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From the Editor's Desk

Change is a bold step forward which constitutes a defining moment of life. A change is always welcome as it unfolds a new chapter in life and is a splendid transformation for the betterment. It is analogous to purchasing the future by the present initiative. The present edition of "DHA NEWS" with a changed outlook is an embodiment of a reinvigorated strategy to re-orientate the contents, outlook and presentation of the publication.

The latest issue of the magazine is a new leap forward to keep the readers informed, updated and abreast with the latest changes and events taking place in the Defence Housing Authority. It is a firm resolve to inform, enrich, entertain and, most importantly, inspire our readers. This has been accomplished by galvanizing the spirit of modernity and dynamism underlying the various projects of DHA.

DHA today stands at cross roads, it is passing through a critical moment of its perennial history of development. The new Administrator at the helm of DHA affairs is determined to steer the Housing Authority out of the woods with a new, bold and massively vibrant vision. The dynamic initiative envisages turning the corner through sheer commitment, dedication and will to deliver.

A new transformation in DHA affairs is thus in the offing to meet the daunting challenges ranging from deteriorating infrastructure of old phases to stalled mega projects. The situation has further compounded due to the financial crunch DHA faces today in the wake of ongoing recession in the country. However, it is heading forward with an innovative and convincing approach as the proverb says, "They can conquer who believe they can".

Development activities in DHA have once again got a renewed fillip and are being executed at top most priority, such as, road rehabilitation project, construction of Gizri flyover, modernization and expansion of commercial areas, construction of car parking plazas and many other works that point to the upsurge of developmental activities in DHA. Stimulus are being provided to Waterfront and Creek City Projects, maintenance responsibilities are being shifted to CBC, civic facilities for residents are being reorganized/revamped and arrangements for developing the newly acquired land astride Super Highway into a new modern DHA are being expedited.

All these significant events have been beautifully captured in this magazine in the form of interesting and informative features, articles, stories and write ups reflecting a comprehensive round up of DHA activities.

We eagerly look forward to your contributions and suggestions to keep the show on the road.

Happy Reading!

Editor

Lt Col (R) Syed Rafat Hussain Naqvi

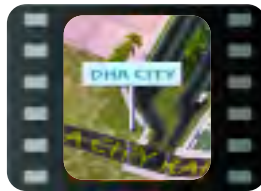


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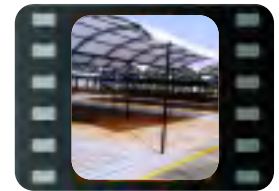
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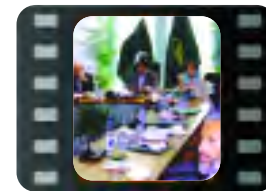


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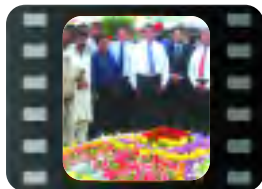
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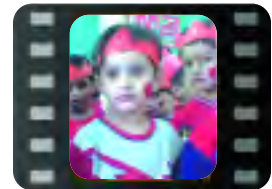
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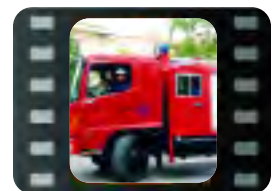
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DEFENCE OFFICERS HOUSING AUTHORITY, KARACHI
A Progressive Vision for the Future

Message

From Commander 5 Corps & President Executive Board, DHA

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my best wishes to all the residents of DHA. The annual magazine is an ideal means for me to interact with the stakeholders of the society and to explain the path of development that we have designed.

I have directed the DHA management to adopt an effective strategy to improve the security and sanitation in DHA and to bring about a visible improvement in these two grey areas. We are also addressing the issue of road reconstruction. The residents have been very patient with the pace of work and I am confident that all roads will be ready in keeping with our timeline and this irritant will be dealt with effectively.

Determined efforts in multilateral directions have been made to revitalize DHA. I am satisfied with the progress so far. I want to commend the efforts of DHA for giving fresh impetus to stalled projects, Creek Vistas being one such project which is in the process of being handed over to its owners.

Expansion of DHA is under renewed focus being an aspect that is always of great importance to us in DHA. I have emphasized upon the need to speed up the pace of work of DHA City Karachi and to leave no stone unturned in ensuring that the final balloting for allotment of land takes place well before 2009 ends.

I urge the DHA management and staff to work with total commitment to bring about a tangible and qualitative change in DHA's living environment, and ensure a resident responsive management.

I wish DHA and its residents the very best in the future.



Lt Gen Shahid Iqbal, HI(M)
Commander 5 Corps and
President Executive Board DHA



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Message

From the Administrator, DHA

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warm felicitation and good wishes to the residents and readers on the eve of publication of DHA News 2009 issue.

DHA over the years has come to symbolize as a progressive residential estate that focuses on provision of quality civic amenities and good living environments to its residents. This has been made possible through the untiring efforts, persistent hard work and commitment of the staff and management of the DHA. Today, DHA stands at an important juncture of its history of development. The challenges are numerous and daunting; the team of DHA is however, all set to accept the challenges and to deliver to the best of their abilities.

The main theme of Housing Authority's undertakings is to enhance the quality of living environments in DHA. For this purpose, DHA is constantly focusing on improving the work culture of the organization to further enhance its reputation as a responsive and professional body. The work of rehabilitation of roads damaged due to digging and shifting of utilities during laying of new drainage system is being executed in a professional manner while ensuring highest standards of construction. The entire project will be completed by June 2009.

Since its establishment, DHA had been undertaking civic functions and maintenance of the developed phases. The Housing Authority has lately shifted the water and services responsibilities including sewerage to Cantonment Board Clifton which is the tax collecting agency responsible for all municipal functions. The DHA will however, continue to support the Cantonment Board Clifton in the discharge of its civic responsibilities efficiently.

A new reinvigorated approach to upgrade cleanliness, garbage collection and sanitation systems in the area including the experimentally adopted concepts of night cleaning and intensified sweeping activity have recently been adopted by CBC. This will bring about an appreciable improvement in the environments and outlook of the area.

DHA as a progressive organization is looking forward to conceptualize futuristic expansion plans and has recently acquired land astride Super Highway to develop it as a modern residential cum commercial estate 'DHA City Karachi' as per the state-of-the-art town planning technology.

The vision of DHA is based on honesty of purpose, transparency, dynamism and futuristic approach. DHA is determined to remain a vibrant and dynamic organization ever ready to deliver. I wish DHA residents all the best for a better and comfortable living.



Brig Khalid Tirmizi
Administrator, DHA



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From the Secretary, DHA

It gives me great pleasure to convey my warmest greetings and felicitation to the residents and staff of the Housing Authority on the eve of the publication of DHA News.

It has been a long and arduous journey of perpetual struggle and achievement through which the Housing Authority has grown into one of the finest residential estates of the country. The high standards of housing attained and maintained by DHA is a matter of pride and inspiration and will go a long way in serving as a benchmark for quality community living.

The management of DHA is committed to extend comprehensive services focusing on provision of best educational, recreational, residential and civic services to its residents. DHA has come to be known as a model housing scheme that maintains the highest standards of excellence in all its undertakings.

For making DHA an elite organization, the lion's share of credit goes to the residents who have always shown remarkable understanding and cooperation in making the efforts of DHA pronounced success. DHA is therefore, always taking the residents on board and involving them in all important projects and development works. The invaluable feedback in various matters provided by the residents helps DHA in according correct priorities for the development and progress of the area.

A lot of development and construction activity is presently going on in DHA. This includes construction of Stadium and Zamzama Parking Plazas; construction of Gizri Flyover; infrastructure development of Zamzama and Stadium Commercial Areas; Road Rehabilitation project; and Infrastructure Development of Phase-VIII apart from many others. The aim of these development activities is to improve the versatility of civic amenities and to provide quality living environments to the residents.

The ultimate aim underlying all DHA policies is to provide healthy and aesthetically pleasant environment to its residents. With a view to having cleaner and greener environment, DHA is sprinkled with green parks, gardens, flora and fauna. It maintains neat, clean and aesthetically refreshing environment for its residents.

I wish DHA staff and residents all the success in future and comfortable living. May Allah's blessings guide us in all our endeavours.



Lt Col (R) Najam ul-Islam Rishi
Secretary, DHA



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Readers Write



I write to express my sincere gratitude for sending me the Defence Housing Authority's Annual Magazine DHA NEWS - 2008. It was extremely pleasing and satisfying to note that this addition probably is the best that I have seen in recent years. Indeed, it is testimony of hard work, dedication and good quality out-of-the-box thought process.

*Air Marshal Mirza Zafar Hussain, HI(M), SBt
Air Officer Commanding, Southern Air Command
PAF Karachi*

Thank you for sending me Defence Housing Authority Newsletter 2008 Issue. Newsletter appearance printing and language is indeed very good. It contains very useful information. Please convey my appreciation to the Editorial Board.

*Vice Admiral Saleem Ahmad Meenai HI(M)
Deputy Chief of Naval Staff (Trg & P)*

*Chief of Army Staff has directed me to thank you for sending the copy of DHA News. He acknowledges this gesture with thanks.
With best wishes.*

*Brigadier Zubair M Hayyat
Private Secretary to Chief of Army Staff
General Headquarters, Rawalpindi*

It is with immense pleasure and gratitude that I acknowledge the receipt of 'DHA News-2008'. Once again it has touched the heights and the hearts simultaneously. The treatise provides pleasurable, informative and conducive reading on diversified subjects ranging from reports and analysis on devastating and flooding rains followed by relentless self criticism to features and narratives on the latest achievements, accomplishments and ongoing development projects.

The feature of the Periscope, as always, is again engrossing and ingratiating. The getup, pictorial and the quality of the magazine brings it at par with any international magazine on the subject.

Please accept my heartiest felicitation for making the past and the present 'DHA News' worthy of the following proverbial phrase: "Excellence is only a standard, not goal".

*Lieutenant Commander (R)
Zawwar Husain
HOD English-DA Degree College*

Please accept my sincerest gratitude for including me in the list of recipients of DHA Newsletter. I enjoyed going through it. I wish the very best of luck to everyone at DHA in completing the ongoing projects with quality and on time.

*Brigadier (R) Mukhtar Ahmad
Sui Southern Gas Company Limited,
Karachi*

DHA News, is definitely a very well arranged record of special reports on development projects and different events happening in DHA and general progress report of various departments of the DHA. It has helped greatly in bringing Defence Residents closer to the DHA Administrator by creating awareness about the activities and achievements of DHA. After reading each issue, one gets to appreciate in a better way what all DHA authorities are doing for the Residents.

I am sure the new Defence Newsletter will improve further the awareness and the communication link through print media, between DHA and the Residents.

*Mr. Khalidul Aziz
Pakistan Beverage Limited*

It has been my privilege and pleasure to receive from you, regularly, copies of your well brought out magazine.

The Defence Housing Authority not only looks after housing and all related services for the residents but also does yeomen service in the fields of health, education, environment, water resources, recreation, sports and amusement for the people of Karachi in general and the residents of DHA in particular. I am honoured to be member of the 'DHA family'.

DHA NEWS mirrors the multifarious activities of the parent body in the most attractive and informative way. The articles on general interest included in your magazine make it a 'must read' for all members of the family, including the women.

The paper, printing, layout and photographic reproductions are of a very high quality that goes to make the magazine comparable to the best in journalism and media project in our country.

You as the Editor deserve accolades and grateful thanks from the entire DHA family. I hope this magazine more success and wider reach among the people.

*Mr. Raeesul Hasan
Chief Executive
Habib Sugar Mills Limited*

Please accept my thanks for sending me a copy of the Annual Magazine DHA News 2008. It is extremely impressive, beautiful and highly informative.

I wish to compliment you and your team for all the hard work put-in by the DHA administration to improve and develop DHA Karachi. May God bless you with more strength and determination to achieve all the set goals.

