewable Energy Development Lab

successfully developed by the experts working at the lab. The prototype models are robust, technically efficient and cost effective.

The Corps Commander asked DHA to pursue the renewable energy projects with a pragmatic and innovative approach and to effectively participate in environmentally friendly activities by harnessing the benefits of green energy for its urban design projects.

He said that DHA had the resources and credibility to successfully undertake the renewable energy project envisaging conversion of natural sunshine and wind energy available in abundance at DHA City Karachi into electric power to cover up electricity shortage. He stressed that the project was of great national importance as the electric power produced would substantiate power shortages and help to reduce the load on our depleting national power resources.

Reviving Islamic Heritage

A recent successful showcase of Islamic Art and Calligraphic masterwork

An Islamic Art and Calligraphic Exhibition was held at Defence Authority Creek Club, DHA Phase-VIII. The Exhibition showcased some of the masterpieces by talented artists Muhammad Shafique and Asif Ghazali.

The Islamic art encompasses visual arts including oil paintings, calligraphy and ceramics, among others. It mainly focuses on the depiction of patterns and Arabic calligraphy. Calligraphic design is omnipresent in Islamic art, and is visually expressed in a mix of Quranic verses and historical proclamations. Two of the main scripts involved are the symbolic Kufic and Naskh Scripts, which can adorn and enhance the visual appeal of the walls and domes of buildings.

The works of the emerging artists included oil paintings on canvas and on paper, calligraphic works of Quranic verses in oil painting, flowers and battlefield scenes in oil painting on canvas. The artistic works had a lot of aesthetic attraction, fascination and visual charm par excellence.

Minister Education, Govt of Sindh, Pir Mazhar-ul-Haq was the chief guest on the occasion. He highly appreciated the artistic works of the novel artists and commended the initiative of the organizers for holding such unique event. He said that in the present times of rampant militancy, terrorism and turmoil, organizing creative and colourful events like art exhibitions would help in promotion of love, peace and tolerance in society.

The Minister added that the paintings and calligraphic displays spoke of the skill and artistic passion of the artist. He said that such events must be promoted and patronized at all levels and in all forms because the artists today deserved our support and encouragement in order to enhance their ability.

The promoter of the event Brig (R) Asif Ghazali said that the idea behind the exhibition was to revive old Islamic art and calligraphy skills which had a very rich heritage. He said that in today's world of high intensity media hype and electronics spearheading the modern research and development, the artists were considered to be peace lovers, balancing the progress. He said that such artists were vanishing in the background thus resulting into imbalance and unjust regime.



An Islamic Art and Calligraphic Exhibition held at DA Creek Club

It may be added that Muhammad Shafique started playing with colours from a very young age. He loves calligraphy and uses different mediums like watercolour, oil, incorporating knife and charcoal etc. in his works. Asif Ghazali, ex Administrator DHA is a great admirer of painting and calligraphy. After retirement he pursued it as a passion and produced some very remarkable calligraphic pieces which were put up at the show.

Brig (R) Ghazali said that the earning through this exhibition would be spent to help the artists in need. A large number of people from all walks of life attended the show and were mesmerized by the exhibits.

Development Works

Development at a Swift Pace

DHA Development Directorate

DHA Development Directorate has made a remarkable headway over a period of time and is constantly busy working towards the betterment of the Housing Authority through regular upgradation, refurbishment and maintenance of the various infrastructural facilities. Some of the recent works undertaken, as well as completed by DHA Development Directorate are briefly discussed in the following passages.

Creek Avenue

Creek Avenue is a two-way traffic passageway built across DHA Phase-VII Extension and opens into DHA Phase-VIII. It is built with a view to ease up future requirement of traffic management, emanating from and to DHA Phase-VIII. The Project is based on NESPAK Traffic Study and caters for an alternate entry and exit to DHA, while redressing the major issue of traffic overflow.



Rehabilitation of Khayaban-e-Shahbaz

The project is spread over various development and improvement works from Khayaban-e-Ittehad to Saba Avenue. These works include improvement of the entire road with increased capacity for easy traffic flow, construction of service lanes on



both sides of Khayaban-e-Shahbaz, addition of road furniture such as streetlights etc. and shifting of services wherever required. This restoration project is sure to improve the existing traffic, as well as living condition in the area.



Col (R) Zahid Akbar
Chief Engineer DHA

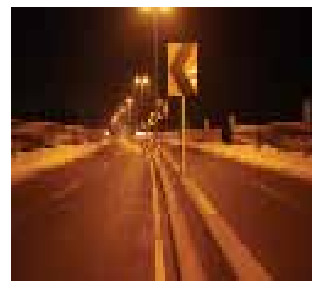
Rehabilitation of Commercial Avenue



This project mainly comprises of improvement works from Sunset Boulevard to Khayaban-e-Rizwan. Some of the chalked-out tasks include complete dismantling of existing drain, construction of new covered drain in median, construction of new roads with increased capacity, application of road furniture and shifting of services wherever required.

Gizri Flyover

Gizri Flyover is also one of the projects based on NESPAK Traffic Study to avoid traffic congestion at Gizri Commercial Area. The flyover is built on Khayaban-e-Hafiz and is successfully accommodating the traffic plying between the metropolis and DHA.



The construction work on the project commenced in March of 2007 and was completed in two years time period. Some of the reasons for the delay in its completion included environmental issues, public pressure through court cases and a few technical aspects, which were speedily resolved and the project reached its completion against all odds. The Soft Opening of Gizri Flyover was marked on December 15, 2009 whereas the additional works as per the Court Orders were later completed by October 2010.



Lt Col (R) Ahmer Haleem Khan
Director Development DHA

Up-gradation of Commercial Areas (Zamzama and Delton)



Due to heavy traffic load round the clock and frequent vehicle congestion in Commercial Areas, up-gradation and services rehabilitation became quite essential.

The task was efficiently tackled through rehabilitation of roads, implementation of one-way regime by appropriate channelization of streets and shifting of services (electric and telecom).

Covering of Jami Nullah



In order to provide additional parking space for visitors/club members, it was decided to cover the section of Jami Nullah in front of DA Sunset Club till the Marble Arch area. This has not only provided extra parking space and traffic capacity, but has also reduced the foul smell that surrounded the area.

Up-gradation of Creek Club

DA Creek Club is counted among some of the prestigious recreational clubs of the city. The club has recently upgraded as well as added some new features to its already attractive centre. The additional highlights include:



Reception Lobby at DA Creek Club

This project was started in March 2008. The aim was to have a worthwhile lobby and welcome desk for members of the club. The lobby building consists of two-floors housing club offices, sitting areas and a bakery. Presently, 30% of the project has been completed. The project was delayed due to redesigning of adjacent structure of Creek Lodge from (G+3) to (G+5). However with lots of effort the work has restarted and is expected to be completed by the end of the current year.

Creek Lodge at DA Creek Club

There was a dire necessity to offer appropriate guest accommodation at Creek Club. In order to meet this requirement, construction of Creek Lodge started in April 2008 with the aim to provide five star lodging services to the members of the elite club.

The building consists of Basement, Ground and seven storeys. The Creek Lodge after completion shall have 75 standard rooms, 20 executive suites, a business centre and two restaurants with complete modern day facilities. The design has been finalized and the work is being carried out at an accelerated pace. 60% of the project work has been completed and it is expected that it will finish by the end of this year.



Beginning of a New Phase

Phase-VIII Infrastructural Development at a Glance



Col (R) M. Sagheer Ahmed
Dir Dev Ph VIII DHA



DHA Phase-VIII is spread over an area of 4151 acres. It constitutes a small peninsula land reclaimed before allotment of plots. Initial master plan for development of Phase VIII was made some thirty years back. That plan was rudimentary in nature and there was a need to revisit it since advanced tools made their way in modern day town planning. Thus re-designing was done in 2006. To start the development works, Development Directorate phase VIII was established in 2006 for fast paced development works. This initiative worked well and now development of DHA Phase-VIII is on fast track.



A fresh master plan for infrastructure development of DHA Phase-VIII was accordingly prepared by consultant M/s Osmani & Co based on the development strategy which is in progress.

There are six Sectors in Phase-VIII (A to E and E8). In Sector A, 85% of infrastructure development work is completed and the Sector is open for construction. This includes road carpeting, sewerage, water supply and electrical works including streetlights.



A view of newly constructed roads in DHA
Phase - VIII



Some of the completed works include:

- Beach Avenue, which is the main artery linking Seaview with Creek Marina along the beach. The road has been completed by FWO with international standards and is open for traffic.
- Water supply main pipelines and underground water reservoirs have been constructed.
- A 6" used water pipeline has been laid between Qasim Pumping Station to DA Country & Golf Club for horticultural purposes.
- All infrastructure works of Zulfiqar Commercial Area in Sector A have been completed with a cost of Rs 304 M. Area has been opened for construction.

Some of the development works at hand include:

- A large network of arterial and collector roads is in progress through NLC. Beside the road works, drainage works are also being done. The work has substantially been completed.
- Finishing works of 16th Street are in progress at a fast pace being primary access to Creek Vistas.
- Sector A of Phase-VIII has already been open for construction of houses. Sector B developments are in hand and are at near completion. The project includes construction of roads, sewerage works and drainage works. On completion, plot owners will be allowed to start the construction of houses. It is strongly felt that once the construction of houses will commence, real estate value of Sector B will multiply manifolds.
- Missing sewerage line are being laid and manholes are being constructed and being covered.
- Although main pipe network has been laid but supply lines to houses are yet to be laid. Sector A has been allowed construction thus needed urgent water supply. Laying of water supply network in Sector A is near completion.
- Zulfiqar Street of Sector A needed re-surfacing along with services. Work is in full swing and shall be completed shortly.
- Zulfiqar Avenue is a major artery linking Phase



Ongoing Development Works in DHA Phase-VIII

VIII with Phase V and Phase VI through Khayaban Itehad. Road needed immediate uplift along with services like sewerage, drainage works etc. Contract has been awarded and work has commenced. It is likely to complete by end of 2011.

- A park is under construction at Seaview near Village Restaurant. Work is near completion.
- Installation of world class streetlights and poles on major roads is almost complete. A portion of Khayaban-e-Shaheen has also been energized. Remaining roads will be energized on provision of electric connection from KESC.
- Arterial roads in Phase-VIII are 2 to 3 meters higher than surrounding places. Since last few years, Karachi is experiencing heavy down pours during monsoon. There is strong likelihood that high road levels may get eroded during monsoons. To safeguard the expensive road network, DHA has decided to provide rain protection works. This work is in hand and about 40% progress has been achieved.

Development of Phase VIII has been delayed considerably due to unavoidable circumstances. However current administration has taken stock of situation and has pledged to undertake the development works at a very fast track. This resolve can be witnessed on ground where development activities are taking place at a very rapid pace. Tough schedule have been set and all efforts are being made to meet the deadlines.

Residents' Forum

Proficiently Tackling Residents' Problems

Meeting of Association of Defence Residents (ADR) and DHA Administration

A meeting was conducted between a delegation of Association of Defence Residents (ADR) and DHA administration to discuss and resolve various civic related problems faced by the residents. The representatives of ADR delegation included office bearers of different DHA residents' associations.

Administrator DHA Brig Aamer Raza Qureshi welcoming the ADR delegation, underlined the need of frequent interactions between DHA and residents' associations for speedy and pragmatic solution of residents' problems. He emphasized the need for trust building between the residents and DHA so that both can work collectively with understanding for achieving the goals of healthy, vibrant and efficient civic life.

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The Administrator informed the ADR delegation that DHA Cogen Power & Desalination Plant was nonfunctional since May 2010 which has aggravated acute water shortage problem in DHA. He said that despite DHA having no part in the management of the plant, the Housing Authority has adopted a proactive role since the last few months and has held a series of meetings with all stakeholders to revive the project at the earliest.



Administrator DHA presiding over a meeting of ADR Delegation and DHA Officials

He added that there were complex management, technical and financial issues involved in activating the plant. He was optimistic that the Cogen Plant would be put back into operation by August 2011.

On the issue of differential charges in DHA Phase-VII Extn., the delegation was informed that these charges were solely meant for making payment to the Government of Sindh for the lease of the land.

The Administrator said that considering the hardships faced by residents of the area, DHA had approached the Government of Sindh for waiver of lease charges but the request had been regretted. Residents had their gone to the court while DHA also filed a legal suit against levying of differential charges in the court.

The meeting concluded on a cordial note where residents and DHA officials both expressed their determination of a continued and meaningful cooperation in future.

One Remarkable Reception

Highlights from the enchanting reception hosted by Defence Residents' Society

Residents' societies play an integral role in highlighting residents' civic problems at the right forum. This arrangement brings better cohesiveness and understanding between residents and management of development bodies.

Defence Residents Society (DRS) hosted a civic reception in honour of heads of civic and development bodies in DHA. Reputed businessmen, diplomats and elected representatives attended the event and a lot of views were exchanged on a prosperous note.

In his welcome address, Mr. Zafar Iqbal, President DRS said that residents' societies play an integral role in highlighting residents' civic problems at the right forum. This arrangement brings better cohesiveness and understanding between residents and management of development bodies.

He acknowledged and commended the contributions made by the outgoing Administrator DHA, Brig Khalid Tirmizi that significantly enhanced the development of DHA. Mr. Zafar Iqbal also said that the development activities got momentum and a number of mega projects were completed and some were launched during the Administrator's tenure, which specially included the launch of DHA City Karachi on Super Highway.

Brig Tirmizi reiterated that despite limited resources available he gave utmost importance to the development endeavors meant for the welfare of the residents and for the uplift of the area. He said that his focus remained on solving traffic and water problems in the area and added that construction of two flyovers and an underpass in DHA was being planned to facilitate the residents



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and to solve their pressing problems.

The new Administrator DHA Brig Aamer Raza Qureshi reiterated his resolve to work in unison with the residents and to adopt residents-friendly policies as a cardinal principle in all of his responsibilities.

Brig Anis Ahmed, President CBC said that he would go all out so as to ensure that the efforts of DHA and CBC continue to complement and augment each other in meeting the requirements of DHA.

Mian Zahid Hussain, Vice President DRS, MNA elect Ms Khushbakht Shujaat, SM Munir, Senator Abdul Haseeb Khan and Mr. Khalid Tawab commended the role of Pakistan Army in undertaking the relief and rehabilitation operation for flood affected people with remarkable efficiency and in a credible manner. They said that their organizations and groups would go all out to support the Army's efforts in fighting the national catastrophe effectively on war footing.

DHA Services

Comfortable living made practical

DHA Services was established in July 2009 to bring better life options and ultimate home experience by offering reliable, convenient and cost effective solutions to the residents of DHA. The organization is committed to provide comprehensive, value-added solutions and professional services for which it has employed qualified and best trained workforce in the industry. Some of the mainstream services that are currently offered include:



Laundry and Dry Cleaning:

Most convenient, high quality washing and dry cleaning facilities including One Hour Express Service are being provided

at competitive rates. The service has initially established five pickup points throughout DHA.



Advertising Solutions:

Modern techniques of advertising are used for undertaking advertising solutions, which includes fabrication of

hoardings, poles signs, brand promotional activities at most attractive locations like parks, clubs and beaches etc.

Property Exchange Services:

Customer-friendly and reliable property exchange that help customers to buy, sell or rent out any property in DHA with full faith and confidence.