*Major General (R)
Hidayat Ullah Khan Niazi
Rawalpindi
(Ex Administrator DHA)*

Like always, I found DHA News 2008, as very informative, updating and very well laid out. It is a visible reflective of the capabilities of the Editorial Board, that be it a short term enterprise or a long term project, the lofty standards and quality excellence are never compromise.

*Syed Abbas Naqvi,
DHA Resident*

Thank you for sending copies of latest edition of DHA News for distribution amongst DRS members.

I find it very informative and useful. You really make dedicated efforts in bringing out a high quality and impressive publication, which adds to the prestige of DHA.

*I can say that this is the best Newsletter/magazine, which comes out regularly for circulation.
Please keep up with the good standard.*

*Mr. Zafar Iqbal
President - Defence Residents Society*

It is a matter of immense pleasure for me to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed publication, a qualitative souvenir, DHA News - 2008. The articles and creative work in the magazine are of a very high standard indeed, and aptly represent the excellent progress and dedicated efforts that DHA Karachi is making in faithfully addressing and fulfilling the needs of its residents. Albeit, the credit for such apt representation of DHA's commitment goes to you and editorial team - we commend your performance.

All members of the faculty and staff at DADC join me in once again expressing our gratitude to you and your department for outstandingly and consistently portraying our efforts through your chronicle.

*Captain (R) Ahmed Zaheer, PN
Principal, DA Degree College*

Thank you for dispatching me a copy of Defence Authority Karachi's Newsletter 2008 issue. As usual it was very informative and of a very high quality.

I wish to compliment the Editorial Board for publishing such a magnificent Newsletter.

*Brigadier (R) Qaiser Viqar Naqvi, SI(M)
DG-Suparco*

Note

Readers are welcome to give their comments but we would appreciate if these are restricted to 100 words. We reserve the right to edit letters for reasons of clarity and space. Every letter should carry a complete postal address of sender.

-Editor

ABOUT DHA

DHA Karachi in Perspective **Relive the Spirit of Glory**

Extracts from Administrator s Address in DHA s Governing Body Meeting

Running any major civic agency is a huge responsibility; more so DHA Karachi, which is a unique challenge being the largest and the oldest upper end urban development in Pakistan. Most of Karachi's elite resides in DHA along with their demands and expectations of a very high level of service.



Administrator Addressing the DHA's Governing Body Meeting

The deteriorating civic infrastructure of old sectors need to be constantly refurbished, repaired and upgraded as the demand for utilities and services has increased manifold. Our geography puts us at the tail of Karachi, giving rise to problems of water which is supplied by KW&SB. Additionally, all land bank has been exhausted, which limits our options for growth and resource generation.

DHA Karachi is an old and well established organization having well tried out procedures. It is

still the most attractive business venue including real estate in Pakistan. Moreover, it is the most credible organization for conducive and safe investment. DHA has a large work force of dedicated workers and has the potential to undertake development of mega projects.

At this juncture in time, DHA Karachi has achieved numerous milestones which have added pages and pages in DHA history making.

If we relive the achievements, some of the biggest feasts could be: the laying of a modern drainage network in DHA on war footing in six months; the commissioning of DHA's landmark Power and Desalination project; Creek Vistas; the ongoing work on long over due infrastructure development of Ph-VIII which is gaining momentum and is being executed on top priority.

The Master Plan of DHA Phase-VIII has been revised and updated in accordance with the contemporary modern town planning concepts. Building Byelaws have been revised and updated to make them more practical and user friendly. Measures to improve traffic-ability and solid waste disposal have shown visible improvement in DHA. Utilization of allotted funds has been made prudently and administrative expenditures have been significantly controlled.

On the negative side, DHA finance has come under severe pressure. The unanticipated expenditure of approximately Rs. 2.7 billion on laying a new Drainage System in DHA has given a severe blow to DHA's financial health and virtually plunged it into a state of financial crunch. There has been a reduced revenue generation on the account of economic slow down and general slump in the market. The land acquisition for DHA City astride Super Highway was considerably delayed due to litigation. However, the project is now moving ahead and DHA has finally taken over the possession of land from Government of Sindh. CBC is still in the process of taking-over of maintenance responsibilities which has financial implications on DHA.

DHA is determined to improve its image through a better delivery of services. To this end, our focus and priorities for next year would be completion of road rehabilitation project repairs and up-gradation of Sewerage System. Provide stimulus to Waterfront and Creek City Project; assist in capacity development of CBC and shift maintenance responsibility; undertake dynamic measures to come out of financial difficulties. And lastly, to emerge as an efficient and responsive service provider for the residents. DHA will remain a vibrant and dynamic organization "Ready to Perform".

Vision for DHA Karachi

The very structure of DHA needs to be developed on four major pillars:

- ❑ Honesty of Purpose;
- ❑ Transparency;
- ❑ Dynamism; and
- ❑ Futuristic Approach.

Targets to be achieved include:

- ❑ Making DHA Karachi a modern, efficient and vibrant organization.
- ❑ Making DHA financially strong by ensuring equitable returns from all Commercial Projects.
- ❑ Structure and execute all future projects under Private - Public Sector on viable terms bringing better dividends to DHA.
- ❑ Develop new areas like "DHA City" on Super Highway.

The Way Forward

Waterfront Projects are lifeline for DHA and must be implemented on fast-track so that DHA can receive financial returns as envisaged. Efforts be made to complete all infrastructure projects of Phase-VIII and Waterfront within 4 to 5 years to avoid cost escalation and fulfill commitment to residents. Handing-over of maintenance responsibility to CBC as approved by Governing Body be followed strictly. Acquisition of land in addition to DHA City may be ensured for constant cash inflow. DHA should keep its investment portfolio separate from the outflow for incurrence of expenditure as a prudent policy. Cost of establishment must be continually reviewed and brought down by 'right sizing' the manpower. Tighten the belt and undertake strict austerity measures. Take proactive measures in building the image of DHA and CBC as caring organizations through media projection. Taking positive steps like reorganization of the civic facilities for the residents; opening of Complaint and Facilitation Center organization on modern lines. Frequent interaction with Residents Committee and disseminating information to general public; enhance the existing tax net of CBC from 53,000 to plus of 100,000 units. Help CBC in its capacity building and make it more responsive to the residents.

Farewell to Outgoing Administrator

Celebrating Landmark Achievements

A dinner was hosted to bid farewell to the outgoing Administrator Brig Kamran Aziz Qazi, who on completion of his memorable tenure of two years as Administrator DHA has finally said farewell to the arms.

The Administrator paid tributes to his predecessor for his services towards the betterment of the organization. He said, "there is a touch of melancholy in the air yet I am sure that Brig Kamran must be a very satisfied and relieved man with a sense of accomplishment and pride as he has successfully concluded his illustrious career on a happy note."



The outgoing and new administrators speaking on the eve of farewell dinner

Brig Kamran said farewell to arms after rendering thirty-three years of distinguished services in the Army. During his momentous tenure of two years as Administrator DHA, he infused a progressive spirit of dynamism in the organization and made immense contribution by giving an impetus to DHA mega projects.

He has an impeccable personality and a reputation in the Army of being a person who can undertake challenges successfully. He has his own leadership and management style reinforced by an analytical mind that focuses on the core issues and not their peripherals. A strict

disciplinarian and a committed person, who through his personal example, sincerity, dedication and visionary initiatives has steered DHA to new heights of glory and success during his momentous tenure.

His most celebrated achievement is the construction of a new drainage system in DHA in a record period of six months. It is during his tenure that the first ever Power and Desalination Plant of the country was completed which is a remarkable feat. Speedy and smooth completion of refurbishment of entire civic infrastructure in DHA Phase-I and initiation of a number of development projects including construction of flyovers, underpasses, parking plazas, expansion and renovation of DHA commercial areas are some of his significant accomplishments that will always be remembered. It is to his credit that during the execution of these multifarious projects DHA encountered the problems with a remarkable dexterity and accomplishment.

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

"The song of the river ends not at her banks but in the heart of those who have loved her". As Brig Qazi proceeds on a very important journey of his post retirement life we wish him and his family the best of health, happiness and prosperity in all times to come.

In his concluding remarks, the Administrator said, "Sir, as I bid you farewell, may I submit that DHA will remain your home now and later and always. Tonight's dinner and its attendance do not reflect the extent and depth of our feelings for your tremendous contributions for DHA. The show goes on but you will be missed".

Administrator's Address to Directors

Need for Resident-Responsive Management Stressed

Brig Khalid Tirmizi assumed the command of DHA on September 29, 2008 and addressed his first Directors Conference. In his inaugural address, the Administrator stressed upon the need to ensure resident-responsive management to meet the high expectations of DHA residents.



Directors' Conference in Progress

"DHA is a vibrant and well-organized organization committed to improve the living quality and standards of its residents," said the Administrator in the Directors' Conference. He reminded them that it was their solemn duty to build upon the trust of the organization and to uphold its good name, reputation, and credibility at all cost.

He urged the DHA management to bring about a positive change in their attitude and approach of working. He said that the officials should adopt proactive policies rather reactive ones, bring quality in all their undertakings, and keep 'service of people' as the foremost ingredient of all their actions.

He assured the Directors of his all out support in their positive and forward looking initiatives taken for the betterment of DHA and its residents. He also dwelt upon a number of administrative measures to enhance the productivity and efficacy of DHA.

The Administrator, in his concluding remarks, said that he was confident that the DHA and its residents would spare no efforts in attaining higher housing and residential standards to maintain its role as the trendsetter in the country.

DHA Services Coming Soon...



Major Abdul Ghani Tabish (R)
Director DHA Services



Establishment of a services organization is a very common phenomenon in the developed countries. In Pakistan however, it is a new concept to provide maximum possible domestic services to the community at their doorstep, under a single window operation. DHA Services organization is designed to provide a variety of services to the residents and the corporate sector of DHA.

The idea to establish a services network has been a long cherished objective of the DHA Karachi. It is aimed at providing speedy, responsive and quality services to the community with a reasonable degree of safety and security.

The aim of establishing DHA Services is to extend the most needed domestic services to the residents and the corporate sector in DHA. The aim is also to improve organization's image by providing verified and professional workers to the client, which is usually ignored by unknown service providers. The organization is determined to help the residents and corporate clients in DHA to get all possible services from one window; to provide them quality services at market rates and to protect consumer's rights. DHA Services will build confidence and trust of residents thereby improving overall quality of life and living standards in DHA.

For home care services, the DHA residents would be offered annual membership under which they could avail the services of cleaners, gardeners, electrician, gas fitters, fumigation, utility bills submission, and water tank cleaning services.

Other than the membership basis, home care services would also be available purely on commercial or corporate basis for the residents. In the next phase, DHA services would provide car care, security, laundry, and mobile parlor services.

Services to be provided by the newly established DHA wing would save time and energy of the residents and would also ensure their safety and security. M/S DHA Services is expected to formally start its operations by mid-June 2009 with its newly-constructed office at Khayaban-e-Shujaat in Phase-VIII. Initially it will provide home care, event management, property exchange, horticulture, and janitorial services for DHA residents.

DHA Services staff would be uniquely distinguished and identified by their elegant, green coloured and smart uniform. This would also be check on unscrupulous elements entering the residences in the disguise of electrician, plumbers, or similar home-based service providers who could pose serious security risks especially to women and children on being alone in homes.

A member of Home Care Services will avail exclusive services and facilities that will make life better and convenient.

▶ EVENT MANAGEMENT

Booking of all DHA Clubs is centralized now. Booking, catering, decoration, Stage and all other facilities are available under one roof at market-driven prices.

▶ PROPERTY EXCHANGE SERVICES

Customers friendly and reliable Property Exchange that helps you buy, sell, hire or rent our property in DHA with full faith and confidence.

▶ ADVERTISING SOLUTIONS

Modern techniques of advertising and equipment will be used for undertaking advertising services in DHA. Fabrication of hoardings, poles signs, brand promotional activities at most attractive locations like parks, clubs and beaches etc.

▶ LAUNDRY & DRY CLEANING

Most convenient, high quality washing and dry cleaning facilities will be provided at competitive rates. A number of pickup points are being established all over DHA from where the customers will drop and collect their laundry.

▶ HORTICULTURE & LANDSCAPING SERVICES

Our botanical experts and landscaping consultants will go an extra mile to fulfill your needs on a phone call.

▶ COMPLEX BUYING SOLUTIONS

We have the experts who can get you the best quality stuff i.e. TV, Refrigerator, AC, Home Theater, Computer, Cooking Range or Furniture etc. at market price with warranty and home delivery.

▶ JANITORIAL / FUMIGATION SERVICES

Our trained workers with latest machines are available for sofa washing, carpet wash, germicide fumigation or water tank cleaning at a phone call.

▶ TROUBLE SHOOTERS

We have always ready plumbers, masons, computer hardware and software experts, electrician, carpenters and wall painters at your service.

▶ SECURITY SERVICES

Reliable security services with sophisticated alarm system backed by DHA's 'RAPID ACTION FORCE'

will be provided. Qualified ex-military guards and dual communication systems monitored by central control room at headquarter DHA that functions round the clock

▶ SALON MOBILE PARLOUR

Members of our services will be provided with female beautician for waxing, threading, manicure, pedicure, light party make-up, modern fitness center, sauna bath spa, low calorie food or a team of mobile parlor for bridal make up at doorstep.

▶ CAR CARE SERVICES

Convenience like never before. A state of the art modern Base Workshop supported by on the Spot Repair by "MOBILE WORKSHOP" & Recovery of damaged vehicles by our 'RECOVERY VANS'. We also provide "RENT-A-CAR" for the period of repair.

CONCLUSION

This new initiative to provide door-to-door services to its residents is a big leap forward and will add to DHA's prestige and matchless quality services repertoire.



PROJECTS

Dawn of DHA City Karachi

A LAND OF NEW BEGINNINGS



A Google view of DHA City



Corps Commander being briefed about DHA City on site

DHA Karachi is pleased to announce the launching of a new project under the brand name of DHA City Karachi. DHA has put together a team of engineers and managers who will ensure quality work and follow all the applicable codes and standards. DHA realizes that in today's polarized atmosphere it is our responsibility to provide a platform where all citizens can live together in harmony and peace.

A new residential-cum-commercial estate spread over approx 11,640 acres of land on Super Highway is being developed by DHA. The new upcoming project is being planned in accordance with modern town planning principles and will be developed as per the contemporary engineering practices.

The process of joint survey and demarcation of the acquired land has been completed, Revenue map has been finalized and topographical survey/master planning of the area will follow soon. All citizens of Pakistan including overseas Pakistanis would be eligible to apply for the scheme to be launched shortly. DHA City has lot of potential and presents an excellent opportunity for national and international developers and investors to do profitable ventures. All efforts are being made to hold first balloting of plots by the end of July' 2009.

Salient Features:

- ▶ Town and Master Planning in line with the International Standards.
- ▶ Provision of World Class Amenities & Recreational Facilities.
- ▶ Attractive Geographic Landscape. Structures will be made to fit the natural layout of the land.
- ▶ Wide Roads Network for smooth traffic management.
- ▶ Special consideration to the planning of Green/Open Areas, Utilities, Sewerage and Garbage Disposal.
- ▶ No Compromises on Landscape and Architectural Designs.
- ▶ Beautiful Semi Hilly Terrain and Peaceful Neighbourhood.
- ▶ Future Expansion Potential.

At this moment it is a virgin piece of land 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 of town planning to make it the most sought-after stretch of utopian residential estate, and the land of new beginnings for beautiful tomorrow to come.

We must use time as a tool, not as a couch. - John F. Kennedy

DHA City

Exploring New Horizons

A new model residential estate 'DHA City' is springing on Super Highway. This was stated by Administrator DHA in a briefing given to Commander 5 Corps and President Executive Board DHA, Lt Gen Shahid Iqbal who visited the project site.



Major (R) Shaukat Alvi
Director DHA City, Karachi

DHA City is a new residential-cum-commercial venture spread over an area of approx 11,640 acres of land which is being developed by DHA on the land acquired from Govt of Sindh. The new project will be developed as per the contemporary engineering concepts and will have a number of wide roads and adequate green and open areas developed in the backdrop of semi hilly terrain and picturesque landscape.

DHA City has a 4 km frontage on Super Highway and is located in proximity of upcoming educational city and PIA Cabin Crew Society's land. The area is interspersed with a number of wells and natural springs whose water is fit for human consumption. DHA City is located at a distance of thirty minutes drive from Karachi International Airport connected through a link road via Malir Cantt.

Corps Commander visited the site of DHA City and was given a briefing on the development plan of the upcoming city. He asked DHA to expedite the process of topographical survey and to start master planning of the area at the earliest. He advised DHA to adopt sector wise approach in its development strategy so as to acquire credibility, professional efficacy and trust of people. He said that the first phase of the new DHA City should accommodate people from all segments of society.

He advised DHA to co-ordinate with the Govt of Sindh and CDGK to seek their help for getting alignment of the circular Railway with the new city. He added that existence of mass transit system was vital for future development of any city. Director Creek City Maj (R) Shaukat Alvi stated that all civic and basic facilities in the area would be made available at residents' doorstep with the help and co-ordination of the City Government.



Commander 5 Corps and President Executive Board DHA,
Lt Gen Shahid Iqbal being briefed on the site

Corps Commander instructed DHA to immediately set up the project office at the site to make a mark and to accelerate the process of project development. He also asked DHA to ensure holding of balloting for the plots in the first phase at the earliest and to expedite arrangements for the formal launching of the scheme in the near future.

He further asked DHA to make immediate arrangements for provision of medical and health facilities to the local population in the vicinity of the area to win their confidence and good will.

Director DHA City said that the area had a most stable layout for construction with a firm soil having adequate strength to bear the load of high rise buildings. He also stated that 72" water pipelines of K-3 and K-4 projects and the main gas supply line was passing close to the DHA City.

All efforts are being made jointly by DHA City Department and Town Planning Department of DHA to hold the first ballot for allotment of land in DHA City on 25 July 2009.

The Creek Vista

A Vista into the Near Future

Imagine yourself living in a luxury four-bed apartment! A part of a visionary garden-resort style residential community, spread over sixteen acres of land in which you can enjoy modern living with entertainment facilities, all at one location.



Lt Col (R)
Ajmal Rasheed
Director Creek City



An elegant view of the Creek Vista

The whole landscape has been elegantly designed so that only a quarter of land is used up in buildings; remaining is lush greenery, fountains and pockets of water bodies located centrally in the midst of 12 towers. Your apartment is right at the beachfront. It is a corner apartment, west open. The project has all the necessary facilities like servant quarters, storeroom, reserved car parking, elevators, a sports club, a clinic, a mosque and a library. You live up there on the tenth floor. Or is it 12th. Perhaps, it is 17th. Perhaps, it is not just an apartment; it is a double-storeyed penthouse on the top two floors of the tower. This is the part of a great tower project. And this is not Dubai, or San Francisco. This is our own Karachi at its very best. This is Creek Vista!

The creek vista is a one-of-its-kind project. Spread over 16 acres of land with a covered area of three million square feet, the project has 720 apartments. Some of them are three-bedded while the others have four bedrooms each. A modern supermarket which is near completion will be available in the compound with an elegant building of club house, which will be linked with the sports complex through a subway on Khayaban-e-Shaheen. The sport complex will have Cricket Academy, Swimming Pool, Jogging track, Squash court, Tennis court and Basketball court.

One of the pilot projects of the Creek City, the Creek Vistas was conceived to provide impetus to marginally inhabited and underdeveloped Phase-VIII. The project, only of its kind in Pakistan was ventured by Defence Housing Authority to provide built-in incentives in terms of value addition and quality living to the fortunate allottee of these apartments.

And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years. - Abraham Lincoln

Even at the time of its inception, it was a great dream. But then it hit snags. There were technical and financial impediments, shortage of skilled labour, and scarcity of construction machinery, imbalance of demand and supply of building materials and above all, an unparalleled inflationary trend in cost of construction never experienced before. The cost threatened to spiral beyond control.

The project was structured by DHA on the basis of non-profit sharing and contracted at most economical construction cost prevailing in 2003 when the project was initiated, wherein price of the land was not included in its original financial outlay. The delays started to hit the cost especially when the DHA was committed to compensate those who had been allotted units (through monthly payments of Rs. 25,000) plus a desire not to deviate from high quality standards. However to meet the challenge of timely completion, DHA went out-of-the-way to combat the testing times. Accordingly, shortage of materials was addressed through imported fittings and fixtures. Stringent safety-oriented and timely technical solutions were sought during construction spells and upright financial situations.

In September last year, Administrator, DHA chaired a meeting of the consultants and the contractor of the project. The meetings held at DHA Main Office reviewed the progress of the project. The consultants, M/s Meinhardt, cited technical reasons while the contractors quoted implication of cost of construction due to rise in the cost of materials and labour along with other inflationary trends as the reasons of delay in timely completion of the project.

The DHA Administrator appointed a new team led by Senior Project Director, Director (Special Projects) and Director (Creek Vistas) to monitor day to day progress



Standing tall in the bright sunlight, Creek Vistas give a radiant look

and on time completion according to strict schedule.

The DHA Administrator stressed the need of expeditious and timely completion of prestigious Creek Vistas project. He emphasized that the top most priority be given to the completion dates of the project at all costs. The Administrator gave full authority to Additional Director to resolve all the bottlenecks and problems faced by the contractors and to overcome the impediments smoothly and ensure fast track completion of the project in stipulated time during his tenure.

With the utmost dedication and sincere hard work of the staff of Creek Vistas the promise is being fulfilled now. All the 12 towers having 720 apartments have been completed and offered for handing-over to the allottee on exact dates mentioned in the Newsletter of October 2008. Presently nearly 300 allottee have taken over the apartments and more than 40 families are residing at Creek Vistas. Maintenance services are being provided by DHA Services Company. Security of Creek Vistas is being looked after by DHA Vigilance Directorate and landscaping/plantation is being done under the experienced staff of DHA Horticulture Directorate. We have developed the dream into a pretty much reality.

Construction of Gizri Flyover

DHA has undertaken the construction of Gizri Flyover at Kh-e-Hafiz. The main Gizri Bazaar was a sore point for traffic congestion and heavy jams due to heavy vehicles parked on the main Gizri road in front of the shops. To ease the DHA residents, construction of the flyover was undertaken.



Lt Col (R)
Mir Sirajul Husnain
Dir Dev. Phase VIII

The flyover will facilitate the flow of traffic coming into and moving out of DHA through Gizri commercial area. The bridge is likely to be opened for traffic in August 2009, work on side roads will be completed by the end of 2009. The delay was caused due to the intervention of some DHA residents through Court.

The design of Gizri flyover caters for a single pier shaft so that maximum space is available under the bridge for parking and traffic taking U turns. The design caters for maximum overhead clearance under the bridge. The central median new jersey barrier will separate traffic going in opposite directions.

The total cost of the Gizri flyover project is Rs. 560 million which had commenced on February 23, 2007 and is expected to be completed in September 2009.

The Gizri flyover will be 1020 meters long and 15 meters wide. The flyover will consist of two lanes on each being 3.5 meters wide in size. The vertical clearance under flyover will be 5.1 meters.



Facets of Gizri Flyover

Reviving the Waterfront Projects

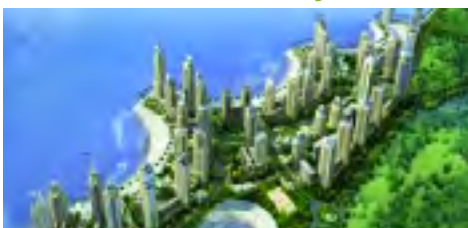
A renewed effort has been launched to revive most of the waterfront projects with a view to gain maximum returns to DHA. Current status of the projects are:

Minhal Project



Residential and multiple use Complex comprising a Hotel. Agreement has been signed and the lease is in process. To be completed in 5-6 years.