Home Shopping Services:

The experts at DHA Services assure best quality household products at market price with warranty and home delivery. This department also procures fixture, furniture, computers, ACs etc. at minimum cost possible with authentic warranty.

Fumigation and Termite Proofing:

DHA Services offer eradication of termite, cockroaches, lizards and other bugs/insects etc.

Latest equipments for fumigation and termite proofing, like fogger machines/pesticides are used.



Maj (R) Abdul Ghani Tabish
Ex-Director DHA Services

Customized Civil Works:

Some of the civil works services include, all kinds of water proofing system, heat insulation, industrial flooring, industrial coating, expansion/construction joints treatment, masonry/structural cracks repair, concrete core cutting/concrete cutting and supply of full range of construction chemicals as well as specialized building material.

Home Care Solutions:

The workers in DHA Services uniform backed by identification cards provide services at a single phone call. A member of Home Care Services avails facilities such as Janitorial Services, Horticulture Trained Gardeners, Trouble Shooters (including Electrician, Plumbers, Carpenters, AC Technicians) and Water Tank Cleaning.



Car Sales Service:

Specially designed software would be integrated with the DHA Services main website, where customers would pay registration fee and place their vehicle's advertisement for "Online Sales". Along with online sales services, a Car Sunday Bazaar would also be organized shortly, alongside Sunday Bachat Bazar in an open area of DHA Phase-VIII.

DHA Boating Point:

In collaboration with Marina Club, DHA Services would also start Commercial DHA Boating Point with Party Boat, Sail Boat, Sea Craft, Cobia, Invader and Water Scooter. It would be an ultimate thrill spot where one could make waves and share the fun with family and friends.



Sharing Smiles on Auspicious Eid Day

Eid Celebrations at Defence Society Residents' Association (DSRA) Trust School



A gift distribution ceremony held at DSRA Trust School

A gift distribution ceremony for the month of Ramadan was held at the Defence Society Residents' Association (DSRA) Educational and Welfare Trust School at Askari Markaz in DHA Phase-I.

The Trust distributed Eid gifts to nearly 200 students and 14 staff members along with distributing Ramadan rations to their families. The trustees, sponsors and volunteers were present on the occasion. The Trust had been giving Ramadan rations and Eid gifts every year since the school's establishment.

The DSRA Trust School maintains a high standard of education, which is comparable to the best private English medium schools of Karachi.

DSRA Trust School was established in the year 2004 for the children of low income areas/Katchi Abadis around DHA. The school started functioning in one room with 24 students. The nascent institution over the years has blossomed into a 14-room school with 10 classrooms catering about 183 students and is providing quality education to the children of the area irrespective of their cast, creed or gender.

The Trust School is an English Medium School where all students are given free uniforms, textbooks, stationery and a free snack daily. The school maintains a high standard of education, which is comparable to the best private English medium schools of Karachi. Renowned educationists visiting the school describe it as a shining example of excellence and praise the curriculum followed in the school.

Annual Sports Day 2011

The Annual Sports Day 2011 of the DSRA Educational Trust School was held at the school premises. Brig (R) Iftikhar Arshad, Dir Education DHA was the chief guest of the function.

Director Education, DHA promised maximum help to the Trust for follow-up training for matriculation in Tooba School and vocational training in DHA's newly established Polytechnic Institution and offered free training for teachers of the Trust School.

The Chairman of the Trust, Admiral Sajjad Akbar said that in spite of limited resources of playgrounds, in Trust School, an adequate stress was given to sports activities as they helped in development of personality, confidence, discipline, team-building and competitive spirit, which

was essential in practical life of individuals. The function was also attended by the representatives of British Women Association, German Speaking Women Club, retired senior officers, prominent businessmen and their families.



Position Holders of the Annual Sports Day

To The Rescue

DHA's erstwhile contributions for the flood-affected citizens

DHA established a medical camp and arranged distribution of Eid gift packages among a large number of flood-affected citizens camped in the corridor of Damdama area that lies between Thatta and Sajawal all along the bank of River Indus.

It may be mentioned that a large number of people affected by the devastated floods including women, children and old people were camped in the open along the Indus bank waiting for relief and medical aid. The area was identified by the Army teams operating in the area upon which Administrator DHA Brig Aamer Raza Qureshi dispatched special DHA relief teams to the area on Eid day on the special instructions of Corps Commander Lt Gen Shahid Iqbal to conduct erstwhile flood relief Eid operation in the area.

A medical camp with five qualified doctors including lady doctors, paramedical staff and a sizeable quantity of medicines was established by DHA in the corridor. The doctors also visited the flood affected people camped in the area who were mostly suffering from diarrhea, malaria, respiratory disease, skin problems and dehydration.

The relief operations were directly supervised by Director Administration DHA, Brig (R) Saleem Abdullah. DHA teams also distributed special family gift packs containing eatables like tea, milk, sugar, biscuits, mineral water, dates and sweets etc to share the sorrows of flood affectees on the Eid day.

DHA has already contributed Rs 10 million in Army Flood Relief Fund which includes three days salaries of DHA officers, two days salaries of all DHA employees and Rs 2.2 million collected and contributed by students of DHA Educational Institutions.

Administrator DHA speaking on the occasion said that the DHA's efforts to alleviate the sufferings of flood victims would continue unabatedly. He reiterated that it was a catastrophic situation in nation's history and the biggest service to humanity was to contribute and to share the problems

and grief of our wretched brothers and sisters devastated by the ravages of worst ever floods in the country.



DHA Team distributing relief goods among the flood affectees on Eid Day

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Doctors and Officials at a Medical Camp set up by DHA for the flood affectees

Solving Problems with Mutual Understanding

A meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee on Defence was held at the Cantonment Board Clifton, Karachi under the convenership of Nawab Abdul Ghani Talpur, MNA. The meeting was attended by Begum Ishrat Ashraf, Mrs. Shagufta Sadiq, Mir Amir Ali Khan Magsi, President Cantonment Board, Cantonment Executive Officer, Administrator DHA, representatives from Residents Associations and other officers.

The Committee was briefed on the issue of refurbishment charges, shortage of water and other related issues. After detailed deliberations, a nine member committee was formed to look into the issue of refurbishment charges and submit its report to the sub-committee within three months and DHA would stop charging during this period. The composition of the Committee includes, Mir Amir Ali Khan Magsi, MNA Chairman, two members each from Defence Housing Authority and CBC and four members from DHA residents.



A meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee on Defence held at the CBC office

After detailed discussion on water supply issue, it was decided that KW&SB would provide nine million gallons of water per day. The Administrator DHA also intimated that the Cogen Plant would be functional this year and the water committee of the residents and CBC would submit its report to the National Assembly Sub-Committee on the supply of water position in the current month.

Nishat Commercial, DHA:

A Hub of Activities

Nishat Commercial is located close to Khayaban-e-Muhafiz and Khayaban-e-Bukhari, and spreads out on both sides of Khayaban-e-Hilal. The area encompasses two separate markets, the larger market has nearly 90 outlets and the smaller one has about 30. Both markets offer a variety of businesses like, bakeries, grocery, medical and departmental stores, banks as well as tailoring facilities and tuition centres.

Commercial plots at Nishat Commercial measures 100 or 200 square yards, while the shops cover an area of 300, 400 and 450 square feet. The trend is to develop ground plus four buildings with shops occupying the ground floor and two and three bedroom apartments on the upper floors. About 50% of the plots are vacant.

Plot and shops are available for both sale and rent. The value and demand for property in Nishat



Lt Col (R) Mian Mahmood Yousuf
Dir TP & BC

Commercial has been steady for the last two years. Values are 15% to 20% less due to a less prominent location.

Courtesy Dawn



A wide angle view of Nishat Commercial Area

Education

“If you think Education is Expensive, try Ignorance”

A Ramble through Education

The Directorate of Education regards education as a legacy of learning and believes that every teacher must seek and obtain a reason d'être (reason for existence) which becomes the quintessence of teaching. As a policy maker, I realize the fact that a sound education empowers its recipients with a great potential to do good. Defence Housing Authority took positive steps in the year 2010 to promote a holistic approach in education system.

The year 2010 commenced with a seminar on “Knowledge-based Education” which provided the opportunity of its kind to over 900 teachers to unite on a collaborative platform. This seminar was held at the Convention Centre at DA Country & Golf Club.

The month of February marked the onset of Spring. An array of flowers was seen swinging and frolicking in the lush gardens of DHA Schools and Colleges when the “Clean and Green Competition” was held. Its prime objective was to inculcate love for nature among students. The theme blended well with the key slogan of the Directorate of Education for the year 2010, “I Adore Pakistan”.

Nothing changes but change itself. The concept of change became symbolic for DHA when the Governor of Sindh inaugurated the “Centre of Arts & Design”, the “DA Teachers' Training Institute” and the “Defence Institute of Technical Education” for men and women, separately. It was a red letter day for DHA. The Provincial Education Minister was also present along with the Administrator, DHA.

The advent of Summer heralded another academic milestone. The 3rd in a series of books on education, “Teacher as an Icon” was launched

in May, 2010. All of the DHA teachers carried a copy home for Summer reading.

Late Summer was a time to beckon the holidaying teachers into learning mode. DHA Teachers attended a series of learner's workshops belonging to all possible categories, from those teachers who were newly inducted to seasoned and prolific teachers. It was an in-house programme that was exclusive to DHA only.

The end of year set the mood for acceptance. The Education Directorate honoured its outstanding students and teachers by observing a “Day of Achievement”. The academic brilliance of DHA students in Cambridge International O' & A' Level Exams and the high positions in the Degree Classes conducted by the Karachi University, were acknowledged and amply rewarded.

The high point of the year was reached in the Inter DAEI's CCA Competition in November, 2010. The event replicated mini Olympics. It was very well organized and students of all levels and age groups participated and competed for the honours.

As the mellow hues of Autumn signified the approaching climax of the year 2010, the Education Directorate solemnly observed Allama Iqbal Day on 9th November, 2010. Eminent Barrister Ms Shahida Jamil won countless hearts through her scintillating presentation, ensuring that the culmination was reached in a befitting manner. In addition, a heart rendering address was also given by veteran poet Obaidullah Baig.



Brig (R) Iftikhar Arshad Khan
Ex-Director Education, DHA

Academic Brilliance

Defence Authority Degree College for Women Phase-VIII made a mark and clinched the top two positions in BA (pass) annual examination 2009 of



Qurat-ul-Ain
D/o Kamran Gul Abdullah
2nd Position (772/1000)



Lala Rukh Fida
D/o Fida Rasool
3rd position (754/1000)

the University of Karachi.

The position holders attributed their success to the persistent and regular hard work. They said that the inspiration and guidance provided to them by their teachers enabled them to bag the distinguished positions. The students were of the view that the culture of rigorous academic discipline, punctuality and intellectually vibrant learning environment provided at the college campus played a pivotal role in their success.

Professor Nasreen Nasir, the Principal of the college said that her institution was committed to achieve the goals of excellence in academics and co-curricular fields. She reiterated that the college was consistently striving to maintain its rich traditions by securing top positions in different examinations at Board and University levels.

Farewell Party in Honour of Dr. Tayyaba Mamoon

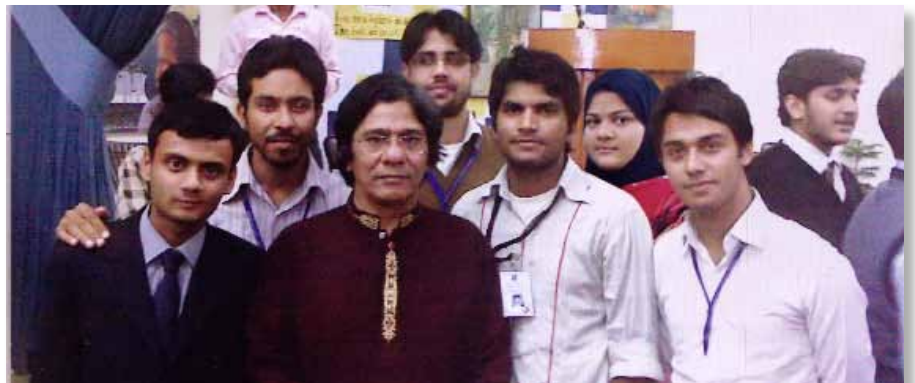
Ex-Principal DA Degree College for Women Phase-VII (Extn)

DA Degree College Phase-VII (Extn) organized a farewell lunch in honour of Dr. Tayyaba Mamoon on 10th Jan 2011. Dr. Farhat Agha, Ms. Rubina Sarwar, Ms. Lamia Rao and Ms. Tayyaba Khalil, on behalf of all staff members, commended her services and highly appreciated her commitment and dedication to the organization.

Dr. Tayyaba Mamoon expressed her heartiest felicitation to staff members for their support and cooperation. She wished the College all the best and expressed her hope that the sapling of the institution planted with great care and protection would grow into a full fledged tree in future.

A Commendable Achievement

All Karachi Inter Collegiate Bilingual Elocution Contest was held at DA Degree College Phase-VIII in which Danish Siddiqui, a student of Defence Authority College of Business Semester 1 won the second prize. The triumphant team is standing tall with the chief guest Rauf Siddiqui, Provincial Minister of trade & industry.



The 11th Convocation Ceremony

DA Degree College for Women Ph-VIII

Addressing at the occasion, Dr. Pirzada Qasim said that the backwardness and regression of the nation was because it lagged in quality education. He lamented that education never got its due priority in the perennial history of the country and as such the culture and environment for learning, knowledge and awareness in the society could not be developed.

The glorious event of 11th Convocation of Defence Authority Degree College for Women Phase-VIII presided by the Vice Chancellor Karachi University, Prof. Dr. Pirzada Qasim took place at the college auditorium.

Out of 333 graduates of the session 2008 and 2009, 166 students were awarded B.Com degrees, 48 students received B.Sc degrees and 103 students were given BA degrees in the Humanities and Liberal Arts; whereas 16 students of the college were awarded Master's degrees in MA (Economic). The Vice Chancellor also awarded medals and cash awards to 22 college students who secured top three positions in various University and Board examinations.

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The Vice Chancellor said that intellectual deficit could not be overcome or bought through money; it was only an intellectually vibrant and conducive learning and research environment which could promote education and progress in society.



Prof. Pirzada Qasim awarding degree to a cheerful graduate of DA Degree College for Women Ph-VIII

He said that it was imperative that women participated equally with men in all walks of life if the country was to develop and progress. He commended DHA Degree College for Women for maintaining its glorious traditions of academic excellence and for producing confident and capable women graduates with a vision to succeed in life.

Channeling the Voice of the Next generation

An exhilarating event of All Karachi Annual Bilingual Declamation Contest 2011 was held at Defence Authority College for Women Ph-VIII. Mr. Abdul Majeed, Chairman Nazaria-e-Pakistan Trust, Sindh was the chief guest of the function.

Mr. Abdul Majeed lauded the tremendous potential, oratory skills and intellectual ability of young college and university students and described them as simply impressive. He said Quaid-e-Azam had great hopes in youth of the nation and considered them as the potential force upon which the glory and salvation of nation depended.

The college provided intellectually vibrant and academically sound environment to develop all round confident personalities of young girls preparing them to face the onslaught of challenges in life successfully.