EMMAR Project



Multiple use complex comprising 46 High Rise buildings including a Hotel. To be completed in 5-6 years.

Shopping Mall



Ground + 5 storey Shopping Mall at Creek City. To be completed in 3-4 years.

Creek View/Terrace



High-rise residential complex (2500 Units). Agreement has been signed and lease is in process.

Creek Marina Bringing Out the Best in You

The Creek Marina project was envisioned, planned and designed to set a new benchmark in Pakistan in luxury, quality, exclusivity, safety, security and match the standards of world's most advanced cities.



Conceptual view of upcoming Creek Marina

The 8x27 Storey Residential Complex having 768 flats is spread on 19 acres of land. The construction of the towers is in progress as developer has requested for collateralization of land by the SPV (CMPL). The Draft Addendum has been signed accordingly. The project is planned to be completed in four years time.

Property gurus claim there are three golden rules of property: location, safety and value for money. Creek Marina's score is quite high, as it is located in the exclusive precinct of Creek City - at the prime waterfront in DHA's Phase - VIII adjacent to the DHA Golf Course Korangi Creek/Arabian Sea- and adjoining the proposed Raffles Club which is also being developed in tandem with Creek Marina.

The project has been designed to incorporate the highest level of building safety, security and quality living environment. The building structure has been designed to withstand winds and earthquakes of much higher intensity than those specified in the building codes.

Creek View and Terraces Revival of Projects to Foster Economic Growth



Lt Col (R) Mohsin Ali Shah
Director SP & Works

A great breakthrough was made with the revival of Creek View and Terraces residential project, part of DHA Creek City, after formalization of arrangements made by DHA and Creek Developers in the wake of the ongoing economic recession and market slum conditions in the country.

A Document of Understanding was signed between DHA and Creek Developers in a simple and impressive ceremony held at DHA Main Office to formalize the master plan and related arrangements of the project. The prestigious project is a milestone achievement which will give a boost and resurge to the unfolding economic recession and address the boom in real estate.



Conceptual view of upcoming Creek View and Terraces

The document was signed in the presence of Administrator DHA, and Mr. Adil Jilani, Chairman Transparency International. The new found initiative is in accordance with the vision of Corps Commander and President Executive Board DHA, Lt Gen Shahid Iqbal envisaging revival of the stalled 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 which has recently been completed. The residential project however got a boost and a new lease of life with the inking of the document of understanding between DHA and Messers Creek Developers.

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 open floodgate of employment in the country, besides giving boost to real estate.

Mr. AKD described the formalization of project arrangements as a positive development towards accelerating the economic development in the country. He said that the prestigious project would be completed in five years time in a professional manner.

The new DHA-AKD initiative is 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. The formalization of the arrangement for the project signify the credibility, efficacy and reliability of DHA as an organization which is trusted by investors, entrepreneurs and residents alike. The initiation of the new residential project would give a new resurge to upper end high rise culture heralding a new future for DHA - **Karachi's engine of growth** .

Creek City Shopping Mall

Shop Globally in Global Haly



Conceptual Photograph of Global Haly

A multi-storey Shopping Mall project, named Creek Shopping Mall, is underway, and shall be completed within the next three years. It is a Ground + 5 Storey Shopping Mall with 3 Level underground parking at 5.3 acres of land. Master Plan of the project was approved in April 2007 and the Developer has partially mobilized at the site.

The Creek Mall, the only of its kind in Karachi shall cater for retail as well as Office use in DHA Phase VIII, along the water front with highly conducive environment providing state-of-the-art facilities and attract local as well as international brand names.

The objective of the development is to create an international quality, unique, contemporary, and vibrant mall with fine retail and office space development and a commercially viable and profitable development that meets projected market demand to facilitate the residents.

The Mall has a covered area of 0.67 million square feet and a car parking facility for 215 vehicles. The total cost of the project is estimated at 8 billion rupees,

DHA Creek Mall shall encompass International standard, spacious with bright inflow of natural light. Quality Retail Area, high end office space and separate multiple entrances for Retail and Offices. Covered parking for 1600 cars, motor bikes, valet parking, delivery vehicles. Efficient vertical transportation will include 14 Guest

Elevators, 3 Service Elevators, 12 Escalators, 6 Travelators. Dedicated Covered Loading Dock for six (20 feet) vehicle at one time. Designated Taxi waiting areas for Mall and Offices, the retail, entertainment and dining mixed location for multinational brands.

In order to control the quality and operational activities in the Mall and operation as per International Standards Manual to monitor and control various facets has been developed which includes Tenant Fit-out Manual, Tenant Operational Guide, Metering Strategy, Signage Fit-out manual, Facilities Operation & Maintenance Management Brief. GHD /Royal has commissioned Specialist suppliers to provide expertise for supply and installation of systems for the Mall complex; façade Lighting and Interior specialist lighting, LED Billboard Displays, Audio/Visual System for hosting of product launching ceremonies in the Mall Atrium.

On completion, DHA Karachi shall have the best Shopping Mall analogous to any best Shopping Mall in the world.

DHA Cogen Power and Desalination Plant Facilitating DHA Residents



Electric power to be precise, is the basis of all modern-day activity. Since with progress, we tend to have more and more activities each day, the need to have electricity also enhances manifold with it. To say that a society now has at its disposal, the optimum in power generation, is to believe that there would not be any further progress in that society. DHA Power and Desalination Plant was inaugurated on 11 February 2008, it was very clear that this was only the first step in acquiring this modern technology. More was, decidedly, needed.

Water, too, is an essential need of life. Why, life began with water, and cannot survive if there is none available. Thus, the plant established by the DHA Cogen Ltd (DCL), a company set up under a joint venture agreement between the DHA and M/s Sacoden (Pvt) Ltd from Singapore and its associates, with a capacity to produce 84 megawatt (MW) net electricity and 3 million gallons per day (MGD) of clean potable water was the perfect answer to the needs of the DHA residents. But then the needs grow with time; we all knew that even then.

In order to meet the water and power requirements of the future, the second phase of DHA Cogen is now underway. The project will give 105 MW (gross) electricity and 5 MGD desalinated water, with an estimated cost of 185 million US dollars. The project is likely to be completed in two years after financial close.

The original plant, the phase one, itself is an historic accomplishment. It was built in DHA Phase VIII alongside Arabian Sea on 10 acres of land at an approx cost of 115 million US dollars.

In June last year, AEI ASIA Limited (Hong Kong), a subsidiary of Ashmore Funds (Houston, USA) acquired a controlling interest in the DCL. AEI is a prominent owner and operator of essential energy infrastructure in emerging markets. The group operates in more than 20 countries, with diversified operations in the energy sector including power generation, power distribution, natural gas transportation and services, natural gas distribution, and retail fuel.

The investment in DCL by AEI not only shows their confidence in Pakistan, but also testifies inherent strengths in the Cogen project. With AEI at the helm of affairs, Cogen project will continue to consolidate its technical and managerial regime.

DHA Cogen Plant Returns

DHA Power and Desalination Plant, one of its kinds in the country, was inaugurated on 11 February 2009. However, after operation for sometime, the central hollow shaft of the gas turbine in the plant developed creeps which led to excessive vibrations and as a result caused collateral damage to the plant. The parts to be replaced were worth \$10 million.

Siemens (Germany), the manufacturer of the power plant got the damaged central hollow shaft of the gas turbine replaced, however, refused to rectify the collateral damage being not part of warranty and asked for additional cost that had led to an impasse. Since the plant has been non-operational since September 2008, it led to financial crunch and piling up of debts. Efforts in shape to resolve the financial problem jointly by the Lenders (Banks) and M/S Ashmore Energy International (AEI), the main equity shareholder were not making any headway rather it had created a virtual deadlock. Meanwhile, Secretary Defence Lt Gen (R) Syed Athar Ali visited DHA Cogen Plant on 3 April 2009 where he was briefed on issues and measures taken to put the plant back into operation.

Secretary Defence later presided over a meeting which was attended by all stake holders i.e. banks representatives, CEO & MD Siemens Pakistan, CEO DHA Cogen Ltd. and his team, Secretary DHA and Senior Project Director DHA. Secretary Defence observed that attitude of the stakeholders towards resolving the crises situation had not been up to the desired commitment level.

He informed them that the non-functioning of the plant - dubbed as one of its kind and a trend setter - was being viewed with concern in the higher circles in Islamabad in general and by the residents in particular. He reiterated that stakeholders must rise to the occasion and take all necessary action required to make the plant operational at the earliest. Failing which, he told them in unequivocal terms, that Ministry of Defence would initiate actions which may be detrimental to their operations in Pakistan.

Secretary Defence was very appreciative of a proactive role being played by DHA and



Secretary Defence visits DHA Cogen Power and Desalination Plant site



Corps Commander Lt Gen Shahid Iqbal visits the Desalination Plant

assistance provided to all the Lenders and shareholders to bring the plant back to operation.

The Corps Commander, Lt Gen Shahid Iqbal visited DHA Cogen Power and Desalination Plant and was given an update about the progress made so far to make the desalination operational. Corps Commander directed Defence Cogent Ltd (DCL) to leave no stone unturned in making the desalination plant operational in quickest possible time. He was informed that the damaged gas turbine of the plant had already been repaired while the required components of the damaged plant has arrived Karachi. Corps Commander directed DCL to ensure necessary mobilization of Siemens experts from Germany to make the plant operational.

Representative of AEI, Mr. Nasim Khan said that the non operational desalination plant was expected to start its operations in a six weeks time by end July 2009.

CURRENT EVENTS

Governing Body Meeting

Record Sum of Development Budget Approved



Lt Gen (R) Syed Athar Ali presiding over the Governing Body meeting

The annual meeting of the Governing Body of DHA was held on November 15, 2008 to review the development projects and other policy matters of DHA at the macro level. Secretary Defence, Lt Gen (R) Syed Athar Ali, who is also Chairman Governing Body presided over the meeting.

The Governing Body approved DHA's annual budget for the fiscal year 2008-2009. A record amount has been earmarked in the budget for various development projects this year.

The Chairman directed DHA to address the grey areas of security, garbage collection and cleanliness in Defence with a reinvigorated approach. He asked DHA to take pragmatic measures to ensure that the stalled waterfront projects take off quickly, thus giving impetus to the economic activity in the country.

The Governing Body was informed that DHA had spent Rs. 2.2 billion last year on laying a new Storm Water Drainage System in the developed Phases of DHA on war footing. The Governing

Body meeting was intimated that DHA's Power and Desalination plant was closed since September 2008 due to a major technical fault in the central shaft of the gas turbine. The damaged shaft under warranty would be replaced by Siemens Germany and all out efforts were being made to ensure that the Cogeneration Plant resume its operation at the earliest.

The meeting was informed that infrastructural development of DHA Phase-VIII was underway based on the revised Master Plan. Earlier Administrator DHA presented the progress report and reiterated that the Defence Housing Authority was taking proactive measures to improve civic amenities and the work culture in DHA.

Executive Board Meeting

Sky is the Limit

A meeting of DHA Executive Board chaired by its President, Lt Gen Shahid Iqbal, Commander 5 Corps, reviewed the pace of progress of various ongoing projects in DHA.

The Executive Board was informed that rehabilitation of the roads damaged due to laying of drainage system in DHA had started. President Executive Board (PEB) directed DHA and the Clifton Cantonment Board to undertake re-carpeting and repair works of major roads and the ones where a public facility exists on priority basis.

The Executive Board was informed that the Creek Vistas, comprising of twelve high-rise residential towers of 17 storeys each located in DHA Phase-VIII had almost been completed. President Executive Board directed DHA to ensure provision of qualitative recreational and entertainment facilities to the residents in the locality.

President Executive Board asked DHA and CBC to devise a wholesome strategy envisaging workable and imaginative solutions for improving the solid waste management in DHA. The Administrator informed the Executive Board that the CBC monitors were continuously in

communication with the residents, and a number of new initiatives like night sweeping in commercial areas and a reinvigorated garbage collection schedule in Zamzama Commercial as a model area had been adopted.

The PEB underlined the need to specifically focus on the needs of security, hygiene, and provision of good amenities in the area. He asked the authorities concerned not to spare any effort for creating aesthetically vibrant environment in the locality. He also urged the DHA management to bring quality to all their undertakings and to ensure resident responsive management in its essence.

Corps Commander in his concluding remarks appreciated the determined and renewed efforts of DHA's management for putting a new lease of life in many stalled development projects despite the period of financial crunch. He directed the DHA staff to work with total commitment to bring a qualitative change in DHA's living environment.



Lt Gen Shahid Iqbal, Comd 5 Corps presiding over DHA Executive Board Meeting

Corps Commander Visits DHA Main Office

Commander 5 Corps and President Executive Board DHA Lt Gen Shahid Iqbal visited DHA's Main Office. He went around the offices, met the DHA officials and gave them strategic directions for enhancing efficiency and efficacy of the organization.

On his arrival at Defence Housing Authority's Main Office, the Corps Commander was received by Administrator DHA. He later on presided over a meeting of DHA officials in which he was briefed about the different facets and working of Housing Authority. He directed DHA to ensure a resident-responsive management and to devise an in-built mechanism in the system for speedy and efficient resolution of residents' complaints. He also stressed on establishing enhanced communication and interaction with the residents for achieving the goals of healthy, vibrant and efficient civic life.



Corps Commander and President Executive Board DHA Lt Gen Shahid Iqbal being received by Administrator DHA on his arrival to DHA Main Office

President Executive Board (PEB) further advised that provision of secure and safe environments to the residents should be the top most priority of the area. He asked DHA to arrange an innovative mechanism for bringing a tangible, pragmatic and realistic improvement in the security conditions in DHA. He further directed to implement the planned security measures in collaboration with residents' associations at the earliest to reduce the growing incidence of crime and lawlessness in DHA.

President Executive Board pointed out that violations of DHA Byelaws in building/structure construction should be sensitized and no way out or loophole be left for anyone to get flagrant violation of Byelaws regularized. He stressed the need of across the board implementation of Byelaws for all and sundry in a transparent manner.

Corps Commander appreciated the efforts of Administrator DHA for ensuring initiation of uplift

projects in Katchi Abadis of CBC to address the civic problems of these areas. He, however, directed DHA to take measures for improving education and health facilities in Katchi Abadis to give the people of less privileged areas a sense of participation and integration with the affluent neighbourhood.

He asked DHA to bring effective improvement in cleanliness, garbage collection and sanitation and to build an ongoing mechanism in the system for ensuring neat, clean and aesthetically vibrant environments in the area. He added that the grey area of cleanliness can be improved successfully through comprehensive and holistic approach with participation and co-operation of the residents.

Corps Commander in his concluding remarks urged DHA management and staff to continue their efforts to achieve higher standards of excellence and to maintain the role of DHA as a trendsetter in the country.

DHA Administrator and KW&SB MD Meet

Joining Hands to Resolve DHA Water Shortage

Water supply to DHA by the Karachi Water and Sewerage Board (KW&SB) had substantially gone down causing shortage of water for the DHA residents. To sort out this issue, the DHA Administrator, held a meeting with the Managing Director of the KW&SB, Mr. Ghulam Arif, at DHA's Main Office on September 26, 2008.



Administrator DHA and KW&SB MD discussing problem of water shortage in DHA

Administrator DHA told the Water Board MD that even though DHA had an allocated quota of 9 Million Gallons per Day (MGD), it was receiving only 7-8 MGD of water. The situation had further aggravated since the DHA Cogen Plant had temporarily been shut down due to technical reasons and thus, another 3 MGD of water had been lost.

The Administrator asked the KW&SB MD to increase the bulk water supply to DHA, so that the water woes of the residents could be addressed.

Mr. Ghulam Arif, assured Administrator DHA that

the Board would start supplying more water to the DHA soon. He reiterated that the KW&SB was soon initiating a drive to close down 37 illegal upstream hydrant units. Those units, he said, were the reason why the Water Board was not in a position to supply water to various communities as per its commitment. He also promised to replace the ruptured eight-inch diameter water supply line.

Mr. Ghulam Arif also said that the KW&SB was installing more generators at different places to ensure that frequent power failures would not result in disruption of water supply.

Corps Commander Lays Foundation Stone of CBC Facilitation Centre

Commander 5 Corps Lt Gen Shahid Iqbal who is also President Executive Board DHA laid the foundation of a modern CBC Facilitation Centre near Defence Authority Nisar Shaheed Park in DHA Phase IV.

Corps Commander laid the foundation stone of a new generation of CBC Complaint and Facilitation Centre being built at Defence Authority Nisar Shaheed Park in DHA Phase-II. The state-of-the-art computerized Facilitation Centre will ensure speedy and efficient resolution of residents' civic complaints in the area.

Corps Commander directed CBC and DHA to provide best possible facilities to its residents and to respond to their problems with a sense of dedication. He asked DHA/CBC staff to adopt resident friendly policies in all their undertaking and to work collectively with residents to achieve the goals of a healthy, vibrant and efficient civic life.

CEO Cantonment Board Clifton Ms. Zeenat Ahmad thanked President Cantt Board for his conceptual vision and the land provided by DHA to make a Facilitation Centre which would provide all facilities to the resident at one window. She also thanked Corps Commander for his patronage and presence at the ceremony. She said that the new centre would provide on line access to the residents for registration and monitoring their complaints.

She told that the modern facilitation complex would have a complaint desk, a facilitation desk, fully computerized automated services, bank facility and facilities for payment of CBC tax bills, submission of building control plans, issuance of birth/death certificates under one roof. A Rapid Response Team for sewerage and electricity complaints would remain standby at the Centre.

The air-conditioned multistorey civic complex would have proper seating and public toilet facilities. The model facilitation centre would be ready in 8 to 10 months time and more civic centre would be built in other phases of DHA in future.



Corps Commander Lt Gen Shahid Iqbal unveiling the foundation stone of CBC Facilitation Centre



Zamzama Residential and Commercial Areas Introducing Modern Civic Concepts

Administrator DHA visited Zamzama residential and commercial areas in DHA to see the effects of newly introduced modern civic concepts in the area.

Administrator was accompanied by CEO CBC Ms. Zeenat Ahmad and other concerned officials of DHA and CBC. It may be mentioned that Zamzama commercial and residential localities have been earmarked as model areas where the new contemporary civic services concept of night sweeping, solid waste management and upkeep/maintenance of civic utilities round the clock has been recently introduced on experimental basis.

“My waste, my responsibility” is the main theme of the concept which envisages active involvement of residents in the entire process. The Administrator drove and largely walked through the nooks and corners of the area and was warmly greeted by the representatives of various residents' associations present on the occasion.

Administrator talking to the representatives of various residents' organizations said that overwhelming and whole hearted participation of residents was vital for success of the entire venture. He appreciated the efforts of the staff of CBC and the untinted co-operation and support extended by the residents in making the programmed a success. He said that the entire area was giving a neat and rejuvenated outlook which was encouraging.

He said that provision of clean, healthy and aesthetically vibrant living environment for the residents was DHA's top most priority. He said that the experiment of introducing the reinvigorated cleaning project in Zamzama commercial and residential areas had been an astounding success. He added that the project would be extended to all areas under DHA and CBC jurisdiction in a phased programmed. He said that the project had the potential of realizing the goals of healthy, vibrant and efficient civic life.

Earlier the project director, Addl CEO CBC Sardar

Taimur Durrani and project contractor Mr. Atif Butt explained the contours and parameters of the project. Mr. Butt said that the comprehensive project encompassed a reinvigorated strategy of intensive night cleaning/sweeping, efficient garbage/debris collection, door-to-door waste collection and availability of a composite team to address the sewerage, street lights and road repairs problems round the clock.

The residents present on the occasion were unanimous in saying that since the introduction of a new civic services concept a new era of qualitative improvement in living environments has dawned in the area.



Administrator visiting Zamzama Commercial Area where night cleaning concept has been introduced

Katchi Abadis in the Limelight

Administrator Reaches Out to the Slums in DHA

Administrator DHA who is also President Cantonment Board Clifton, visited the squattered settlements, commonly called Katchi Abadis, under the jurisdiction of CBC located in DHA's vicinity. CBC's CEO, Ms. Zeenat Ahmad, and Board Member Mr. Aziz Suharwardy accompanied him during the visit.



Administrator DHA and DHA Officials visiting Katchi Abadis in the DHA vicinity amidst tight security

During the five-hour visit, the Administrator walked through the dilapidated streets of the area and met the residents to inquire about their problems. The Administrator instructed CBC to undertake development works and to bring about a visible improvement in the sewerage, sanitation, road repairs, health care, and public amenity facilities in the area.

He asked the CBC not to neglect such slums in their development priorities and to make substantial efforts to ameliorate the hardships of the residents.

Administrator during his visit to Lower Gizri Colony and Bukshan Village asked the CBC to complete the left over work of making tile streets in the area on war footing.

He also ordered that work on installing a Filter

Plant in Bukshan Village should be completed in one month's time, adding that in future the CBC should accord top most priority to installation of water plants in Katchi Abadis, to provide the residents safe and healthy drinking water. He also ordered installation of an additional Filter Plant in Lower Gizri Colony.

He asked the CBC to reconstruct and repair the road behind Zaheen Academy, located between Clifton Block 8 and T&T Colony at the earliest. He also ordered installation of floodlights in Bukshan Village Football Ground and construction of a changing room for the players to provide a good sports facility to the youth of the area.

Administrator further ordered construction of a state-of-the-art theme park in Clifton Block 9 by combining 3 adjacent neglected parks to develop as an attractive recreational resort in the area.

He asked the CBC to develop parking plaza at the Forum in Clifton and to make a park with tiled flooring behind the Plaza.

Administrator also visited CBC Fire Brigade facility at Punjab Chowrangi. He appreciated the devotion to duty of the fire-fighters and announced one month's pay honorarium for DHA and the Cantonment Board staff. He visited the CBC Medical Centre in Bazaar Area of Bukshan Village and directed that availability of medicines and quality medical services be ensured. He also announced donation of an air-conditioner for the doctor's room. He ordered that the pace of work on construction of damaged roads be expedited and Khayaban-e-Shamsheer, Khayaban-e Saba and 26th Street should be reconstructed on priority basis, without any delay.

Later, he visited Delhi Colony, Punjab Colony, Jhumuria Colony, Chandio Village and Hazara Colony. The Administrator directed the accompanying CBC staff to take proactive measures for bringing about a substantial improvement in sanitation and sewerage systems in the slum areas. He said that this would give a semblance of reasonable living environment to the residents of slums.

Administrator ordered CBC to carry out tiling of the streets and carpeting of the road in Delhi Colony at the earliest. He also asked the board officials concerned to extend the road median of Delhi Colony to ensure smooth flow of traffic. He directed the board officials to remove the encroachments in the area in a month's time without delay.

He ordered construction of two pedestrian bridges on Chaudhary Khaliq-uz-Zaman Road opposite Eidgah and on Khayaban-e Jami opposite to CBC Fire Brigade.



Visit to CBC Dispensary in Chandio Village

He took notice of the acute shortage of water in Delhi Colony, Punjab Colony and Chandio Village, and asked the CBC officials to take concerted measures to ensure adequate supply of water to the residents. He also ordered laying of a new 24 inches diameter sewerage line for Punjab Colony to ensure uninterrupted flow of sewer.

He asked the CBC to renovate and to install floodlights in Punjab Colony Football Ground to provide a healthy outlet for the area's youth. He also announced a Football Championship under the patronage of DHA.

He announced installation of a Filter Plant in Jhumuria Colony and ordered the CBC to carry out cleaning of all water tanks in the area. He ordered reconstruction of streets in Jhumuria Colony and construction of a dispensary on an open plot by removing the illegal encroachment.