At university level, Ali Rafique of Dow Medical University of Health Sciences won the first position while, Rijah Tirmizi of Altamash Institute of Dentistry got the second position in the English Declamation



contest. In the Urdu Declamation, second position was won by Qurat-ul-Ain Leghari of BIZTEK while the coveted first position was clinched by Syeda Malika Haider of Altamash Dental University.

At college level, the first position was bagged by Summaya Khan of PECHS Girls College while in the Urdu Declamation the first position was won by Waqas Abdul Razzak of DA College for Men.

The chief guest marked the closing of the ceremony by distributing shields among the participants of the declamation contest.

Annual Sports Prize Distribution Ceremony DA Degree College for Women Ph-VIII

Annual Sports Prize Distribution Ceremony was held at DA Degree College for Women Ph-VIII. Mr. Muhammad Faiz Kidwai, Chairman Rotary Club for Pakistan and Afghanistan was the chief guest of the function. The chief guest also inaugurated the newly refurbished college gymnasium.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest stressed the significance of sports in development of an all round healthy personality of an individual. He said that sports, besides studies were essential for students in their professional as well as personal growth and development. He also announced two special prizes for the Player and Athlete of the Year. Khushnum Karanjia of XII Commerce and Mariam Anwar of XII Science received the prizes respectively.



Prof. Nasreen Nasir, Principal DA College for Women Phase-VIII, highlighted some of the monumental achievements of the college both in curricular and co-curricular activities. A beautiful presentation was also given by the students which showcased the sports achievements of the college. Prizes and awards were given to the young sport girls who brought laurels to the college in various sports events.

All Karachi Inter School Bilingual Declamation Contest 2011

All Karachi Inter School Bilingual Declamation Contest 2011 was held at DA College for Women Ph-VII Extn. Mr. Faisal Subzwari, Sindh Provisional Minister for Youth Affairs was the chief guest of the function.

Two students each from 10 leading schools of the city participated in the debate contest. The chief guest said that the government gave special emphasis to youth of the nation and was providing them opportunities for developing their talent. He added that in this connection, the government was patronizing and encouraging holding of youth festivals regularly with a view to provide the younger generation a platform to come forward and display their abilities and talents.

The Principal of the college, Ms. Farhat Agha said that co-curricular activities played a pivotal role in development of personality. She said that the college played an important role in developing the young women folk into an enlightened generation with an open mind and broad vision of life who



The chief guest awarding trophy to the winning team of the Declamation Contest

could face the challenges of life boldly.

The overall coveted trophy was won by Habib Girls School for its outstanding performance. In the end, the chief guest awarded shields and distributed certificates among the winners and participants.

All Karachi Quiz Competition 2010

DA Degree College for Women Ph-VIII organized an All Karachi Quiz Competition 2010 where Mr. Nisar Ahmed, Collector of Customs Karachi was the honoured chief guest.

The chief guest emphasized the significance of the power of knowledge and termed the quiz competitions as the hallmark of a sound education system. The principal of the college, Ms. Nasreen Nasir said that the quiz competitions provided an excellent opportunity to enhance and nurture the mental skills of students and in development of their personalities.

Students of leading colleges/universities of the metropolis participated in the event. The contest encompassed three rounds; the 1st round included testing of general knowledge, 2nd round was based on elusive and informative questions thrown to the audience. The audience took keen interest in the program and exercised wit and presence of mind to answer the questions.

The last and the final round was for the university level students in which students of eight leading universities of the metropolis answered



different intellectually and academically challenged questions on varied topics of interest. The quiz competition at college level was won by Bahria College NORE-I while DA SKBZ College got the second position.

At university level, DA College for Business clinched the coveted 1st prize while DOW University of Health and Medical Sciences got the second position. The chief guest awarded trophies to the winning teams.

Annual Science Exhibition 2011

Defence Authority Degree College



Students explaining their science project to the chief guest

A two-day Annual Science Exhibition 2011 was held at Defence Authority Degree College. Engr Dr. Syed Naimat Ali Rizvi, Chief Engineer PCSIR Laboratories was the chief guest of the function.

Students from pre-medical and pre-engineering groups displayed their models and posters related to the subjects of Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Mathematics.

The chief guest praised the students for their creative and innovative abilities and zeal. He said that it was encouraging that most of the projects prepared by college students were research oriented and presented solutions to some important modern-day problems. He added that the role of an educational institution did not end with imparting knowledge only; it must include inspiration for unlimited quest for knowledge.

Principal of the college Cdre (Retd) Imran Ansari commended the efforts of the students and Science Society of the college for their efforts and praised the young scientists who brought laurels to the college by winning Grand Award and Best of Category Award at National Science Olympiad held at Islamabad.

According to the result the prizes for "Projects" went to projects entitled "Bio-Diesel" (Best in Chemistry), "Asian Brown Cloud" (Best in Biology), "Street Light Phenomenon" (Best in Physics), "Internet Browser" (Special Prize in Computers) and "Mathematical-Expectation" (Special Prize in Maths).

Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony

Defence Authority Degree College

The Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony of Defence Authority Degree College was held at the college auditorium. Renowned scientist and former Chairman Higher Education Commission, Prof. Dr. Atta-ur-Rehman was the chief guest of the function.



Dr. Ata ur Rehman awarding a trophy to the winning student

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Atta-ur-Rehman said that it was encouraging that Pakistani youth had tremendous potential and talent to progress and advance in all walks of life. He said that the best investment for the future of the nation was to invest for the intellectual and professional development of the youth.

He exhorted the students to have a questioning approach in life and not to accept or believe any dogma or established principle unless they logically understood it. He said that by challenging the veracity and logic of things, they could create new knowledge and make wonderful innovations.

The Principal of the college, Cdre (Retd) Imran Ansari highlighted the academic and co-curricular achievements of the students at various levels.

At the end of the ceremony the chief guest awarded prizes and certificates to nearly 150 students for their achievements in academic and co-curricular activities.

Celebrating a Day of Achievement

Honouring the Teachers and Students of DAEIs

A simple and graceful ceremony to honour the outstanding students and teachers of DHA educational institutions was held at the auditorium of DA Degree College for Women, Ph-VIII under the aegis of DHA Education Directorate. Ex-Dir Education DHA, Brig (R) Iftikhar Arshad Khan was the chief guest of the function which was termed as the "Day of Achievement".

Brig (R) Iftikhar Arshad stressed upon the need of achieving highest standards of learning and teaching through knowledge based education. He said that excellence in all fields of learning was essential to achieve success in life.

The O&A level students who received the awards for their distinguished performances included the star student Nimra Jawed of DA Public School (O&A levels) for securing a World Ranking of Top Three for Sociology in the CIEO' Level Exams, 2009 while Rehama Obaid of the same school was

given an award for obtaining 12 As in the O' Level Exams, 2010. Saad Ali Shah who secured 11 As in O' Levels was also given an award.

At the degree (undergraduate) level exams of Karachi University for the year 2009 Ayesha Munir of DA Degree College for Women Ph-VIII was awarded the gold medal for clinching the 1st Position in BA (Pass) Examination at University level. Asma Hanif of the same College received the award of distinction for getting 1st position in B.Sc Examination at the University level.

Nimra Arif of DA College for Women Ph-VIII got the coveted award of distinction for obtaining the 1st position in the Intermediate Gen. Science Examination of Board of Intermediate Education Karachi. Hira Alvi of the same college was given an award of distinction for securing the 1st position in the Intermediate Commerce Examination of BIEK for the year 2009.

"We are the Future of Pakistan, Let's Rise to the Occasion"

The Rising Society of Defence Authority College for Women Ph-VIII organized a unique presentation competition of its kind on the theme, "We are the Future of Pakistan, Let's Rise to the Occasion" at the college's auditorium. Prof Anwar Ahmed Zai, Chairman, Board of Intermediate Education Karachi was the chief guest on the occasion.

Multimedia presentations on various topics related to Pakistan, its problems, state of declining economy, threat of terrorism and impediments in the development and progress of the country were presented by the students with remarkable versatility, efficiency and effectiveness. The students also gave their recommendations to resolve the problems which were prudent, pragmatic and dynamic in nature.

The chief guest appreciated the quality and standard of presentations and termed the event a brain storming exercise. He said that the confidence, intellect and communication skills of the students were simply remarkable and an embodiment of the bright future of Pakistan.

The presentation on "Acts of Terrorism and its Affect on Trade of Pakistan" by Maryam Asif and Syeda Fizza Abid was adjudged first while the presentation on "How to Improve Pakistan's Education System" by Asifa Aziz and Sheeba Obaid was declared second.

Towards the end of the event, the chief guest gave away prizes to the winner and runners up of the competition.



A Festive Mela at DA Public School (O&A Levels)



Former Nazim Karachi, Mr. Mustafa Kamal and school faculty inaugurating the joyous Mela

A colourful Annual Mela was held at Defence Authority Public School (O&A Levels). The theme of the Carnival was "Community Focus" for which the students highlighted various community services being performed by them as part of education.

Mr. Mustafa Kamal, former Nazim Karachi, himself an icon and a motivating figure for community services was the chief guest at the occasion. He appreciated the community services works being done by the school students.

He termed the community services as the most noble and laudable work done for the welfare and betterment of downtrodden people and for those affected by natural calamities.

Fancy dress and national songs competitions were also part of the Carnival. A number of stalls including stalls of Community Services, SIUT, drinks and eatables were set up at the Mela. The venue sent out a vibe of festivity and cheerfulness.

Farhan Ali Agha, Mr Amjad Sabri Qawwal and ex wicket keeper Moin Khan were among the noteworthy celebrities present on the occasion. Parents, families and notables enjoyed the carnival to the fullest.

Laurels won by DA Model High School Phase-IV

Defence Authority Model High School Phase-IV continued with the tradition of producing sterling performances in various fields. Recently, the school proved its mettle in the field of science and technology.

The students of DAMHS Ph-IV participated in the National Science Fair organized by Intel Pakistan in collaboration with the Ministry of Education. The event is part of the world's largest pre-college science competition and was held at the National Library of Islamabad from 14th to 17th January 2011.



A student of DA MHS Ph-IV elaborating her winning science project to the chief guest

Intel Pakistan marked the end of the competition by announcing winners, who qualified for The International Science & Engineering Fair to be held in Los Angeles, California, USA. One of the proud winners was a 9th class student of DAMHS Ph-IV, Fatima Sohail. Her project was based on Electricity Generation which is the need of the hour.

The project revolved around a modified windmill powered by wind to generate electricity. The project demonstrated the ingenuity of the student by introducing an alternate method of electricity generation that is both economical and eco-friendly.

Students of DAMHS Ph-IV also participated in the 19th Sindh Women's Swimming Championship held at Karachi Parsi School and won medals in 50 meter back stroke and in free style swimming.

Steering towards Higher Success

Defence Authority SKBZ College

DA SKBZ College, the premier institute of DHA is striving hard to impart quality education to the students, commencing from Play Group to Intermediate level. A great number of students of the institute participated in academics, sports, co-curricular and welfare oriented activities during the past eventful year. Some of the achievements are highlighted here:

Achievements in sports had been the high point of the college. The college won the Inter Collegiate Basketball Tournament organized by the Board of Intermediate and Table Tennis Championship 2010 organized by the Board of Secondary Education. The college team was also selected to represent Karachi Board in All Pakistan Table Tennis Championship held at Larkana.

The college also won the overall trophy for Inter-School Athletics Championship 2010 organized by Pakistan Sports Board. 12 students of SKBZ college section won 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze medals while the other students secured 4th and 5th positions in the Inter-Collegiate Swimming Championship 2010 organized by Board of Intermediate Karachi.



Ex Dir Education with prize winning students

Apart from co-curricular and sports events, the college remained winners at some of the intellectual competitions as well. The college appreciates the efforts of the students in all fields of academics and extra curricular activities, therefore, various excursion and educational trips are arranged from time to time to enhance the learning abilities of the students. Some of the recent tours included, trip to Mohatta Palace, Dream World, Mazar-e-Quaid, a field trip to Hawksbay, Turtle Beach, SIUT and PCSIR.

DA Neelum High School

Maintaining Rich Success Records

During 2009-2010, DA Neelum High School produced outstanding results in academics. The results were 100% in IX and X Board Examinations. All students secured A and A+ grades.

The School celebrated the "Pakistan Day" on 5th of April 2010 with traditional fervour and enthusiasm. A function was held in the school courtyard in which students delivered speeches, highlighting the significance of Pakistan Day and performed skits and tableaus to pay rich tributes to our homeland.

Co-curricular activities were organized on Inter DAEIs basis in which all the students got an opportunity to display their prowess in competitions of various categories. The school teams clinched 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions in Arts Competition at different levels. Kiran Zaman and

Ayesha Batool of class X bagged the 1st position in Idioms Competition. Sawera Nadeem from KG got 2nd position in Drawing.



Beaming young students of the School group photographed with the Principal

Defence Authority Teachers' Training Institute

Defence Authority Teachers' Training Institute offers Montessori Teachers' Training and affiliated is with Sindh Board of Technical Education, Karachi. It is the first and only institute of its kind in DHA Karachi which imparts training in Montessori Method of Education, introduced by Dr. Maria Montessori. The institute enjoys a well established reputation and acceptance nationally and internationally for provision of recognized yet affordable technical education.

Recently, two simple yet graceful ceremonies were held separately to award Diplomas and Certificates to the participants of Batches 17 and 18.

Brig. (R) Iftikhar Arshad Khan, Ex-Director Education DHA and Mrs. Anjum Saeed, Ex-Principal and pioneer of DA Montessori-I and DA Montessori Institute were the Chief Guests. Speaking on the occasion, they emphasized on the importance of Montessori system of education in the formative



A Group Photograph of the Participants of the Course

years of a child to gain maximum potentials.

The Principal of the institute, Mrs. Farah Zubair in her welcome address said that the Montessori education focuses on the development of complete personality. The aspiring Montessori Directresses were proud and motivated to take on challenges in their personal as well as professional lives.

DA Junior Model School Beach View Embodiment of Hope and Vision

Keeping at par with its traditions, Defence Authority Model High School - Beach View had always worked zealously to facilitate its students to excel in the race of today's competitive world and become more confident, disciplined, responsible and prepared for future challenges.

The year 2010 had been a year of remarkable achievement, progress and success for DA MHS Beach View. It witnessed several academic and co-curricular events that helped gather objectives under the school policy.

- A fresh wave of enthusiasm swept when the school was upgraded from primary to secondary level in April 2010.
- In the junior category, the Best Library Award was given to DA MHS-Beach View.
- A field trip was organized for students of class V and VI, which gave them an opportunity to visit the Mohatta Palace and gain insight into the historical and cultural heritage. An extensive

tour of the premises escalated students' knowledge.

- Mini sports day was celebrated at the school to commemorate the Independence Day. The occasion was marked with a colorful PT display and students of Play Group to class II, participated in a variety of races. It was a very energetic and refreshing event for the students, teachers and parents.



Young Students Participating in Mini Sports with Enthusiasm

DA Model High School Phase-VII

Enlightening the Assets of Tomorrow

The students of Defence Authority Model High School Ph-VII aim for the sky and excel academically as well as in extracurricular activities. Recently, "Index of Institutional Efficiency" was evaluated by Education Directorate DHA and the institute stood first among all DHA institutions, living up to its reputation.

Along with academic progress, students are motivated to take part in co-curricular activities. Nature carnival was held under the supervision of WWF at PAF Museum. Enthusiastic and fully motivated students of Class VII not only participated but also won 2nd prize. The topic of the project was "Reduction of Carbon Footprint", prepared by Ailiya Abbas, Fatima Ejaz and Bisma Hamid.

Students also participated in different competitions including film making, photography, scrabble, theatre etc. These competitions were held under the supervision of International Schools Educational Olympiad organized by Karachi High School.



Eid-e-Milad un Nabi was celebrated with religious fervor, where children and teachers put light to different aspects of the Prophet's (PBUH) life, paying homage through Naats.

The school provides an academically stimulating environment to the students enabling them to become responsible citizens who would eventually turn out to be an asset in nation building.

DA Junior Model School - Darakhshan

In Pursuit of Excellence

"An individual is as superb as a nation when he has the qualities which make a nation superb" Walt Whitman. In view of the above citation, it



Young Students enacting a play

is imperative to give recreational activities its due importance in a student's academic life. The School played its role by encouraging and guiding students to participate in various activities held in DAEI's Competitions and other outside events.

The school won the second position in "Clean and Green Competition" held among all DAEI's. The genius young minds brought school the 1st position in Dawn Spelling Bee, Karachi District Competition (Age 9-11) held on 26th September' 2010. To promote and further enhance the development of the students, the Principal Mrs. Romana Mubarik and the faculty would continue to encourage the students for active participation in various activities.

Defence Authority Tooba High School

Phenomenal Performance

DA Tooba High School is on the way of progress under the keen, enthusiastic and observant supervision of the school Principal Mrs. Rahila Jamshed. She revived the school that consequently produced brilliant results in both co-curricular activities and academic results. In almost every competition held in the session of 2009-10, students of DA Tooba School reached the victory stand and won many medals and awards.

The fine collaboration of teachers' and students' hard work had brought multidimensional achievements to the school. Matric result was 100% and in Centralized Exam class V the result was 100%.

The School is equipped with Science Labs for Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Computer studies and a Library for students. The venue of the school

is also outstanding; it is not only aesthetic and soothing but also gives a spiritual aid being built next to the beautiful Tooba Mosque. Its beautiful lawns and colorful flower beds give a fantastic sight to the beholders.



DA Montessori

Young Graduate Stars of the Year

A unique convocation ceremony of young beaming students of class Prep belonging to Defence Authority Montessori was held in the Auditorium of DHA College for Men.

The young graduates of the Montessori, who would join class I in other institutions merrily accompanied their parents on the occasion. The chief guest of the ceremony was Mrs. Kausar Asif, Senior Manager Marketing, Cupola Pakistan Ltd, who was also a Montessorian and had contributed a lot in the field of education.

There were 115 young students draped in graduation gowns and hats, with sparkling eyes and cheerful, enlightening smiles were awarded Degrees by the chief guest. Students of the year, highest attendance and motivation awards were also announced on the occasion. The choir of Montessori made the ceremony memorable by reciting Hamd and good-bye song for the outgoing students.

Mrs. Kausar Asif appreciated the event and said that such ceremonies must be held at Montessori level to recognize the onerous effort of the teachers and to encourage young students. She said that



Montessori Education laid the foundation of education for the young tiny toddlers and prepared them to face further challenges in life.

Acting Director Education Cdre (R) Imran Ansari, appreciated the innovative idea of holding convocation ceremony for Montessori students. He said that sound Montessori Education is a stepping stone for students to succeed in the realm of education. He also thanked the parents and teachers for making the event a success.

Clubs

“Variety is the Spice of Life”

Defence Authority Creek Club

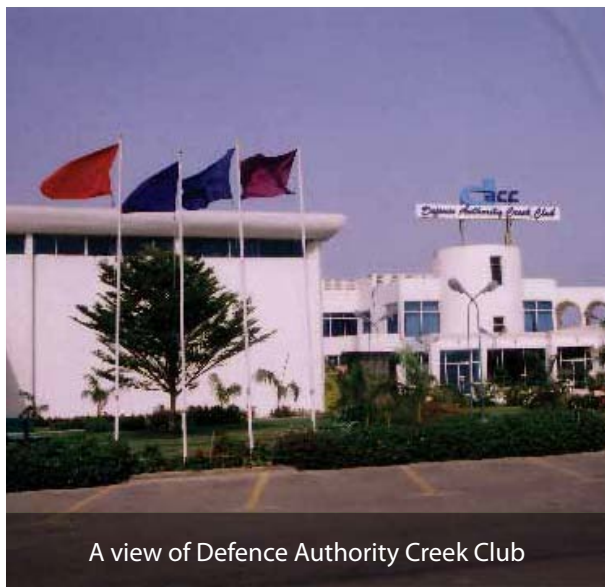


Brig (R) Mohammad
Kamal Khan
Secretary DA Creek Club

DA Creek Club is counted as one of the most prestigious recreational clubs of the city. The club has a class that sets it apart from other leisure zones. Creek Club is beautifully located along the sea coast in DHA Phase-VIII.

The modern structure of the club caters to sports, entertainment

and relaxation activities. Apart from individually enjoying routine club activities, the club members anticipate the regular events and functions organized by the club to keep them involved and entertained. Some of the recent club activities included:



A view of Defence Authority Creek Club

Basant Festival

The colorful event of Basant was celebrated to welcome spring in the city. Most youngsters along with grown-ups enjoyed this glorious event followed by a Musical Talent Show.

Musical Evenings

Many musical evenings were held at the club to accommodate members and guests and give them a regular doze of entertainment. Some of the popular musical events were Geet & Ghazal Evening, Musical Evening with Ali Zafar, Qawwali with Amjad Sabri and Musical Evening in coordination with Amateurs Melodies Club.

Comedy Mushaira

A large number of members enjoyed Kalam of famous poets at the much awaited Comedy Mushaira. Presence of a large number of teenagers on this occasion was heartening.

Sports Events

Apart from entertainment and relaxation functions, sports events had been very popular among club members who participated with full zeal and enthusiasm. Football Tournament, Badminton Competition and Mini Olympic are some of the sports competitions that were cherished by the younger lot mostly, and others in general. It was overwhelming to see the enthusiasm of the participants.

Guinness World Record

Club had the honour to host the Record Breaking Ceremony for Guinness World Record of “Most People (girls) Cramped in a Smart Car”. The record was set for 19 persons, whereas previous record was 18 persons set by an Australian team.

Gem of a Club

Defence Authority Country & Golf Club

DA Country & Golf Club is one of the top ranking golf clubs of the country. Since its establishment, it has promoted golf as golden sport, thus encouraging and attracting a vast number of individuals from different fields of life towards golf. Some of the prominent events and activities held recently at the club are highlighted here:



Brig (Retd) Hassan Rafi
Secretary DA Country & Golf Club

Sindh Amateur Open Golf Tournament

The golf loving members of the club witnessed another golfing event as Sindh Amateur Golf Tournament. Mr Asad I A Khan, Vice President Sindh Golf Association graced the occasion as Chief Guest and gave away prizes to the winners.

arranging a scrumptious variety of eatables. A lot of members appreciated the idea and enjoyed the event.

Basant mela

A Basant Mela along with musical evening was arranged for club members, households and their guests who fully enjoyed the colorful event.

DHA Flood Relief Golf Match

A one day charity golf tournament was organized at the club to raise funds to help the flood affectees. A large number of amateurs, seniors, veterans besides ladies and junior golfers participated in this match.

Free Medical Camp

A free medical camp was set up at the club by Dr. Essa Laboratories to provide free checkups and promote general health awareness.

2nd DHA Karachi Cup Open Golf Tournament

Some 200 professional and amateur golfers from all over the country enthusiastically participated in this tournament. Dr. Ishrat-ul-Ebad Khan, Governor Sindh graced the occasion as Chief Guest and awarded prizes to the winners. He also announced a cash award of Rs 2.5 million for improving golfing facilities at the club.

Apart from holding mainstream events and tournament, the club organizes weekly Sham-e-Ghazal every Saturday and Sunday in the main Bar-B-Que Arena, where members gather to relax and enjoy their weekends in the company of soul refreshing music and soothing melodies.

DHA Musical Evening

A musical evening was organized to raise funds for the flood affected people. A large gathering witnessed live performance by top music artist of the country, Hadiqa Kiyani and other artists who entertained the crowd throughout the evening.



A golfer in action

Pakistani Food Festival

A food festival was arranged at the club where the club's F & B staff did a wonderful job of



A view of DA Country and Golf Club

Splash in Style

Defence Authority Marina Club

When you step into Marina Club it offers an escape from daily life, and provides an opportunity to spend time outdoors with family and friends in complete privacy. Boating is the ultimate leisure activity, because there are so many things you can do on a boat or nothing at all, if that may be your preference.



Capf (R) Misbah-ul-Islam (PN)
Secretary DA Marina Club

Boating at Marina Club

If you have not yet, and wanted to, indulge in luxury at sea, then perhaps you can! Splendour at sea, which you have been dreaming about, is available through "Party Boat" at Marina Club; a dinner cruise or hi-tea with family on board. The boat is large enough to accommodate 50 people in air conditioned large saloon with projection system for movies or presentation and great acoustics for music. The price tag is worth trying the thrill and absolute pleasure at sea with friends and family.

Apart from a luxury sea ride on Party Boat, speed boats and water scooters are also among some of the regular highlights at the club. These facilities provide ample opportunity to thrill-seekers to pursue their hobby in a safe and trusted environment.

In short, Marina Club is an ideal venue if you seek to relax with the calmness of the sea, the depth of the ocean and serene environment all around you.



A view of DA Authority Marina Club



A High Speed Boat cruising in Gizri Creek



An elegant view of the Party Boat

A Club Apart

Defence Authority Club

Defence Authority Club is one of DHA's oldest clubs and own up to the saying, "Old is Gold". Since its establishment, the club has undergone various renovations and is fully updated as a modern day club with great clubbing facilities. Some of the recent developments as well as club's events are discussed here:



Col (R) Mohd Khaleeq Mallal
Secretary Defence Authority Club

New Sports Complex

Much awaited new sports building has almost been completed and would soon be commissioned to present another feather in the cap of DA Club. It would uplift the standards of sports facilities at the club. Club members would be able to fully enjoy temperature-controlled Swimming Pool, Two separate Gyms for ladies and gents, Sauna and Jacuzzi facilities, Steam Room, Cards Room and Table Tennis.

Musical Programme



A Singer enthraling the crowd at
Grand Musical Night



A Grand Musical Night to pay tribute to music legends Khawaja Khursheed Anwer, Rashid Attre, Master Inayat Hussain and Nisar Bazmi in collaboration with HUM TV was organized at DA Club. All members of the club were cordially invited to the musical show free of cost. Large number of members and their guests turned up to grace the occasion and enjoyed a scintillating musical Soirée.

Grand Tombola

Members' response was very encouraging at the Grand Tombola organized by the club. Attractive prizes like Television Set, Microwave Oven, Sound System and return Air Tickets from Karachi to Muscat and many more were distributed amongst members.

Summer Camp

DA Club arranged summer camps for children and adults where it offered swimming for boys and girls. Club also arranged Yoga classes during summer holidays in which a great number of ladies and children participated.

Apart from all the fun activities held at the club, a health awareness service was also set up at the club. A free screening camp for vaccination of Hepatitis B (third and last doze) for DA Club staff and their families was organized by the worthy club member, Dr Zahid Hasan Ansari.

The club feel proud to take up the task of renovating the entire building of the club out of which the renovation work on most of the facilities has already been completed, including all guest rooms, TV Room, Crystal Room (sitting area), Dining Hall and washrooms. Similarly, other facilities are also being upgraded and would be completed shortly.

Entertainment Begins Here

Defence Authority Sunset Club

Sunset Club has lived up to its tradition of being the “Second Home” to its members. Through its warmth, comfort, homely environment and soothing ambiance the club has attracted more and more members seeking total entertainment, relaxation and fun. It is very encouraging to note that new members continue to pour in.



Lt. Col (R) Iftikhar Ahmed
Secretary DA Sunset Club

Defence Authority Sunset Club, as usual, had been making constant efforts to provide the best to its members. The club has come a long way with its highs and lows, but now stands among one of the best clubs in DHA.

Some of the routine club activities include melodious Musical Evenings, Weekly Tambolas, Annual Eid Milan Party, Sports Gala and Children Festivals.

Independence Day

It was celebrated with great fervour with members participating enthusiastically in singing national songs in a colourful event held indoors due to heavy rain.

Grand Tambola

It was largely attended by the members who won various attractive prizes including a Bumper Prize of Suzuki Mehran car which was won by a member through a lucky draw.

Annual Musical Programme

It was successfully held at Jasmine Lawn at the club. The lively crowd enjoyed the show and performances by Mr Anwar Maqsood and Mr Moin Akhtar who won the hearts of their fans all over again.

Besides providing high class family entertainment activities, the club also offers health care facilities like Aerobics and Yoga sessions for ladies and Tae Kwando on weekly basis.



Moin Akhtar (Late) and Anwar Maqsood entertaining the crowd through their witty dialogues



Umer Sharif in his colours

Pearl of the Ocean

Defence Authority Beachview Club

DA Beachview Club has a unique distinction of being located on the main Seaview. Its location on the beach avenue provides a picturesque view of the sea. The club is spread over an area of 12291 square yards separated in two distinct parts, the main club and the sports complex.



Lt Col (Retd) Tahir Masood, TI (M)
Secretary DA Beachview Club



Club Secretary welcoming Ex Corps Comd
Lt. Gen Shahid Iqbal to the Club



Artists Mesmerising the crowd at Musical Night

The club houses a beautiful Banquet Hall with catering capacity for over 200 persons and buffet facility for over 300 persons, eight fully furnished guest rooms, a comfortable Billiard Room, an advanced library with a soothing environment having 500 books and movies, a VIP Lounge to accommodate about fifty persons, a small childrens' park with a number of playing gadgets and a spacious Dining Hall.

A number of regular and occasional activities and events take place at the Beachview Club, including weekly tambola on every Friday, weekly movies that are screened every Saturday in the front lawn. Other activities like musical programmes, Mehfil-e-Milad, Eid Milan Party, Grand Tambola and Annual Sports competitions are regularly held which are largely attended and enjoyed by the club members and their guests. Some of the recent events included:

Musical Night

A Grand Musical Night was held at the club lawn where country's renowned music artists Humaira Arshad and Haroon along with dynamic comperes Hanif Raja and Kashif Khan mesmerized the audience with their talented skills and joyous performances. Lt Gen Shahid Iqbal, Ex Comd 5

Corps was the chief guest of the event. Over 1200 club members enjoyed the event.

Mini Grand Tambola

Mini Grand Tambola was held in the club where expensive houses and lots of attractive gift hampers were given to the participants. The occasion was largely attended and liked by the members and their guests.

Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony

The Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony was held at the club's Sports Complex. Moin Khan, the legendary former captain of Pakistan Cricket team was the chief guest on the occasion. National Tennis champion of yester years Saeed Mir was also present at the event. Addressing the gathering, Mr. Moin Khan underscored the significance of sports in making a healthy, vibrant and tolerant society. He said that sports went a long way in enhancing team spirit, self esteem, confidence and discipline in an individual. He appreciated DHA's efforts in providing excellent sports facilities to its residents.