He also announced the repair, renovation and improvement of Railway Ground in Hazara Colony to provide a good sports venue. He said that DHA as a goodwill gesture, would bear half the cost of the project, while the rest would be borne by residents themselves through voluntary contributions.

Fishermen Impasse in Gizri Creek Resolved

Fishing Nets Enter Blue Waters

Gizri s fishermen issue has finally been settled amicably. A delegation of the Fisherfolk Forum led by MNA Abdul Qadir Patel called on Administrator DHA to discuss the problems of Gizri's fishermen at the Defence Housing Authority's Main Office.

The delegation held a meeting with the Administrator in which the concerned officials of DHA also participated. The members of the Fisherfolk Forum presented their demands for free access to Gizri Creek for harbouring and anchoring of their boats. The DHA officials expressed certain concerns about the same.

Administrator in his opening remarks said that DHA attached great importance to the plight of fishermen and had all sympathies for them. He however added that fishermen issue should be resolved in the light of ground realities and resolved amicably in a positive spirit.

MNA Qadir Patel responding to Administrator's gesture of goodwill assured DHA that fishermen of Gizri would not cause any embarrassment or problem to DHA in context of security and other related issues. He said that Fisherfolk Forum was keen to co-operate with DHA in resolution of the impasse in letter and spirit.

The terms of reference would include determining the appropriate site for anchoring and harbouring of boats on Gizri Creek; determining the number of boats allowed to be anchored or parked on Gizri according to the capacity of the bank, registration of boats with DHA; and to devise a monitoring mechanism to obviate chances of using boats for human, drug and weapon trafficking purposes by the fishermen.

Mr. Mohammad Ali Shah, Chairmen Fisherfolk Forum with his colleagues, Mr. Majeed Motani and Mr. Sami Memon, attended the meeting. They gave an unequivocal assurance that boats of Gizri fishermen would solely be used for fishing and not for joy ride or other illegal purposes.



Earlier, in a statement the DHA authorities clarified the misunderstandings that certain news items in a section of the press had created. The items were regarding the plight of fishermen stopped from fishing in Gizri Creek and the alleged violation of the human rights of fishermen of Machi Mayani Village by DHA that were totally incorrect.

To begin with, Machi Mayani Village does not fall within the jurisdiction of the DHA, and thus the question of the DHA displacing and harassing the fishermen from their ancestral abodes is ludicrous. As for the Gizri Creek, the land there was sold off by the current fishermen's ancestors' long time ago and thus is no more the property of the fishing community there. The goodwill gesture shown by the DHA Administrator in his meeting with the fishermen's representatives should only be seen in the right spirit of graciousness and generosity.

Defence Society Resident's Association Trust School DSRA Annual Prize Distribution Function

The annual prize distribution function of Defence Society Residents' Association's (DSRA) Educational and Welfare Trust School was held at Askari Markaz in DHA Phase-I. Administrator DHA was the Chief Guest of the function.

Speaking on the occasion the Administrator said that the noble initiative undertaken by DSRA Trust School to provide quality education to the underprivileged students from low income areas around DHA was commendable.

He said that education was the birth right of every child and all children should be provided equal opportunities to learn and progress in life irrespective of their status. He stressed that education was the lifeline of nation and determined its status in the comity of nations.

He observed that the phenomenal progress and growth of DSRA Trust School was truly impressive and the standard of education at the Trust's School was comparable to any leading English medium school of the metropolis. He termed the School's performance as a shining example of excellence and commitment which was inspiring.

Administrator said that it was heartening that at DSRA Trust School the students were provided enabling environment to develop their personality and character. He added that the confidence and conduct of the children coming from modest background was reassuring and he could see a bright future of the nation in them.

He said that children were our assets and the best investment we could make for our future with optimum returns is in education.



National Anthem being played at DSRA Annual Prize Distribution Function

Administrator assured DSRA Trust School's management of the whole hearted support of DHA for the cause of education. He also announced a donation of rupees one lakh for the School and Rs. 5000/- for the best student of the year.

Earlier the Chairman DSRA Welfare Trust Admiral (R) Sajjad Akbar in his inaugural address vowed that the Trust was committed to provide quality education to the children of the underprivileged class as the best welfare measure. He said that education brought enlightenment in children's life and ensured their socio economic progress in the society.

The School Coordinator and Trustee, Mrs. Nasreen Akbar thanked the trustees, volunteers and all those who helped DSRA Trust to realize its objectives. A large number of people including retired officers and prominent citizens attended the ceremony.

Master Plan of DHA Sewerage & Drainage Planning at its Perfection

A meeting chaired by Administrator DHA was held at the Defence Housing Authority's Main Office on September 22, 2008 to evaluate and approve the contours and design of a Master Plan, for revamping and up-gradation of the entire Sewerage System in DHA.



Administrator discussing the master plan of new Sewerage System of DHA

This is yet another major initiative being undertaken by DHA to improve the civic facilities in the area, after the successful completion of laying a modern Storm Water Drainage System.

A private engineering and consultancy firm, M/s Technocrat, the architect of the newly laid drainage system in DHA, has formulated an integrated Master Plan of sewerage system after detailed survey and study of the existing system.

The reinvigorated sewerage plan is based upon utilizing natural force of gravity for optimization of sewage flows so as to reduce pumping dependence of the existing 17 pumping stations in DHA. The system envisages interlinked network of sewerage lines culminating into main trunk sewers.

Administrator DHA termed the designed sewerage system as an optimistic and futuristic

plan for revamping the civic services in DHA. He directed for the formation of a committee of engineering experts to evaluate and study the design parameters of the proposed plan and to submit a comprehensive report on the subject.

He also directed the concerned departments to ensure repair and rehabilitation of any leftover sewerage lines, disrupted or damaged during the mammoth construction work of the drainage system. He also asked the engineering branch of DHA to initiate the project of carpeting and reconstruction of roads damaged or uprooted while laying the drainage system, provided all other civic facilities including sewerage have been laid there.

The Clifton Cantonment Board Chief Executive Ms. Zeenat Ahmad, DHA engineering officers, project consultant's team, and other concerned staff of the DHA and CBC attended the meeting.



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DEVELOPMENT WORKS

Beautification of Seaview Beach Creating Afterglow at Seaview Beach

The most preferred recreational spot for the citizens of Karachi, Seaview Beach has undergone a wonderful face lift. Cantonment Board Clifton (CBC) has made concerted efforts to create an enchanting ambience at Seaview Beach. On the special instructions from President CBC, some uplift measures had recently been taken by CBC to enhance the quality of the beach. These measures had helped in creating aesthetically vibrant, neat and clean environment at the Beachfront.

The highlights of beach beautification measures undertaken are:

- ▶ All street lights along the Beachfront have been repaired/made operational. Beach area is now lit up during night hours.
- ▶ All the search/flood lights along the Beachfront have been rectified and put in order.
- ▶ All the electric poles along the Beachfront have been painted and flagged colorfully to give a beautiful look to the area.
- ▶ CBC has arranged and fixed 80 multi-colored cemented benches on the beach to make comfortable and elegant seating arrangements for the people visiting the beach.
- ▶ All garbage collection points i.e. dustbins on the Beachfront have been repaired and repainted.



Seaview beach is being cleaned



A look at beach after cleaning



Kids enjoying cleaning the Seaview beach

- ▶ The green belt all along the Beachfront is being improved. Recently new grass has been implanted in the beach area.
- ▶ Debris lying dumped has been removed, including large stones dumped at CBC Life Guard Post on the beach.
- ▶ Arrangements for intensive cleaning and sweeping of beach area have been made to keep it neat and clean.
- ▶ All wall chalking/graffiti has been removed
- ▶ Six public toilets, each for male and female are being constructed at different points in beach area to facilitate the public visiting the beach.
- ▶ A six member Committee comprising members of residents' associations, technocrats, horticulturist and concerned CBC officials has been formed with the mandate to take effective measures for beautification of the beach.
- ▶ General public is requested for co-operation and to send their suggestions/views for beach beautification to the Committee at Cantt Board Clifton Office, Khe-Rahat, DHA Phase VI.
- ▶ The fun loving citizens of Karachi would soon see a change in the outlook, aesthetics and environment of Seaview Beach. This will bring about a qualitative change in their lives and in their concepts of relaxation, style and fun.

Bachat from a Modern Bachat Bazaar

In DHA you dream to have a luxury apartment and you have it. In DHA you dream to have a charming Chalet and you just get it. In DHA you dream now to have a Bachat Bazaar that is modern, yet traditional. Something orthodox and yet intoxicating. Something that is elegant yet a masterpiece in its own. In short, a Bazaar which you would never want to miss visiting and buying from. DHA has fulfilled your dream!



A new generation of modern Bachat Bazaar which is also the biggest in the metropolis is ready to be opened for shopping to the general public by July 2009. The new Bazaar has been made in the near vicinity of the old Sunday Bazaar Complex which was inadequate to cater for the consumers' ever growing requirements and was losing its efficacy.

The new Bazaar would provide a good shopping arena to the residents to buy the items of daily domestic use on every Sunday and Wednesday.

The new Bachat Bazaar located in Sector E of DHA Phase-VIII is spread over an area of approx 25.5 acres which is almost double the area of the old Sunday Bazaar. The roof top of Bazaar area is covered with fiber glass and there are 12 feet pathways with colourful tiles between the sheds. 1850 elegantly designed stalls with covered tops will be setup in the Bazaar which is double the number of stalls present in the existing DHA Sunday Bazaar.

A significant feature of the Bachat Bazaar is the provision of comfortable rest areas with 18 large

size tastefully coloured fiber glass sheds and 200 benches to sit and relax. A Food Court and Children Playing Area are also part of the new complex.

Public toilet facility has been provided in the Bazaar and there are 10 toilet blocks having four toilets each. Two spacious properly developed parking areas have also been added for secure and smooth parking of vehicles. Roads leading to new Bazaar Area have been reconstructed and carpeted which include Kh-e-Shujaat, 26th Street and Road Loop including Kh-e-Babar. Street Lights have been installed in the area and a Vigilance Hut for monitoring/security purpose has also been established. Leading national and multi national franchise will also establish their sale points/outlets at the venue to create shopping attraction for the public.

DHA Services and Contractors will ensure high quality ambience, hygiene and security in Bachat Bazaar to make it one of the best household shopping venue of the metropolis.

Journey of DHA's Development: a Glimpse into the Yester Year



Brig (R) Iftikhar Haider
Senior Project Director

DHA has undergone a radical change since its inception. Every year new development strategies are laid down and with perseverance each feat is accomplished. 2008 has been a landmark year in the history of DHA Developmental Works, as several mega projects were initiated and also finalized; and several more are waiting for implementation. DHA News has compiled a special report of DHA's development works executed last year. Let us take the ride of the journey DHA has taken, in becoming the most cherished and most privileged housing society in Pakistan.

Development of Phase-VIII Infrastructure

DHA Phase-VIII has an area of 4151 acres. It constitutes a small peninsula land reclaimed before the allotment of plots. Phase-VIII remained underdeveloped for the last three decades. Initial town planning of Phase-VIII was not carried out by professional consultants; albeit simple cross roads were laid on the basis of ground survey. Remaining portion was plotted and allotted in different ballots held up in the late 90's. During 2005, it was decided to develop Phase-VIII and additional development charges @ Rs. 1000 per square yard were levied on the allottee. A revised Master Plan was prepared by the consultant M/s Osmani & Co. and a strategy for development approved by the Executive Board of DHA during 2005 was duly endorsed by the Governing Body.

Phase-VIII was divided into six sub-sectors (Sector A - E and E8) with streets, water distribution, sewerage line and electric distribution networks, construction of major roads including drainage works, main trunk line and water storage facilities.