Inspiring Healthy Sports Activities

Defence Authority Zamzama Club

Defence Authority Zamzama Club offers a secure and safe environment for most of the recreational activities, especially, sports activities. The ground is available for day and night sports events/ private parties and functions etc. A number of business agencies, multinational companies and banks are keen on holding cricket matches at DA Zamzama Club due to high-tech floodlights and high power backup Generator installed at the club.

The club houses a swimming pool and three squash courts built on national standards. In squash courts building a high-end gymnasium is also built. Two badminton courts and two large snooker tables are made available for tournament purposes.

Apart from promoting healthy sports routine in the society, the club also offers to cater entertainment events. One side of the beautiful park area accommodates small to medium sized events and functions for 200 to 250 persons available at quite reasonable rates as compared to the local rates.



Wig Cdr. (R) Ilyas Mohd Baig
Ex Secretary DA Zamzama Club



Various views of the DA Zamzama Club

Environment



Maj (R) Yousuf Ali Khan
Acting Dir Horticulture

DHA Horticulture Directorate Promoting Green, Clean and a Lively Environment

Flower is a symbol of health, beauty, happiness, symmetry and prosperity. Flowers had always been in the use of humans in one way or the other, in medicine, cosmetics, kitchen or interior decoration. The present modern age needs flowers from marriage till death.

The urban life in Pakistan is full of stress and frustration and everyone needs a few moments of rest and recreation. The residents of DHA are lucky enough to have an institution that is trying to make their lives complaint-free to a large extent. When it comes to recreation, residents can be found taking morning/evening strolls in the well maintained DHA mega Parks such as Nisar Shaheed Park, Zamzama Park, Maj Khalid Shaheed Park and Seaview Park.

DHA Horticulture Directorate is playing a vital role in the beautification and provision of a clean environment to the residents of Defence in particular and citizens of Karachi in general for the last 20 years. DHA Parks satisfies the aesthetic sense of the residents and helps them relax in the stressful hustle bustle of life.

Development of Tissue Culture Lab

This facility has been developed in DHA Karachi in Phase-IV nearby Nisar Shaheed Park. The idea was brought up by the former Comd 5 Corps Lt Gen Shahid Iqbal that a laboratory at the premises of DHA can be a hub to cut down the heavy investment on import of elite varieties of Ornamental Plants by employing above technology to save our valuable revenue. This is a method of growing true copy/replica of plants without the help of seed under certain controlled environment.

In the initial stage the main focus would be on Ornamental Plants to fulfill the local demand of DHA Residents and would subsequently switch

over to the field of Agriculture Development and later expand it into a training institute.

Creek Vistas Lawns

DHA Horticulture Directorate was tasked to develop two Lawns in Creek Vistas Complex and has accordingly been able to complete the assigned task in a professional manner.

Major Khalid Shaheed Park

A recently developed park along the Coast near Gizri Creek has been equipped with Japanese style swings for children. Plantation of Grassy Lawns, Fruit Plants (40 Coconut trees) and other Ornamental Plants especially Ashok trees towards the seaside has also been completed. The park provides a steady walking/jogging track of 2km with beautifully maintained sitting areas for family gatherings and healthy activities.



A serene view of newly built Major Khalid
Shaheed Park

Nisar Shaheed Park

City Government Karachi has planted more than 1 million Conocarpus trees, drawing harsh criticism from experts claiming that its pollen causes allergies. "Pollen count in Karachi is getting higher since the plantation of this tree, while allergy specialists in Karachi have witnessed prolonged allergies and asthma this season," said Shahida Kauser Farooq, Chairperson "Subh-e-Nau". To replace these health hazard plants, plantation of 200 Gul Mohar, 75 Coconut & 100 x Chico plants had been carried out, whereas, installation of fitness machines and replacement of damaged equipment at children playing area had also been taken care of.

Tree Plantation on Road Meridians (Phase-VIII)

Tree Plantation Project has been completed successfully and is maintained at a number of locations, including Saba Avenue, 26th Street and Sunday Bachat Bazar and Parking area I & II in Phase-VIII.

DHA Sports Complex

Plantation of Foliage Plants i.e. Gul Mohar, Sukh Chain, Alastonia, Terminalia and African tulip and ground covers of Nenthera Red, Green and Silvery Plants at parking and Swimming Pool area of DHA Sports Club (Moin Khan Academies) has been completed.

DHA Nurseries

The Phase-VIII Nursery is playing a vital role and act as the main source in providing seasonal flowers/permanent plants for DHA Parks, Nurseries and other Beautification Spots. Various types of trees/shrubs are propagated in Phase-VIII Nursery like Petunia, Pansy and other varieties required for Flower Shows/ Competition and beautification of Parks etc.

Cuttings (propagation method) of various plants including many elite and rare species are planted in the tunnels. Moreover, Phase-VIII Nursery is working as base for provision of seasonal flowers/permanent plants for sale at reasonable rates for Defence residents. Bonsai Plants and Orchids, which are very expensive and becoming popular among the residents of Karachi are also being nurtured at the said nursery.

Bush Cutting – DHA Phase-VIII

Long awaited development works of DHA Phase-VIII has been geared up and in this regard DHA Horticulture Directorate has been tasked to remove all the wild growth/bushes to facilitate the development activities. The task of bush cutting is in progress and requires regular checks and visits.

DHA has handed over 72 Parks (64 Small Seaview Appts Parks and 8 Large/Medium Parks) to CBC. DHA Horticulture Directorate is presently maintaining seven parks which include, Nisar Shaheed Park, Zamzama Park, Maj Khalid Shaheed Park, McDonald Park (Seaview), Tooba Masjid Park, Edhi Park and Creek Vistas Park (Lawn 1 & Lawn II).



DHA Main Office



Defence Authority Nisar Shaheed Park



Defence Authority Zamzama Park

60th Pakistan Flower Show

A revitalizing array of beautiful flowers and plants

In spring season each year the city blooms with beautiful and vibrant looking flowers wherever proper care had been given. To celebrate this colourful freshness in the air, the Annual Flower Show is organized to nurture and appreciate nature and beauty. This year, the 60th Pakistan Flower Show 2011 held under the aegis of Horticultural Society of Pakistan (HSP) in collaboration with Defence Housing Authority (DHA) and Cantonment Board Clifton (CBC) opened at DHA Seaview Public Park.

The venue presented an exotic view of colour and beauty with fragrance of flowers adding to the ambience of the scene. The sprouting seasonal flowers all around added to the dazzling charm of the setting while the Naval Band played its melodies giving a festive mood to the environment.

On this occasion, an impressive ceremony was held in which the passion and efforts of nature loving enthusiasts and organizations were appreciated and awarded with trophies and prizes in various categories of the flower competition.

President Horticultural Society of Pakistan, Mr. Faheem Siddiqui in his welcome address outlined the activities of his organization in promoting horticultural awareness in society. He said that HSP was actively engaged in beautifying the environment of the city. He reiterated that flowers were essential for life and as such greenery and horticulture needed to be promoted at all levels.

He further added that competitions like flower shows would provide public with healthy recreational avenues and promote positive and healthy trends in society.

Chairman HSP Garden Society, Lt Gen (R) Jahanzeb Arbab termed love for flowers as the essence of life. He said that flowers reflected natural beauty and left indelible marks of creative charm on human mind. He reiterated that the natural spots like gardens, parks and open grounds must be

promoted as they provided aesthetic delight to the people and had a soothing effect on their nerves.

A large number of individuals, organizations, amateurs and professionals participated in the flower show in various categories. Defence Authority Nisar Shaheed Park, CBC Hilal Park and CBC Rahat Park got first prizes in the categories of large, medium and small parks. In the category of beautification of spots, DHA Gizri Hilltop got the first prize while DHA Khayaban-e-Momin Rockery was second in the category.

Flag Staff House got first prize in official bungalows (large) gardens, Administrator DHA's House in official bungalows (small) gardens, Sindh Club in club gardens (large), Karachi Boat Club in club garden (small), Thal Engineering in factories /industrial gardens, Town Hall Gulshan-e-Maymar in office gardens, KPT Rest House in guest house gardens and DHA Tooba Masjid in mosque garden got the first prize in their respective categories. College of Physicians & Surgeons Pakistan in institute gardens and DHA Degree College For Men in colleges/universities gardens got the first prizes.

DHA won the coveted overall first position of the Flower Show after three years and was awarded the Abdul Sattar Pirzada Trophy. President HSP, Mr. AK Khan was also present on the occasion. The Flower Show continued for three days and was enjoyed by people from all over the city.



A breathtaking setup of the 60th Pakistan Flower Show held at Defence Authority Seaview Park

Fighting Dengue, a Deadly Virus

Effective Fumigation Campaign against Dengue Virus carried out by DHA and CBC

Dengue, a devastating viral disease caused by breeding habitats of the major mosquito vector, *Aedes aegypti* has emerged as a major health threat in the country in the recent past. To obviate outbreak of epidemics especially the lethal dengue virus menace, DHA and CBC jointly launched an intensive fumigation campaign as part of post rain emergency drive in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

Dengue is a mosquito borne infection that causes a severe flu-like illness, and sometimes a potentially lethal complication called dengue hemorrhagic fever. Unlike the mosquito that causes malaria and thrives in filthy water, *Aedes aegypti* breeds in clean water.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), at present the only method of controlling or preventing dengue and the dengue hemorrhagic fever is to combat the vector mosquitoes. *Aedes aegypti* breeds primarily in man-made containers like earthen jars, metal drums and concrete cisterns used for domestic water storage, as well as discarded plastic food containers, used automobile tyres and other items that collect rainwater.

Steps for vector control should be initiated through community based programmes, using environmental management and chemical methods. Proper solid waste disposal and improved water storage practices, including covering containers to prevent access by egg laying female mosquitoes, are among such methods.

The comprehensive campaign launched included fumigation, spray and oiling drives intended against the stagnant rain water, ponds, storm water drains, garbage dumps, nullahs and manholes. The campaign effectively prevented the breeding of mosquitoes, flies and insects, which are the potential carriers of different diseases and viruses.

Spray insecticides of various categories were sprayed at each nook and corner of the area on war footing. The CBC campaign included effective fumigation of all DHA areas from Phase-1 to Phase-VIII, Clifton Block 8 and 9 and the surrounding Katchi Abadis including Delhi Colony, Punjab

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Colony, Hazara Colony and Chandio Village.

DHA Services carried out a very effective fumigation drive at all DHA establishments/ institutions including Creek Vistas and office complexes, clubs and all educational institutions using the powerful chemical Delta methane for effective control of the outbreak of dengue fever.

Administrator DHA, Brig Aamer Raza Qureshi asked the concerned DHA Staff to leave no stone unturned for making the campaign against the deadly viruses a success. He directed the teams carrying out fumigation to execute the job in all earnestness so as to effectively minimize the risk of outbreak of dengue epidemic in the area.



Effective Fumigation Campaign being carried out at various DHA areas

Health & Sports



Dr. Sheema Athar
Incharge, DHA Medical Centre

Because We Care...

DHA Medical Centre

The doctors and staff of DHA Medical Centre continue their resilient drive to deliver safe, high quality and cost effective care to both DHA employees as well as DHA residents. Being the only primary medical service provider in the vicinity operating 24/7, there is a huge influx of patients requiring conservative or emergency treatment all provided under one roof by highly competent doctors and cooperative paramedical staff.

Tabba Heart Institute, a renowned medical care provider in the city has also set up their non-invasive diagnostic centre comprising of ECHO, ETT, Holter and 24-hour Ambulatory BP

monitoring service along with consultation by a well-known cardiologist, Dr. Asad Pathan. Moreover, a distinguished team of specialists from Akhtar Eye Hospital and Shazad Eye Clinic is also available for consultancy at DHA Clinics.

These are just a few examples of the vast variety of exceptional experts available at DHA Clinics including a modern dental clinic run by Dr. Farzana Imran and Associates as well as Physiotherapy Department. Various health awareness programmes and medical camps including Hepatitis, Diabetic screening and various free checkups are regularly held for healthy living of the residents.

OPD Schedule

Dental Surgeon & Orthodontist

Dr. Ferzana Imran & Associates Mon to Sat 1500 - 2100 hrs

Consultant Eye Surgeon

Dr. M.H. Shahzad Saturday 0900 - 1300 hrs
Dr. Akhter Jamal Khan Thurs & Fri 0900 - 1600hrs
Dr. M. A. Rehman Siddiqui Monday 1800 - 2200 hrs

Pulmonologist / Chest Specialist

Dr. Mosavir Ansarie Wed & Fri 1800 - 2200 hrs

Advance Laparoscopic & General Surgeon

Dr. S. Aziz Ud Din Ahmed Mon, Wed & Fri 1600 - 1800 hrs

Consultant Cardiologist

Dr. Syed Nadeem Hassan Rizvi Friday 1900 - 2200 hrs

Gynecologist

Dr. Farah Naz Mon & Wed 1030 - 1300 hrs
Dr. Samrina Hashmi Mon, Wed & Fri 1800 - 2000 hrs

Skin Hair Nail & Veneral Diseases

Dr. Syed Gauhar Alam Thursday 1600 - 1800 hrs
Dr. Shabina Mirza Tues,Thurs & Sat 1900 - 2100 hrs
Dr. Khalid Munir Friday 1800 - 2100 hrs

Skin Specialist & Cosmetologist

Dr. Badr S Dhanani Mon to Sat 1030 -1600 hrs

ENT Surgeon

Dr. Prof. Ahmed Hasan Mon & Wed 1800 - 2000 hrs

Speech & Language Pathologist

Sadaf Shahid Tues,Thurs & Sat 1000 - 1300 hrs

Psychiatric Consultant

Dr. Muhammad Arshad Wednesday 1800 - 2200 hrs

Pain Management Consultant

Dr. Agha Sajjad Tues,Thurs & Sat 1400 - 1800 hrs

Plastic & Cosmetic Surgeon

Dr. Shahab Mahdi Tues & Fri 1400 - 1800 hrs

Tabba Heart Institute

Dr. Asad Pathan Monday 1500 - 1800 hrs
Dr. Irfan Elahi Chandna Wednesday 1800 - 2000 hrs
ECHO " "
ETT " "

Consultant Physician & Diabetologist

Dr. Tanweer Ul Hoda Tues & Fri 1030 - 1300 hrs

Consultant Physician & Rheumatologist

Dr. Samina Ghaznavi Tues & Thurs 1400 - 1600 hrs

Rheumatologist & Sports Medicine

Dr. Shamim Ud Din Ahmed Mon,Wed & Fri 1030 - 1300 hrs

Consultant Paediatrician

Dr. Mubina Agboatwalla Mon,Thurs & Sat 2000 - 2100 hrs
Dr. Maj(R)Qurrat Ul Ain Asghar Mon,Wed & Fri 1800 - 2200 hrs
Dr. Zulfi Madiha Asim Tues & Thurs 1100 - 1300 hrs
Dr. Habiba Hasan Saturday 1000 - 1200 hrs

Urologist & General Surgeon

Dr. Mumtaz Uddin Haider Mon & Wed 2000 - 2100 hrs

Orthopaedic Surgeon

Dr.Tayeb Asim Tues & Thurs 1100 - 1300 hrs
Dr. Mirza Rahman Beg Mon & Wed 1900 - 2100 hrs
Dr. A. Haseeb Qureshi Tues,Thurs & Sat 1800 - 2200 hrs

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Dr. S.R.A. Kirmani Mon,Wed 1800 - 2200 hrs

Physiotherapy Department

Dr.Shabana Nasrulah & Associates Mon to Sat 1400 - 1800 hrs

Medical Specialist

Dr. Habib Undre Wed & Sat 0930 - 1100 hrs

Consultant Family Physician

Dr. Shehla Naseem Tues,Thurs & Fri 1800 - 2200 hrs
Dr. M. Imran Afzal Tues,Thurs,Fri & Sat 1800 - 2200 hrs

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For a Noble Cause

Free Medical Camps having diagnostic facilities were established by Dr Essa's Laboratory and Diagnostic Centre in co-ordination with DHA Medical Centre to provide free testing and diagnostic facilities at Defence Housing Authority's Main Office.