Contracts for infrastructure development of Sector A and B have been awarded to M/s China Geo Engineering Company and M/s NLC respectively. Contractual cost of infrastructure development of Sector A is Rs. 484 million and Sector B Rs. 766 million. The development of Sector A commenced in October 2006 and is about to be completed; whereas for Sector B date of commencement was 22 April, 2008 and date of completion is 21 October, 2010. Progress of work on Sector A is 65% whereas for Sector B is 30% as at now. Contract for infrastructure development of remaining sectors have not yet been concluded due to financial constraints.



Aerial views of DHA Phase VIII being developed

New Drainage System in DHA

The monsoons of August 2007 brought unprecedented rain, 250mm rain in less than 12 hours. The extensively deployed relief efforts by DHA to combat the emergent situation were overwhelmed by the enormity of the flood waters, causing the DHA residents to undergo a nightmare situation for more than 8 long weeks, besides causing enormous financial losses and damage to the property. The catastrophe exposed the inadequacy of the Drainage System in DHA. Lack of an integrated Master Plan of both Drainage and Sewerage System in fact accentuated the crisis. The only viable option available was to take a momentous step forward and to set the system right forever.



A view showing new Drainage System in DHA

In accordance with the directions of the Governing Body, Commander 5 Corps & the President Executive Board (PEB) took a bold initiative and directed DHA to immediately take stock of the technical, organizational and infrastructural inadequacies, and to address the same on a war footing. DHA Executive Board approved the laying of a modern drainage network and up-gradation of sewerage on top most priority basis. A viable and dynamic strategy was chalked out for execution of the project. The mammoth task of laying 36 km long extensive drainage network worth Rs. 2.7 billion, was completed within a record time of 6 months, right before the advent of next monsoon season. The residents of DHA expressed extreme satisfaction and publicly praised the bold initiative of PEB/DHA which helped in resolving the decades old inadequacy of the drainage system of DHA Karachi.

M/S Techno Consultant International was given the contract of the project, who laid a new modern Drainage System in DHA on war-footing, adopting a fast track construction plan involving extra costs, 24 hours intensive construction work, management and shifting of underground utilities. A network comprising seven Main Trunk Drains (MTD) with interconnecting interceptor drains has been laid. MTDs terminate at Beach Avenue on Seaview and drain out the rain water into the Arabian Sea. The construction of MTDs was done in the affected areas where no storm water network existed. Existing drains have also been restored by rehabilitation works, whereas sewerage network has been enhanced to avoid overloading and the connecting drains linking local depression to nearby MTDs, which ensures adequacy of the new drainage system.

Upgradation of the DA Country & Golf Club

The Defence Authority Country and Golf Club (DAC&GC) has recently been upgraded to 18 - Hole International Standards. It offers the first of its kind in Pakistan, day and night golfing facility. The 125 acres club is not just a golfing facility; but also a complete recreational resort, where club members and their families will find a spectacular amalgam of sports and entertainment facilities.



Upgradation and renovation of the Club commenced in October, 2004 and was completed in 3 years at an estimated cost of Rs. 2 billion, with the financial and technical assistance from M/s. Sysmax Pvt. Ltd., a Malaysian company. The newly refurbished club offers facilities such as, day and night golfing, golfer's terrace, driving range, festival plaza, clubhouse, children library, karaoke, gymnasium, marriage and function hall, swimming complex, chalets, squash courts and convention centre, all of which are being operated under Club's Administration.

Completed Works

Creek Avenue:

A 4.5 km 100 dual carriageway has been constructed to provide alternate route of entry into DHA and to ease traffic on Khyaban-e-Ittehad.

Khyaban-e-Shahbaz

Work on the upgradation of 4.7 km Khyaban-e-Shahbaz has been completed. It has 2 lanes on each side with an extra service, parking lane and a footpath.

Sports Complex - DA Public School (O&A Level)

The work on Phase I of a modern Sports Complex in DA Public School (O&A) Level has been completed. This facility has four squash courts and a swimming pool. Work on the Phase II project which includes a basket ball court, a gym and a football ground is likely to commence soon.

Floating Ship Restaurant

Floating Ship a high-class restaurant has recently been inaugurated on the Beach Avenue.



Boys & Girls Hostel

Two hostels each, for boys and girls have been completed. Both have 24 rooms each that can accommodate 48 students.

Shifting of HT/LT on Khyaban-e Shamsheer, Mujahid, Shaheen and Shujaat.

To implement one way regime on Khyaban-e Shujaat, Shaheen, Mujahid and Shamsheer, shifting of electric poles and HT/LT cables from centre of road to sides is being completed. The above-mentioned roads are now awaiting the carpeting work, which is likely to start soon.

Infrastructure Development of Zamzama Commercial Area

Infrastructure development which includes carpeting of streets, footpaths, sewerage and storm water drainage and one-way movement of traffic in Zamzama and Dalton Commercial area has been completed. Special flow plates have been installed on roads to ensure one-way traffic regime.



Timely Completion of Refurbishment of Damaged Roads

Completion of refurbishment of roads network damaged during laying of a modern drainage system in DHA has successfully been completed within the stipulated time frame. The project jointly undertaken by DHA and CBC engineers is a significant example of commitment and dedication. The carpeting of damaged roads in DHA has brought a sigh of relief to the residents who had to undergo hassle and inconvenience caused due to digging of roads.

After substantial completion of the drainage system in December 2008, reconstruction of roads effected due to excavation was required to be carried out. The consultants M/s. Techno-Consultants being acquainted with the site conditions and familiar with the extent of works were engaged for the designing and construction of the subject roads along with the preparation of Tender Documents and Evaluation Reports under the supervision of CBC based on MES Schedule Specifications and NHA Specifications for non schedule items.

Survey department of the consultants carried out the survey works for the following roads earmarked for reconstruction: Allied Streets of 12th Lane DHA, Allied Streets of E-Street DHA, E-Street DHA, Allied Khayabans of 5th street, 12th Lane DHA, 5th Street DHA, Kh-e-Shamsheer, Allied Streets of Kh-e-Shamsheer, Kh-e-Mujahid, Allied Streets of Kh-e-Mujahid, B-Street, Bahria and Allied Streets, Saba Avenue, 26th Street and Allied Streets, Kh-e-Rahat and Kh-e-Muhafiz and Allied Streets, Kh-e-Sehar and Allied Streets.

Based on completed survey works, road cross sections and profiles were prepared to facilitate the design work and calculation of quantity of construction material for bidding and estimation purposes. The roads constructed have been given a slope to enable accumulated rain water to flow down in the drains constructed in centre of roads with gravity. The drains in the centre of the road

have been made as there was no other alternative because of services laid on both sides of the road.

Reconstruction Process

Process of reconstruction of roads in various stages encompasses of preconstruction survey, removal of granular fill / scarification of existing structure, natural ground compaction and laying of wearing course. All the stages have been completed with precision, in accordance with highest engineering standards.

The Road Rehabilitation Project costing Rs. 500 million has been sponsored by CBC, monitored/supervised by DHA along with the Consultant and was completed in stipulated time frame.



A Sparkling Addition to Creek Club

Defence Authority Creek Club is regarded as one of the best clubs of DHA which provides exquisite recreational facilities to its members coming from all parts of city. The club has started the project of providing Guest Rooms facilities to its members.



Lt Col (R) Tasnim
Farooq Hashmi
Additional Director Buildings

Here is a good news for all members of Creek Club. DHA has undertaken a huge construction project to provide lodging facilities to its members along with changing the façade and reception desk of club. There was a dire necessity of having guest rooms for use by local as well as outstation guests of members. Having realized this need, DHA has started construction a state of the art hotel accommodation. 95 rooms are being built with 5 star hotel standards and style. The project is likely to be completed in two years time. The new residential facility has been named as Creek Lodge.

The building is located adjacent to the Carlton Hotel. Initially the project was designed as basement, ground plus three storeys. After receiving directives of President Executive Board, two additional floors have been added in the building. Now the building comprises of one basement, ground floor with five upper floors. The basement will house 28 cars. The ground floor consist of Conference Hall for 75 Persons, coffee shop for 100 persons, cooking area, manager room and a business centre. An entrance ramp for disable persons has also been provided at ground floor. The typical floor plan from first to fifth floor consist of 4 x suits, 11 standard rooms. The total covered area of the building is about 100,000 sft.

A separate underground water tank has been provided of 100,000 gallons capacity which will fulfill the requirement of Creek Lodge building and Reception Lobby. The building has been designed by M/S Fareed Associates and the assignment for the execution was awarded to M/S Project Managers. The whole landscape has been elegantly designed in which a beautiful



Conceptual views of Creek Lodge

water body in front of the project makes it marvelous. The existing bakery in the club building has been enhanced and connected with the new reception lobby.

For security purpose fire alarm and CCTV system will also be available in both the buildings. Special attention has been paid for the arrangement of termite control and water proofing of structure.

CBC

CBC Gets a New President

Administrator DHA who is also President of the Cantonment Board Clifton (CBC) visited CBC offices in DHA Phase VI.



(L to R in centre) Administrator DHA, CEO CBC and Additional CEO CBC addressing the CBC meeting

CEO CBC Ms. Zeenat Ahmad gave an in-depth briefing on the functioning, organization and efficacy of the Cantonment Board. Key officials of CBC were also present on the occasion.

President Cantonment Board (PCB) asked the CBC officials concerned to enhance their efforts in expanding the tax network and to increase the taxable units for increasing CBC revenue. He urged the residents to pay their taxes regularly so that CBC could initiate more development projects for their welfare and betterment in the area.

PCB asked the revenue department of CBC to conduct a comprehensive survey of CBC area to determine all taxable units and to identify the units which were evading the taxes. He announced handsome incentives for the officials concerned if they produced a pragmatic report on the subject within a stipulated period of three months.

President Cantonment Board asked CEO CBC to make arrangements for revamping and reorganizing the existing Complaint Centers of

CBC to make them fully functional. The network of strengthened Complaint Centers in different areas of DHA and CBC would serve as nodal points and help in expeditious resolution of residents complaints. It was decided that a model Complaint Center of CBC would be inaugurated next month.

PCB directed CBC to immediately start the repairs and carpeting of roads damaged due to laying of a new drainage system in DHA. He also directed Director Drainage Project DHA to provide the necessary road levels data and Bill of Quantities to CBC so that the work of construction of roads could start without further delay.

President Cantonment Board in his concluding remarks urged the CBC officials to work with utmost devotion and dedication and to serve the residents in true spirit. He announced monthly handsome monetary rewards for CBC employees who would distinguish themselves through their dedicated and sincere hard work.

Liberty is always dangerous- but it is the safest thing we have. - Harry Emerson

CBC Affairs

Together Lets Keep Clifton Cantt. Clean & Green

CBC is responsible for all civic functions including maintenance in DHA and adjoining civil localities. CBC is also the tax collecting agency and collects all taxes like House, Conservancy and Water Tax etc. which are also the major source of revenue for CBC. The annual budget of CBC is approx Rs. 2 Billion.

CBC tries to meet the civic responsibilities but due to in-built inertia and capacity problems, it falls short of resident's expectation. This results into additional burden on DHA to satisfy the residents through its own resources.

DHA is spending approx 109 Million annually on functions which are primarily the responsibility of CBC causing a huge drain on its resources. PEB has already approved the handing over of water and sewerage to CBC from January 01, 2009. There is a need to expedite the capacity building of CBC to make it more efficient and responsive organization.

A concept of having a CBC Complaint and Facilitation center in each phase of DHA is being introduced to provide "One Window" facility within the area. The network of modern Complaint and Facilitation Centers in different areas of DHA/CBC would serve as nodal points and help in facilitation and expeditious resolution of residents' complaints.



Meeting discusses CBC affairs

Currently, the tax net of CBC comprises 53000 units which is less than the actual units on ground. The revenue department of CBC has been asked to conduct a comprehensive survey of CBC area to determine all taxable units and to identify the units which are evading the taxes.