This was part of the health awareness programme on diabetics, hepatitis and anemia with arrangements for free lab testing facilities for all and sundry. Awareness about various diseases and their preventive measures was also given to visitors by doctors and medical experts in the field.

Inaugurating the medical camp established at DHA Main Office in Defence Phase-I, Director Administration Brig (R) Saleem Abdullah said that health awareness was vital for developing a dynamic society with positive outlook towards life. He said that healthy individuals constituted efficient, versatile and energetic workforce and were the moving spirit of any progressive organization.

Brig (R) Saleem Abdullah appreciated the initiative of Dr Essa's Lab and hoped that a large number of residents and employees of DHA would benefit from the erstwhile health awareness arrangements.

Executive Coordinator and Director Operations of Dr Essa's Lab, Ms Lubna Saleem said that free diagnostic facilities were also being arranged at different DHA clubs and educational institutions according to a scheduled programme. She said that the medical camps were being setup for a noble cause for all citizens.



Dir Administration inaugurating a free Medical Camp established by Doctor Essa's Lab at DHA Main Office

Why Fast Food is linked with Obesity



The nutritional make up of fast food encourages people to gorge on it unintentionally, increasing their risk of obesity, research suggests.

The researchers concluded that a diet high in fast foods will increase a person's risk of weight gain and obesity – even though they may feel that they are eating no more than they would if they ate an average meal. We tend to assess food intake by the size of the portion, yet a fast food intake by the size of more calories than a similar sized portion of a healthy meal.

Since the dawn of agriculture, the systems regulating human appetite have evolved for the low energy diet still being consumed in rural areas of the developing world where obesity is almost non-existent. Our bodies were never designed to cope with the very energy dense foods consumed in the West and this is contributing to a major rise in obesity.

Fast food companies could play a major part in halting the rise in obesity if they adopted a more positive attitude to healthy eating such as providing meals of lower energy density, appropriately marketed and with point-of-sale nutrition labeling. Many supermarket ready meals and convenience foods are also very energy dense. If we are going to stem the tide of obesity, it is important that we don't just swap one unhealthy meal for another. Children have not yet developed any of the learned dietary restraint that needs to be exerted by anyone wishing to remain slim in the modern environment.

Research has shown time and again that to maintain a healthy weight, we need to eat foods with less fat and added sugars and to take more exercise.

Environmental Degradation Aggravates Asthma

Changing lifestyles, growing urbanization and environmental degradation in the country has enhanced vulnerability of people to asthma.

According to the experts, five percent of the total population in the country is suffering from asthma, a chronic disease that inflicted adults as well as children. It is however feared to increase at a fast pace in the next few years.

Poverty and poor education are identified as some of the major barriers to control the disease incidence, whereas, environmental barriers such as indoor and outdoor air pollution, tobacco making and occupational exposures aggravated the situation. Unsustainable generalization

across cultures and health care systems, is again a factor equally registered in most of the third world countries including Pakistan.

Lack of information, underuse of self management, use of alternative unproven therapies, non-availability of respiratory specialists, low public health priority, and lack of data on morbidity and mortality from asthma are also identified as some of the pertinent factors hampering efforts to control asthma.

It is estimated that there may be an additional 100 million persons with asthma by 2025. In many areas of the world persons with asthma do not have access to basic asthma medications or medical care.

A Healthy Body has a Healthy Mind

Defence Authority Sunset Club held a number of sports events and activities during the five days Sports Gala organized at the club. A large number of Club members including men, women and children in different categories participated with zeal and enthusiasm in the sports events including Swimming, Tennis, Squash, Table Tennis and Snooker competitions.

A prize distribution ceremony was held at the end of grand Sports Gala organized by Defence Authority Sunset Club at the Club's lush green lawn. ex-Administrator DHA, Brig Khalid Tirmizi was the chief guest of the function.

Ex-Administrator DHA commended the Organizers for arranging lively activities of sports which were essential for promotion of healthy and positive trends in society. He said that winning and losing was part of sports but sportsmanship, fighting spirit, perseverance and determination was the essence of games which must remain alive throughout the sports events.

He also added that DHA was one of the biggest residential estates of the country which

was committed to provision of best recreational, sports and civic environments to its residents in an aesthetically dynamic living environment. He reiterated that DHA would continue to patronize healthy sports activities in all forms and manifestation.

The chief guest awarded medals and shields to the winners and runner up of various sports events.



Ex Administrator DHA giving a shield to a Sportsman

The 10th Sind Amateur Golf Championship 2010



The 10th Sind Amateur Golf Championship 2010 was played at Defence Authority Country & Golf Club in which a large number of golfers from the metropolis participated with much enthusiasm.

The ace golfer Waseem Rana of DHA won the coveted championship with a score of 218, while Muhammad Ali Hai of Karachi Golf Club and Sufian Rasheed Dhaduk of Dream World Golf Club finished as first and second runner up with a gross score of 222 and 227 respectively.

DHA's Waseem Rana surged to the top after completion of the second round and maintained his ascendancy in the 54-hole competition. Playing under pleasant weather, Karachi Golf Club's Brig (R) Ayaz Peer captured the 36-holes seniors' gross title after playing rounds of 80 and 82. Asad I.A. Khan, also of the KGC, finished as runner up after he shot 83, 83.

The winner net title went to Maj Rizwan Khwaja of the DHA while Brig (R) Hasan Rafi got the second position. Both were tied at a score of 149 and the decision was taken on the basis of the last 18 holes.

DHA's Ms Faakhia annexed the ladies' gross crown while the net title went to Ms Nabha Hasan, also of the DHA. Asad I. A. Khan, Vice President of the Sindh Golf Association, distributed prizes in a simple and graceful ceremony held at the conclusion of the tournament.

Protect that Valuable Smile

DHA Dental Department



Dr. Farhan Khan
Dental Officer,
DHA Medical Centre

At DHA Dental Department, we are dedicated to providing you with the finest dental care in a comfortable and caring environment. Your comfort and the quality of your care is our main concern. We treat our patients with dignity and respect, and fully explain all treatments before they begin. Every member of our dental team is completely committed to the satisfaction of our patients.

Some of the fine reasons why DHA Dental Department is the best choice for family and cosmetic dentistry include,

Dental Hygiene Program

We will help you develop and maintain a consistent dental hygiene program to fit your needs and your schedule, while maximizing prevention and overall oral health.

General Dentistry for You and Your Family

Our office performs all dental procedures in a clean and comfortable environment. Some of the procedures include, Crowns/Metal Free Crowns, Sedation Dentistry, Custom Whitening Trays, Esthetic Bonding, Dental Implants, Full & Partial Dentures, Bridges, Periodontal Treatment, Veneers, Sealants, Pain Free Root Canal /Single visit and Children's Dentistry.

We can enhance your smile

Do you like your smile? This is one of the first questions we ask our patients. Starting with healthy teeth and gums, we can perfect your smile through porcelain, metal free restorations, veneers, whitening and other state of the art treatments. We place and restore dental implants on site, through which missing teeth can now be easily, comfortably, and permanently replaced.

We, at DHA Dental Department offer affordable dentistry with state of art equipment and B-Class Sterilizers. Our procedures are mostly pain free and certainly satisfying.

The All Pakistan Open Golf Tournament 2011

Highlights from a Golfing Event at DA Country & Golf Club

The 2nd All Pakistan DHA Karachi Cup Open Golf Tournament 2011 was played at Defence Authority Country & Golf Club from 10 Feb - 13 Feb 2011. A prize distribution ceremony was held at the conclusion of the tournament in which Governor Sind, Dr Ishrat-ul-Ebad Khan was the chief guest. Corps Commander Lt. Gen Zahirul Islam was also present on the occasion.



More than 300 golfers including 100 professionals from all over the country participated in the rupee one million prized championship. The celebrated national golfers Shabbir Iqbal (Navy), Shafeeq Masih (HBL) and Shahid Javed Khan (RPGC) also participated in the tournament.

The tournament matches were conducted in a number of categories including that of professionals, senior professionals, amateurs, juniors (under 16 years), masters (under 14 years), veterans and ladies.

The Governor appreciated DHA for organizing a spectacular golf tournament at a grand level and announced a grant of Rs. 2.5 million for DHA Golf Club.

Secretary DHA Golf Club, Brig (R) Hasan Rafi said that Defence Authority Country & Golf Club was training students of more than 75 educational institutions the techniques and art of playing golf on modern lines adding that the club had been selected by PGF for officially teaching golf to youth/students in a scientific manner.

The overall total prize money of Rs. 1 million along-with other attractive prizes were given to various individual golfers who won the championship in various categories. In professionals match Shabbir Iqbal (Navy) won the coveted prize with below 5 par over 54 holes score while Shafeeq Masih (HBL) and Shahid Javed Khan (RPGC) were second with below 3 par each.

In senior professionals Hasan Akbar (ASCC) was first while Ghani Khan (KGC) bagged the second position. In Amateurs Muhammad Rehman (RPGC) was winner gross while Sameer Merchant was winner net.

In the ladies event Miss Ahn Gui Ja won the winner (net) while Miss Nabah Hassan won the winner (gross) trophy. In veterans winner (net) trophy went to Bakhtiar Saeed while winner gross was Kamal Shoaib. In seniors Ismail Ahmed was winner (net) and Maj Rizwan was winner (gross).



The chief guest, Governor Sind alongwith Corps Comd at DA Country & Golf Club



Governor Sind Dr Ishrat Ul Ebad Khan giving a cup to a lady golfer

Library

The World of Wisdom The significance of Libraries in Nation building

Lt Col (R) Syed Rafat Hussain Naqvi, Secretary DCL

In the present scenario of militancy and culture of violence prevalent in society, it is imperative that we value books as they impart knowledge and enlightenment to their readers. Constructive reading helps in development of psyche, mental strength and broadens vision of young generation. It is the libraries that help refine human character, vision and outlook in life. Libraries are enriched with treasures of wisdom which entice and discipline people to read and learn. It is one of the best places for educating and transforming people. Library, in fact, is a nursery which nurtures ones' mind, inculcates vision and imparts culture, knowledge and refinement in society. Libraries can bring a renaissance in society in its essence and help form a progressive, enlightened, tolerant and civilized society.

A well equipped and well managed library provides enhanced learning resources. The importance of library in education can be truly appreciated only if we try to understand and adopt the changing concepts of today's education. Education devoid of library service is like a body without soul, a vehicle without an engine and an edifice which is merely a collection of bricks without cement. Education and library service are twin sisters and one cannot survive without the other.

The modern approach of education is to develop an individual who is a free-thinker and who proves to be self-reliant in every walk of life. Such an individual can only be created if he is carefully directed towards proper development of his mind and soul. This can be achieved through constructive reading which will lead him to form his independent judgment on the problems he faces in his life.

This can easily be attained through the vast mine of knowledge contained in the shelves of



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a library in the form of books, periodicals and other such material. The librarian is rightly called the friend, the director and the guide but it is imperative that he must be well read and well acquainted with the tools of his trade. He must have full knowledge of the matter at hand and should be able to guide and suggest relevant books to be read on the subject of reader's interest.

Central Library DHA (DCL) is a great service provider and a leading public library of the metropolis which provides contemporary library facilities, conducive and intellectually stimulating reading and learning environments to the residents of DHA in particular and citizens of Karachi in general.



Main Library Hall DCL



State-of-the Art Audio Visual Section at DCL

DCL is a modern, centrally air-conditioned and well equipped library located on main Sunset Boulevard, within easy accessibility of the residents. The structure of DCL embodies an artistic blend of Islamic and Sindhi architecture, visualized by M/s Surti and Partners. DCL is the most sought after library of Karachi. It is thronged by students, researchers and youth appearing in different competitive exams all the time.

DCL has more than 65,000 invaluable books on its inventory on subjects of different interests including social sciences, literature, art, religion,

philosophy, psychology and so on. The library keeps adding latest publications to its collections. DCL is a new generation library which acts as a catalyst in promoting education and research oriented reading habits in society.

DCL has come of age and over the years has grown manifold in all its forms and manifestations. In the scenario of diminishing importance given to libraries, DCL is a light at the end of the tunnel. It is a well-equipped library having modern facilities like computerized library services, speedy internet facilities, access to digital library of HEC, state-of-the-art audio/visual facilities, exclusive newspapers/periodicals section and a unique Children's Library with modern day facilities for playing and learning.

DCL is also an emerging socio-linguistic centre of the metropolis. Language courses in English, Arabic, Chinese and French are regularly held to provide functional proficiency and basic knowhow on the language to the course takers. Different cultural, social, literary and religious functions are also regularly held at DCL Auditorium.

Libraries are treasures of knowledge. There is very little in the way of human achievement, knowledge or wisdom that is not confined between the covers of a book. Whatever we wish to learn, to know, is quietly waiting for us in some library. Through books we can have personal contact with the greatest geniuses ever lived. Only through books we can roll back the centuries or peer into the future, ignore the restrictions of time and space and live in a three dimensional world created by mind.

Library is therefore, a strong pillar of a growing nation. The strength of a nation is determined by the literary and educational prowess of its people. Among the short list libraries, Central Library (DHA) is one of the shining examples of repository of knowledge which is playing a pivotal role in developing a progressive and enlightened nation. There is a need to have a network of such libraries in the country if we sincerely wish to advance and attain a position of eminence among successful nations of the world.

Saving Tradition from Waywardness

Bazm-e-Kiran zealously eliminating the growing trend of waywardness in youth

The Annual Function of Bazm-e-Kiran, an organization engaged in fighting waywardness in society was held at Defence Central Library. The speakers highlighted the rapidly spreading trend of waywardness in youth, which was eroding the vitals of society and suggested ways and means for countering the menace effectively.

Mr Khalid-ul-Aziz who conducted the programme, chalked out the salient aims and objectives of the Bazm-e-Kiran Society, which included efforts to discourage materialism in society, to strengthen the family value system with emphasis on respect for elders and women and to fight the onslaught of western culture which was leading to increasing tendency of excessive smoking, alcoholism and drug culture in our society.

Col (R) Ather Ali Khan, the convener of Bazm-e-Kiran, delineated the details of the efforts made by the Society in the ensuing year to prevent waywardness in youth, which included radio programmes conducted through Radio FM101 to disseminate the aims and objectives of the Society, seminars and discussions involving teachers, parents and students of different educational institutions and interaction of Society members with young offenders of Juvenile Jail.

He said that a technical training workshop by the name of "Young Offenders Industrial School" had been established by Bazm-e-Kiran, adjacent to the Central Jail with the aim to bring the young inmates in the main stream of life so that they can earn an honest living while staying away from criminal activities.

Bazm-e-Kiran has been regularly interacting with young offenders i.e. children upto 18 years of age who have either been going on prison term or under process of court hearing, but not lodged in Jail. He reiterated that the Society was utterly committed to bring

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the unfortunate youth back to normal life.

Mr Abdullah Feroz talked on "Family Value System" and stressed the importance of time shared between parents and children. Mr Nisar Memon emphasized the significance of education, without which improvement in society was not possible.

The chief guest, Sardar Yasin Malik stressed on the need to strengthen eastern family value system in society where inbuilt check and balances exist for young boys and girls to keep them away from waywardness. Senator Abdul Haseeb Khan laid great emphasis on Islamic injunctions which is a successful code of life i.e. a human being would only be given credit in life hereafter if he cared for the needs of other underprivileged.

Mr Zafar Iqbal in his concluding remarks said that efforts of Bazm-e-Kiran could only succeed if every individual of the society sincerely played his/her due role to avoid dangerous drift towards waywardness, which was exponentially damaging the roots of our tradition.



Speakers addressing the gathering at Bazm-e-Kiran's Annual Function at Central Library DHA

The Universe Explained in a Verse

Highlights from the joyful event of Mushaira held at Central Library DHA (DCL)

An enjoyable and colorful event of Mushaira was organized by a literary organization Aashti in collaboration with Central Library DHA (DCL) to pay tribute to the legendary poet late Khalid Alig. This melodic event took place at DCL's Auditorium in the presence of an enthusiastic crowd. The prominent poets of the event included Rasa Chughtai, Rafiuddin Raz, Dr Pirzada Qasim, Prof Sehar Ansari, Sabir Zafar, Salim Kauser, Khawaja Razi Haider, Shahida Hasan, Prof Inayat Ali Khan and Javed Saba among others.

The Mushaira presided by Dr Pirzada Qasim, Vice Chancellor Karachi University was unique of its kind, in which a galaxy of renowned poets of the metropolis participated. The prominent poets presented their masterpiece verses in most scintillating ways. The efforts of the poets kept the audience mesmerized, who cheered and clapped throughout the three hour long proceeding.

Dr Pirzada Qasim in his presiding address described the late Khalid Alig as a revolutionary poet of the contemporary era who stood fearlessly and courageously against all forms of tyranny and injustice. He said that Khalid Alig had the conviction, audacity and force of character to face the onslaught of challenges boldly in most adverse circumstances without making any compromise at any cost. He said that purpose of all education systems was to develop and inculcate such rare character qualities in students.

The Vice Chancellor said that pursuance and study of modern sciences and technology was foremost for progress and advancement in the present times, however without study and understanding of literature and poetry,

development and maturity of mind and personality would remain a distant dream. He appreciated holding of literary functions like Mushaira as a creative and useful activity par excellence.

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Poets and Speakers entertaining the audience at the All Karachi Mushaira held at Central Library DHA

Khawaja Razi Haider in his incisive article on life of the legendary poet Khalid Alig said that the poet reflected the true feelings of alleviated human spirits through his rebellious and aggressive poetry. Mr Shakil Jafri conducted the Mushaira in a superb manner and kept the interest of the audience alive through his witty remarks, informative discourse and by reciting some selected and most appropriate poetic verses on the occasion.

Secretary Central Library DHA, Lt. Col (R) Rafat Hussain Naqvi in his welcome address described Mushaira as the most precious and enchanting literary and cultural heritage of our traditions. He said that DCL was an emerging educational and literary centre of the city which was committed to promote intellectual, literary, cultural and educational values in all its forms and manifestation.

Periscope

Why Muslim Community is Degraded Worldwide?



Zafar Iqbal
President DRS

The rise and fall of nations lie in possessing knowledge. Arabs, Greeks, Romans, Turks who once reigned supreme in the world are today confined within their boundaries. Nationals like Japanese, Chinese, Malaysian and Korean who have acquired educational skills are now among the most developed in the world. Our present educational system needs overhauling and improvements to meet the challenges of the modern times. Along with purposeful education we also need proper training to revive discipline and reforms.

Jews are powerful and influential because they are united, visionary, highly educated and dedicated people while Muslims are not united and have lost the capacity, capability, to produce, diffuse knowledge and unable to make scientific inventions; thus are backward and downtrodden.

If Muslims want to be progressive, influential and respected, they must educate their children and train them for discipline and similarly train other children from the society who cannot afford education. Always promote education and discipline, do not compromise on it, and never ignore your child's slightest misguidance from education.

Do not use your personal contacts or sources to promote your children in their education, in their careers or in their personal lives; if they fail, let them face it and take responsibility and let them learn to pass on their own. If they are unable to achieve on merit or without undue help, they would not learn to do it ever.

Muslims are world's biggest nation, all they need is to get good visionary sincere leaders to identify

and explore themselves. Their success can only be achieved with unity, faith, discipline, dedication, wisdom, honesty, farsightedness, technical expertise, hard work and ability to create.

It is time to WAKE UP if Muslims want to progress and become one of the most influential communities in the world.

Some Sad Facts

- In the entire Muslim world there are only 500 universities
- In USA there are 5,758 and in India 8,407 universities
- Among the 500 top ranking universities of the world, none is from an Islamic country
- Literacy rate among Jews is 100%, Christians 90% and Muslims less than 40%
- Muslim majority countries have 230 scientists per one million Muslims
- USA has 5000 scientists per million
- The Christian world has 5000 technicians per million
- In the entire Muslim world, there are only 500 technicians per million

The GENIUS in All of Us

Guide your child towards excellence



**Fouzia Naseeb,
DA SKBZ College**

Intelligent children with higher self image stand apart from the rest of the children. They are better at controlling impulses, communication, making thoughtful decisions, solving problems, and working with others, which lead to a healthier, happier and more successful life.

As the child grows, he/she might get ready to move towards filling higher emotional needs such as the need to feel free, be creative, accomplish, and succeed. Here's how to turn a kid into a G-E-N-I-U-S.

"G" is for growing normally. We, as teachers/parents, must first make sure our children are healthy and growing well.

"E" is for emotional quotient (EQ). We can improve children's EQ by bonding and building good relationships with them. Children learn from what they see, not what they are told. If, the adults cannot control their emotions, children will definitely have difficulty dealing with their emotions.

"N" is for nutrition. It is important that the children eat a balanced and sensible diet. Better physical health leads to better mental development.

"I" is for intelligent quotient (IQ). We may not be able to increase a child's IQ but we can enhance his/her existing IQ by exposing and stimulating him/her in challenging games, hobbies or art. Leaving children parked in front of the television does not help their IQ.

"U" is for utmost potential. Children should be allowed their childhood. Children should be allowed to learn what they are interested in and given the opportunity to learn and develop in their areas of interest so as to develop into their full potential. Parents/guardians must be careful not to

impose their expectations unto children.

"S" is for spiritual quotient (SQ). A child's conception of God comes from his/her perception of father. A warm and loving father will help his children to perceive a warm and caring God.

In summary, the GENIUS approach produces an emotionally and spiritually maturing healthy child. Being aware that these needs are all important to children for their emotional health is probably a good start.

A Fortunate Lot Faiz Ahmed Faiz

They were indeed
a fortunate lot
Those who found that
love was task enough
Or those who could find a
vocation they could love
I too kept myself
occupied all my life
With a little bit of love,
and a little bit of work
And Always there was
work to be done when it
was time for love
And love was naught but
a hindrance in the way of
work
And then it was enough
and in one fell swoop
I stopped, leaving love
and work both half,
undone!

Wither Art Thou O' Father?

Expressions of Farhan Aleem Shaikh For his father, Flt. Lt. (R) Mohammad Aleem Shaikh



Late Flt. Lt. Muhammad Aleem Shaikh

Why should I fear? When was I less dying? I shall die as a man to soar with angels blest. But even from angelhood I must pass on. All except God doth perish. So when I have sacrificed my angel's soul oh let me not exist, for non-existence proclaims in organs tone "To Him we shall return". Shams Tabriz on "Meeting God".

Late Flt. Lt (R) Aleem Sheikh was associated with DHA News as an honorary advisor and proof reader of Magazine. A literary man of eminence; he always took a very keen interest in DHA affairs and was well known for his honest and candid views, positive criticism and sincere dedication to the cause. He died of a sudden heart attack last year. May Allah Almighty bless the departed soul.

For a pious soul death may be a means to meet Almighty but to his children and life partner it is an irreparable loss. My father Mohammad Aleem Shaikh was a man of multi-dimensional qualities and capabilities. As a lecturer in Pak Air Force, he was favourite of his Saudi Arabian, Jordanian and Iranian students for his skillful, innovative and sincere teaching. Later on he joined the civil service and there, too, sought tremendous respect for being a retired armed forces officer, maintaining law and order, always standing by principles, handling chaotic situations in a way that he was always declared an asset to the civil administration.

After his retirement he chose to be a journalist. This was really his forte. He had a magical pen. He wrote for social cause and his selflessness became inspiration for others. He would criticize, analyze and categorize the public issues and suggest possible solutions. A number of pending public issues were solved only due to his sincere efforts. His advices were taken into consideration and were acted upon. Throughout his life, he believed in hard work and honesty. A great contented man, he was never falling prey to any temptation. He hated rat-race and lust for worldly comforts. He

neither opted for illegal benefits nor complained of odds. He always respected everyone irrespective of one's stature and himself was held in great esteem.

He never spoke of his social achievements, even at home. It was only after his death that we came to know what respect and reverence he had earned for his good deeds. Wherever I went with my mother for some official purpose, every person was all praise for him, expressed deep grief on his sad demise and co-operated with us in a manner that I felt proud to be the son of such an honourable man.

I know, all of his children will get bounties of Allah through his prayers, but will miss him always.

The Moment of Truth



Anwar Aly Shareef

Face to face I was with death
The terrorist's gun at arms length
Aimed at me – a sitting duck
There was no time, no way and no buck.

The people at large like dummies stood
Watching, waiting, no step they took.
My loving mate, what could she do?
To save me from death in a moment or two.

My life was hung on just a finger
Of the gunmen firmly on gun's trigger

Suddenly then the gunman's finger
Point blank at me, pulled the trigger
But all glory to God, the gun failed to fire
As if it was swamped – as if it was mired

The moment of truth was the moment of
birth
Of faith in God in the face of death.

Old Classics for Modern Life

Rediscover the great works of English literature for a fascinating reading in the modern times.

Romeo and Juliet

by William Shakespeare

This tale of two young lovers at the mercy of their families' destructive enmities still holds true today. Romeo and Juliet must hide their passion from their warring families, who fail to see that clan rivalries are destroying young peoples' lives. One may find this story to be desperately sad, since the lesson it teaches us about the futility of intolerance and violence has been largely ignored over the centuries.

Jane Eyre

by Charlotte Bronte

Orphaned as a child and with no financial security, Jane must rely on her intelligence and strong moral code to guide her. Her romance with the brooding and impetuous Edward Rochester is at the heart of the novel, but it's Jane's fierce independence that makes her story ahead of its time.

Pride and Prejudice

by Jane Austen

"It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife." The opening of Jane Austen's ever popular novel sets the tone of her sparkling comedy of manners and morals. There are five daughters in the Bennet family and marriage is the only career open to them. There is naturally much excitement when two young men of good fortune move into the district. But before there can be a happy ending, the hero must conquer his overwhelming pride and Elizabeth, the spirited

heroine, her prejudices against him. Only by taking the route to self knowledge can they reach a mature understanding of each other and find lasting contentment.

Sons and Lovers

by D. H. Lawrence

D.H. Lawrence himself described *Sons and Lovers* as an "adaptation from life" in which he recalls his own upbringing and adolescence. Living on the Nottinghamshire coalfields, the Morel family is beset with conflict. Gertrude Morel, restless and disillusioned with her inarticulate working class husband, pours her energies and aspirations into her son, Paul. But inevitably tensions develop when Paul falls in love and seeks to escape from his family ties.





Adam Bede

by George Eliot

"I aspire to give no more than a faithful account of men and things as they have mirrored themselves in my mind."

George Eliot admirably achieves this aim in *Adam Bede*, her first novel, as she subtly but realistically weaves together the lives of four inhabitants in the close-knit community of Hayslope. She creates a simple pastoral, which tells of the seduction of the beautiful Hetty Sorrel a vain, self seeking country girl and the shattered hopes and illusions of Adam Bede, her unacknowledged lover.

The tone is one of such bitter sweet melancholy that their tragedy will deeply touch the readers. There is a powerful shining light in the novel, embodied in the form of the Methodist preacher Dinah Morris. Her loving affection and devout sense of what is right breathes a peaceful warmth into all lives involved in *Adam Bede*.

Wuthering Heights

by Emily Bronte

Wuthering Heights is a story of Earnshaw family, Linton family and an outsider Heath cliff. Mr Earnshaw picks up an unknown, ragged child from a slum who is brought up at Wuthering Heights and named Heathcliff. Heathcliff is cruelly treated and considered as a social outcast. However by stroke of luck he attains a position of eminence in society and becomes a prosperous businessman.

This novel is usually summarized as a love story between the mysterious Heathcliff and passionate Catherine played out on the wild Yorkshire moors.

But what is most fascinating is how the novel depicts the fear society had, and still has, of the darker side of human nature.

Tess of the D'Urbervilles

by Thomas Hardy

Tess of the D'Urbervilles, a brilliant tale of seduction, love, betrayal, and murder, is generally regarded as Thomas Hardy's finest novel. This is a tragic story of the intelligent, charming and naturally dignified Tess, daughter of a poor villager, John Durbeyfield, whose head is turned by hearing that they have descended from the ancient Norman family of D'Urbervilles. He and his wife encourage Tess to seek the kinship of the parvenu Stoke D'Urbervilles, themselves not entitled to the noble name. She is reluctant to go, but finally agrees with the hope to improve the plight of her struggling family. She is seduced by Alec D'Urbervilles, the son of her benefactors, and gives birth to his child who dies in infancy. Thus starts the tale of misfortunes of the sixteen year old Tess.

Great Expectations

by Charles Dickens

In the marshy mists of a village churchyard, a tiny orphan boy named Pip is suddenly terrified by a shivering, limping convict on the run. Years later, a supremely arrogant young Pip boards the coach to London where, by the grace of a mysterious benefactor, he will join the ranks of the idle rich and "become a gentleman." Finally, in the luminous mists of the village one evening, Pip meets Estella, his dazzlingly beautiful tormentor, in a ruined garden and lays to rest all the heartaches and illusions that his "great expectations" have brought upon him.

Cultivate Cheerfulness in your Life

Stay happy, enjoy life for it is a gift of God

Lt. Col (R) Syed Rafat Hussain Naqvi

Cheerfulness is a state of mind when one is in good spirits and noticeably happy. It is a cheerful disposition of mood when one's heart is happy, merry and full of joy. When one's heart is at rest and is contented, he/she would willingly and cheerfully accept everything and anything with a smile. It is the habit of looking on the sunny, the brighter side of the things, which is a fortune in itself. Cheerfulness can be described as a product of hope, faith and optimism at its best.

It could be a simple smile, a mere gesture that costs nothing and happens in a flash, but the memory of it may last forever. Possessing a calm and joyful state of mind would bring satisfaction at work, happiness at home, foster goodwill and is the countersign of friends. Happiness cannot be found when you seek it for yourself, it's when you give it to others would it find its way back to you.

You could cultivate a habit of cheerfulness. It would be a tonic for your mind and body; and a first class business asset. There is nothing more contagious than a cheerful spirit, and nothing for which the world offers richer rewards.

Happiness cannot be found when you seek it for yourself, it's when you give it to others would it find its way back to you.

"The heart of a man changes his countenance, and a merry heart makes a cheerful countenance," declares ancient wisdom. We all like a cheerful person; he is popular everywhere because he makes us feel happy, giving us confidence in life and in ourselves. We like to have him around and he never lacks a friend.

To cultivate cheerfulness, begin with your thoughts. If you will persistently think happy, positive thoughts, you will soon be happy just as if you constantly think negative, gloomy things you will soon be miserable.

Dr Norman Peale advises: "Discipline yourself to the practice of thinking thoughts of joy instead of succumbing to gloomy and depressed thoughts."

"A smile is a light in the window of a face which shows that the heart is at home." So, smile whether you feel like it or not.

The best way to get rid of a negative idea is to replace it with a positive one. Any depressing thought can be displaced and completely eliminated by thinking persistently strong, positive, happy thoughts.

People are found saying the news is bad; the weather is foul and even that you are not looking too well yourself. Perhaps it is better not to counter



such negative suggestion with an open retort; that might not enhance your popularity. But you can silently kill it by registering a strong positive counter thought of warding-off the blow with a simple smile of understanding.

Act cheerfully. Cultivate a cheerful attitude. Look up, wear a cheerful smile. Anatomists say it takes thirteen muscles to smile, but forty seven to frown. So that it is actually physically easier to smile. Take the easier way. Few people can resist the melting power of a smile. A proverb says that "A smile is a light in the window of a face which shows that the heart is at home." So, smile whether you feel like it or not.

Smiling is a practical way of developing a spirit of cheerfulness which, like a pebble thrown into a pool, will set up ripples which would spread out far beyond the point of visibility.

General

Real Estate & Property Situation in Pakistan

Pakistan is facing a true property crisis due to a variety of factors and forces operating in our country. The war on terror imposed on us by our enemies, resulting in suicide bombing, target killing and kidnap for ransom has shattered the confidence of investors. Karachi, being a mega city, having miles of waterfront, is an ideal place for investment in all spheres of businesses, particularly in Real Estate.

A Case Study of Dubai Debt Debacle

It was an acknowledged fact, that the entire Dubai's construction industry was financed by Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and UAE. Sheikh Muhammad, ruler of Dubai and a very ambitious man sold the desert land to unscrupulous builders and developers, mostly Pakistanis for the price of gold. Although there was a restriction of Escrow Payment (payment controlled by the bank), but papers changed hands so frequently, resulting in last buyer purchasing "The Paper" almost on double the initial price.

I was travelling back to Pakistan after finishing my assignment with a multinational real estate company "Better Homes". Fortunately, a senior banker of Royal Saudi Bank at Riyadh was sitting next to me during the flight. During the conversation he revealed that most of the Saudi Banks had stopped any further financing to Dubai's Construction Industry. When I disclosed this million dollar information to my company in Dubai, they did not believe it, but when they reconfirmed it from their own sources, I was adequately compensated.

In Pakistan when I shared this piece of information with my friends in ABAD (Association of Builders & Developers) and other friends, they



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Prof of Real Estate &
Property Management

thought I had gone crazy, but surely the information proved 100% correct. Thousands of Pakistani workers affiliated with UAE construction industry lost their jobs, besides loss of billions of Dirhams of many Pakistani investors, particularly hundreds of medium size investors lost their entire life's savings. Real estate market in Karachi DHA, also suffered a great set back due to flight of capital to UAE and Malaysia.

Another major factor affecting the real estate activities in DHA Karachi is lack of basic knowledge among estate agents. Administrator DHA Karachi should make a policy to encourage education /knowledge to the real estate agents. By their good conduct they should deserve the respect of their clients. Recently, estate agents formed an association and conducted their elections. DHA Karachi should call their representatives and advise them to acquire basic knowledge of property management and promote business ethics among themselves.



New Telephone Exchange for DHA Main Office

DHA is a progressive and forward looking Organization with hands on the present and eyes for the future. Taking cognizance of requirement of a modern telephone exchange viz-a-viz significance of good quality communication, for the efficient working and enhanced efficacy of the Organization, DHA decided to procure a new and state-of-the-art telephone exchange for the Main Office.

The old telephone exchange was installed in DHA about 18 years ago and had been upgraded from time to time to meet the growing requirements of the Housing Authority. It was a PABX Exchange (Softech) having 200 lines extensions and 24 Trunk Lines. However, the exchange being old vintage had virtually outlived its original life and was not capable of further up-gradation. DHA procured and installed a new PABX Telephone Exchange for provision of better quality, noise free communication in the Organization.

The new modern digital exchange has the following characteristics.

- In built capability to extend the capacity (no of extensions/trunk lines) of exchange through Add On Expansion Shelf Units to meet the growing requirements of the future.
- It is a Modern Digital Hybrid exchange with Pentium 4 Computer for enhanced efficiency.
- The exchange connects DHA Main Office to DHA Institutions (Club/Schools/Colleges) located far away through VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol).
- It is a maintenance free/minimum maintenance exchange which is efficient in functioning.
- Reliable backup support of spare parts (easy availability in market).

This exchange also has an extra facility of Voice Over Internet Protocol VOIP) using VPN (Virtual Protocol Network). The VPN System in DHA is being developed by MIS Branch and on completion the local extensions of the exchange would be made available in all the institutions of DHA (clubs, educational institution). The facility also includes display of complete info about caller on telephone

screen. CLI display of extension numbers as well as direct telephone numbers would also be available. The exchange ensures quick and secure interconnections providing reliability, quality and security of speech. Panasonic Exchanges are commonly available in the market, they are cost effective, of high quality and the spares of the exchange are readily available.

The new Exchange Installation is part of modernization plan. People can now easily get connected to DHA Main Office on telephone and talk to concerned departments with enhanced quality speech.



Lt. Col (R) Azam Amjad Malik,
Addl Dir (Pers) &
Officer Incharge Exchange



A view of New Digital Exchange installed at
DHA's Main Office

Dining Table Etiquettes

Most of us show carelessness with dining table etiquettes while eating out among guests. A mere act of bad manners on a dinner table can put off a good appetite for others. Some of the common questions that arise in one's mind when dining out are answered here in simple methodical way possible.

- Although it is not considered rude to take a sip of your drink while still chewing, but considered good manners are to wait until you have finished chewing and have swallowed your food before taking a sip of your beverage.



- When dining out, it is appropriate to share your food with others at the table for tasting purposes, if and when they are also willing to share. However, always request additional small plates and clean utensils for dividing the shared food.

• When served bread or a roll on a plate/basket, break the bread with your hands into pieces small enough for one or two bites, butter a pulled apart piece and then eat it. Do not butter the entire roll or piece of bread at once.

- When you have some food in your mouth that you don't want to swallow, quite discreetly move the food forward with your tongue onto the fork/spoon and place it back on the side of your plate.
- When eating meat, always cut and eat one small piece at a time. If you are eating American style, you may put your knife down, switch your fork to your other hand and eat your bite. If you are eating continental style, you may cut the piece of meat and eat it without setting your knife

back on the plate. Continental Dining Style is becoming more prevalent today and is considered the preferred method of eating.



Maj Furqan Sabri (R)
Manager Food & Beverages
DA Creek Club

- The host/hostess of a dinner party should be the last one to be served. If the meal is getting cold, the host/hostess may state something to the effect, "Please begin while the food is still warm".

Perks of Working at DHA



Brig (R) Saleem Abdullah
Director Pers & Adm



Lt. Col (R) Muhammad Asif,
Addl Director Coords & Estate

Promotion Board

As per practice in vogue, Promotion Board 2010 was held during Jan 2011 and about 362 eligible DHA employees (BPS-1 to 16) have been promoted in Promotion Board. Moreover, Promotion Board 2011 is in pipeline and will tentatively be held during September 2011.

Allotment of Staff Plots

Ballot 2011 for employees who have completed 10 years of service as on Dec 31, 2010 will tentatively be held in the mid of 2011.

Daily Wagers

Daily Wagers serving in various departments are being considered for employment on contract as per their seniority and efficiency.

DHA Business Zone

An Innovation towards Modernization of Business

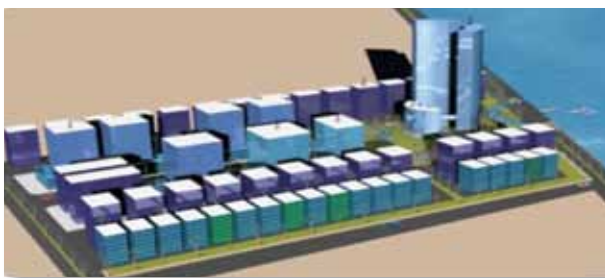
Karachi is one of the biggest cities in the world. It is also the business hub of Pakistan. The city has grown enormously in the last few decades, speaking of which, the real estate sector has also made progress. The most prominent areas in Karachi for real estate market are DHA and Clifton. Specifically, DHA Phase-VIII, which now holds many prestigious and world class projects like Crescent Bay, Creek Vistas and Creek Marina etc. These projects have added great significance to the area and the land value is constantly going up.



Muhammad Younus Rizvi
Realtor

Commercial or business zones have been put together all around the world for ease of customers and convenience to maintain a healthy and safe working environment. One example is Auckland's Commercial Zones. Now following the same path of innovation, DHA Phase-VIII would soon feature a commercial zone, known as "DHA Business Zone" (DHABZ). DHA Business Zone would be constructed at Beach Avenue. It would feature no residential or educational establishment, but commercial plots with a space margin of 200 sq ft as minimum dimensions of a shop and 1000 sq ft for offices. All buildings are planned to be kept centrally air-conditioned with its own private parking space. DHA has also defined Byelaws for DHABZ.

The construction of DHABZ would not only bring a commercial revolution in the city, but also gather the finest commercial elements together. DHA Phase-VIII promises to be one of the top class areas, featuring all the exemplary residential, commercial and recreational services.



Best Services at Better Prices

Revision of DHA Services Tariff

Executive Board approved revision of services fees w.e.f. 01-Feb-2011. This revision was made after a period of two years despite constant rise in cost of various services during past two years.



Syed Jamal Macdi
Director Finance, DHA

DHA Karachi is striving to provide the best possible living facilities to its residents and members; it is making endeavors to look after the educational requirements, provide healthy atmosphere, ensure secure environment for the residents in coordination with law enforcing agencies, to safeguard the property through transparent and secure transfer procedures, maintain timely respond to residents' complaints and to provide world class recreational facilities within the vicinity.

Over a period of time, DHA has proved to be a dynamic and progressive residential housing scheme, which offers a blend of quality and contemporary living experience.

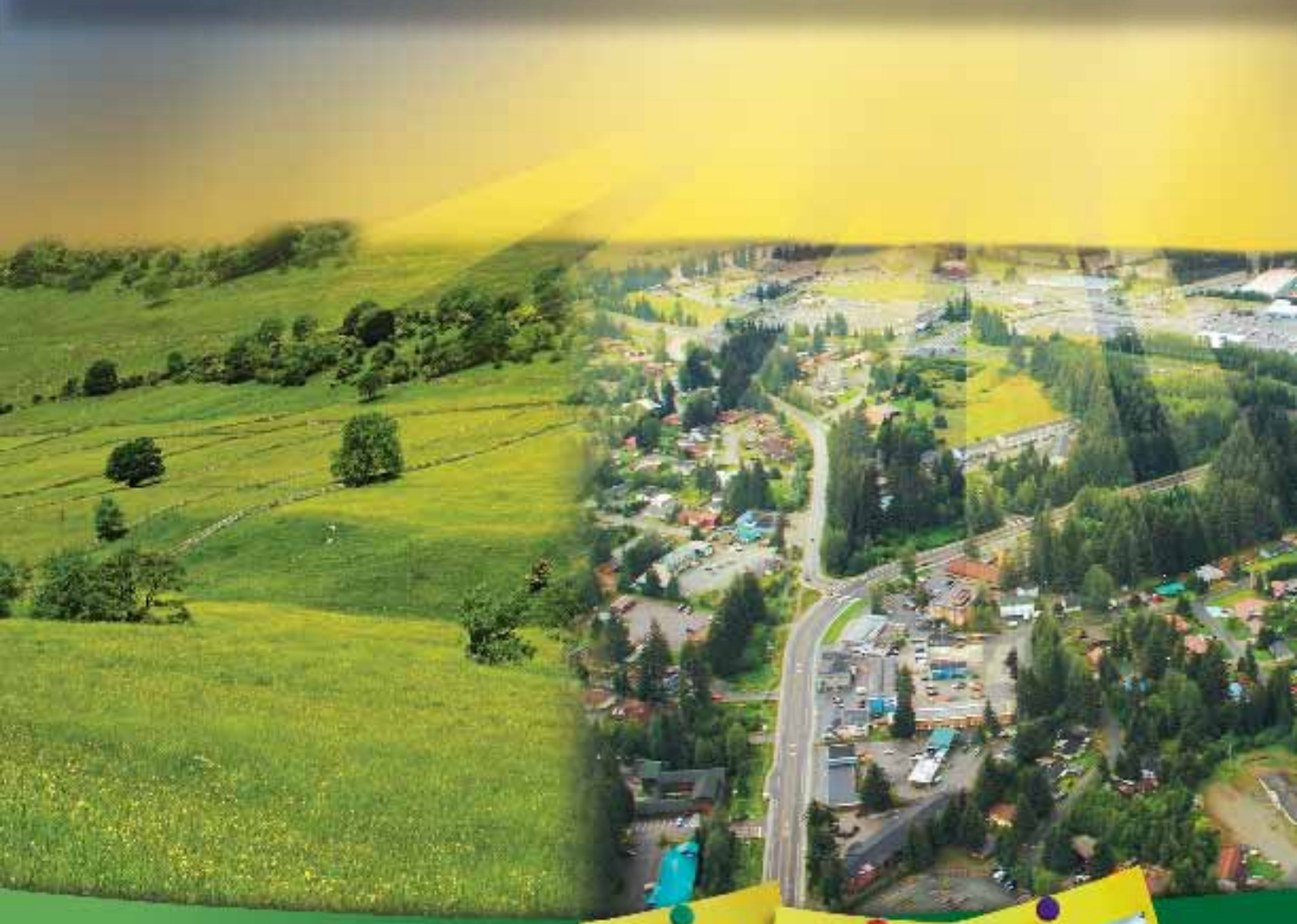
Over a period of time, DHA has proved to be a dynamic and progressive residential housing scheme, which offers a blend of quality and contemporary living experience. The Infrastructure of the organization has grown stronger over the years and is capable of providing viable solutions with vision and foresight into the requirements of tomorrow. This aspect imparts distinction and novelty to DHA at par with the best model housing elsewhere.

Such milestones are achieved through understanding and cooperation exhibited by the residents, thus revision of services fee will reflect through better performance and satisfaction to the members and residents. Details can be viewed at DHA's official website, www.dhakarachi.org.

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