Managing Solid Waste in Zamzama

Zamzama commercial Area has been selected as a model project for waste removal. The project will educate people on 'My Waste My Responsibility'. Clifton Cantonment Board is providing garbage bags, garbage bins, and restrict haphazard dumping. To make it a success the Cantonment Board is making liaison with the residents of Zamzama to bring about environmental reforms. An awareness campaign is also being launched to use leaflets and mass media including the newspapers to educate the people on the topic. The campaign would also focus on school-going children. Sweeping of roads, placing garbage bins, and other such activities are being carried out at the night time.



Sweeping of roads in progress

CBC Forms Overseeing Committees

Innovative Civic Management with Passion & Zeal

Clifton Cantonment Board has recently formed a number of Committees that allow representatives of the Association of Defence Residents, DHA and Cantonment Board Officials to ensure quality service to its residents. These include some of the important Committees that are helping the Cantonment Board in this connection.



The **Works Committee** is responsible for advising and monitoring the ongoing projects of the CBC for instance the reconstruction and re-carpeting of all the roads after the completion of the storm drainage project in DHA.

The **Complaints Redress Committee** meets every week at the Cantonment Board office to review all the residents' complaints and randomly check the results by contacting the complainants.

The **Beach Beautification Committee** is currently working on the project that encompasses half a kilometer from the boundary of McDonald to the newly constructed Floating Ship restaurant. Ultimately, the whole stretch will be expanded to 2.5 kilometers all the way to the Salt & Pepper Restaurant.

The **Traffic Signal Committee** meets every fortnight in the Cantonment Board office. Its mandate is to recommend ways and means to improve the functioning of traffic signals and other traffic-related matters. Along with the ADR representatives, Cantonment Board and DHA Officials, Section Officers and Traffic Police of Clifton, Darakshan, Gizri, and Defence are also invited to attend the meetings.

The **Building Committee** is responsible for scrutiny and approval of building plans from the municipal point of view. Another body, the **Hoarding Committee** has been recently formed and is yet to meet. More such bodies are being planned as per the needs of the citizens of the area.

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MAJOR PROJECTS IN HANDS

- New GHQ Complex, Islamabad - Infra. Dev works, Islamabad
- DHA Phase VIII Infrastructure Development (4000+ acres), Karachi
- DHA Commercial Area Development, Karachi
- Hawksbay Sth-42-Infrastructure Development (12,000+ acres) Karachi
- Hyderabad Development Package & Hyderabad Master Plan, Hyderabad
- Geographical Information System (GIS) for Hyderabad.
- K-IV Greater Karachi Bulk Water Suppl. Project + Das/Darnal Dams
- CDCK Sch-33-Infrastructure Development (External) (12,000+ acres), Karachi
- New Malir Housing Project (NDA)-Infrastructure Development (4000+ acres), Karachi
- ADB - Rawalpindi Environmental Improvement Project, Rawalpindi
- ADB Sindh Roads Sector Development Project, Sindh Province
- M3 Industrial City (3400 acres), Faisalabad
- Industrial Estate of SITE Phase 2, Superhighway (1000 acres), Karachi
- Caril. Board Malir - Architecture, Infrastructure Projects
- Caril. Board Faisal - Architecture, Infrastructure Projects
- KWRSB Combined Effluent Treatment Plants for all Industrial Areas, Karachi
- 250 Bed Hospital & Allied Buildings in Muzaffarabad, AJK
- 250 Bed Hospital & Allied Buildings in Rawalakot, AJK
- SWWB Housing Karachi - 400+ Apartments, Hospital, etc.
- EMAAR Sales Centers at Karachi & Islamabad
- Commercial Center & Other Buildings, Malir Cantt, Karachi
- Stadium Car Parking Towers (two blocks) at DHA Karachi
- Zanzama Car Parking Tower at DHA Karachi
- Quid-e-Azam Complex New Buildings & Apartments
- LDA / lead office Building at Karachi

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- Infrastructure Development projects of large schemes
- Industrial Buildings.
- Civil Engineering Works.
- Commercial / Residential Buildings.
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- Health Care Facilities.
- Landscaping.
- Environmental Engineering.
- GIS, Mapping and Surveying
- Interior Designing.
- Information Technology.
- Transportation Engineering.
- Water Supply, Sewerage & Drainage
- Piers, Jetties and Marine Structures.

RESIDENT'S FORUM



A delicious dinner was hosted in honour of respectable veteran members of the DA Clubs, who have the rare distinction of attaining the status of senior citizen being more than 75 years of age. It was indeed a unique and a memorable occasion to have the gathering of persons of eminence amongst us this evening. These gentlemen are icon of experience and wisdom and are a witness to a glorious past and an eventful present. Their presence inspires us to strive for a promising future. Administrator DHA welcomed the members.

Traditions are glorious and represent values of life and culture of an organization. DHA as a forward looking and a versatile organization is a trendsetter in all fields of housing and community living. DHA has taken yet another momentous step forward by honouring and remembering the elder members of society, thus setting a new tradition in this regard. The initiative has been taken on the instruction of President Executive Board DHA and Commander 5 Corps Lt Gen Shahid Iqbal. The Administrator said, "We are very grateful to you sir, for your kind guidance and prudent direction in this regard".

There is a saying that "Each day is the scholar of yesterday". There is therefore no doubt that the cadre of elderly people present there had passed through numerous experiences, tests and tribulations in life, they were seasoned people, people of knowledge and vision. Administrator DHA said, "We greatly value them and will always honour them with utmost reverence and regard".

Frequent interaction with our elders is not only inspiring, but a source of great learning as well. The night embarked on a cherished journey of paying tribute and our regards to senior citizens and to cherish the old memories with them, while rejoicing and enjoying their company. They recalled the events of yester years with fondness and to benefit from their company from which emanates pearls of wisdom and prudence for guidance in life.

The Administrator thanked all the senior citizens once again for gracing the occasion. He also thanked PEB and Corps Commander for his kind patronage and generous support.

Praise is warming and desirable. It has to be deserved, like a hug from a child. - Phyllis McKinley

Walk conducted at DHA Seaview Beach for IDPs of Swat Walk a Cause for IDPs

An enthusiastically participated Walk a Cause was held under arrangements of DHA at Seaview Beach as part of DHA's Fund Raising Campaign for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) of Swat.

A large number of students from DHA/other educational institutions and celebrities participated in the walk to show solidarity with the cause of IDPs. The walk was spearheaded by celebrities, national heroes, players and senior officials etc. Ms. Shazia Marri Minister of Information Sindh Govt, sports legends like Zaheer Abbas, Jehangir Khan, Islahuddin, Moin Khan, people of showbiz world Shakeel, Fatima Surriya Bajia, Mohd Ali Sheekay, former Corps Commander Lt Gen (R) Tariq Waseem Ghazi and social figures like Nisar Burni etc. participated in the walk.

The walk started at 6:30 PM on Seaview in front of Defence Authority Beachview Club and the participants walked between Village Restaurant and McDonald Restaurant all along the sea. All earnings from registration fees and other donations/sponsorship were meant for DHA Relief Fund for IDPs. The registration fees for walk was Rs. 100/- only.

The participants of walk used seaward part of the Beach Avenue for the walk. Main Marshalling Point was established at Beach View Club and the participants dispersed at McDonald Restaurant on Sea View.

A Control Room was established at Beachview Club from where all activities were monitored and controlled. Medical teams were stationed at the Control Room to attend to any emergency. Proper security of Rangers/Police was deployed throughout the walk route.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held before the start of the walk jointly by various celebrities. Arrangements had been made for playing of national songs on loud speakers throughout the route. Moreover the Naval Band played national motivating songs throughout the route.

The walk terminated at Seaview Park near McDonald Restaurant before the evening prayers where national anthem was played.



The deeper sorrow carves into your being the more joy you can contain. - Kahlil Gibran

Fund Raising Dinner for IDPs of Swat held

Raising Funds for IDPs of Swat

A fund raising dinner for IDPs of Swat was held at Defence Authority Country & Golf Club. Governor Sindh Dr. Ishrat-ul-Ebad Khan was the Chief Guest of the function. Commander 5 Corps Lt Gen Shahid Iqbal also attended the dinner.

The ceremony marked the culmination of DHA's week long fund raising campaign. During the intensive fund raising campaign collected approx Rs. 30 million were collected from donations, contributions and sale of coupons.

Speaking on the occasion Governor Sindh Dr. Ishrat-ul-Ebad Khan said that mass exodus of population in Swat was a human tragedy of great dimension. He added that IDPs of Swat deserved full support and needed to be treated with sympathy, love and kindness.

The Governor said that vast silent majority of the country supported enlightenment, moderation and tolerance as way of life and rejected obscurantism and extremism. He said that a tiny minority wanted to impose its ideology and way of thinking on others through force and coercion. He hoped that extremism and militancy would be routed by all ways and means.

Dr. Ishrat-ul-Ebad said that the nation must support the gallant armed forces engaged in fierce operations in Swat against the militants. He said that the militants would be routed with full national support behind the Army.

Administrator DHA speaking at the occasion said that people from all walks of life including 17000 students of DHA educational institutions participated in the fund-raising campaign with great zeal and enthusiasm. He said that the response of the public was overwhelming. He added that the residents along with DHA, worked with a great team effort, collective sense of purpose and an enterprising spirit of sacrifice to make the venture a success.

The major contributors and donors were given Awards of Excellence by the Governor. National heroes Islahuddin (Hockey), Zaheer Abbas (Cricket) and Jehangir Khan (Squash) auctioned



their signed hockey stick, cricket bat and squash racket respectively and fetched impressive amount for IDPs fund. Some paintings including a rare painting of Gulgee were also auctioned.

Three selected students of DHA Schools/Colleges made eloquent speeches on the topic of IDPs issue. A satire cum comedy stage play, "Taliban in Karachi" was hilarious but very meaningful. An impressive vintage car show with display of cars as old as 1936 models and one used by Quaid-i-Azam was held outside the Convention Hall.

The Administrator in his concluding remarks said that optimism, resilience and hope were the galvanizing spirit of the entire fund raising campaign. He said that the donations collected in cash as well as trucks of medicines, rations and essential goods would be dispatched by DHA to IDPs Camps soon.

DHA Security Measures Making DHA Safe for Every One

A representative delegation of Association of Defence Residents (ADR) and DHA's Director-Vigilance called on the Town Police Officer for Clifton, SSP Azad Khan on October 17, 2008, to discuss security situation in areas of DHA and Clifton Cantonment Board.



Lt Col (R)
Rizwan Ali Nizami,
Director -Vigilance DHA

The Clifton TPO and the delegation members discussed in detail, various measures to arrest lawlessness and deteriorating security situation in the area. A number of decisions were taken in this regard.

The TPO agreed to provide policemen to accompany the DHA mobile vans which patrol the area, with a view to enhance their efficacy. This measure will help in providing better security to the area residents. The decision would be implemented after the approval from the DIG Police of the city.

It was also decided that a representative of ADR would remain available in TPO's office to inspire confidence in aggrieved residents and to assist and encourage them in lodging FIRs. The meeting unanimously decided that police, CPLC, and DHA Vigilance would work in collaboration to provide security relief for the residents.

The deliberations ended on a positive note with a resolve to make such co-ordination meetings a regular feature.

The ADR delegation was led by its President, Captain (R) Kamal Al-Karimi, while the DHA was represented by its Director-Vigilance Lt Col (R) Rizwan Ali Nizami.



DHA Vigilance force in action

Water Supply Issues Highlighted

Suction Pumps:

A Convenience for Some but a Menace for the Community

A representative delegation of Defence Residents Society (DRS) led by its President, Mr. Zafar Iqbal, visited DHA's Main Office.

The delegation met the DHA Administrator, Brig Khalid Tirmizi, and congratulated him on assuming his new appointment. The delegation also offered their wholehearted support to the DHA in execution of all its ventures undertaken for the welfare and betterment of the residents.

The delegation brought to the notice of the Administrator, the problem of proliferation of suction pumps and illegal water connections in the DHA, which had aggravated the already fragile water supply situation in the area.



DRS delegation visits Administrator DHA

The delegation was informed that the menace of suction pumps was alarming since they caused airlocks and blockades in supply lines thus adversely affecting the equitable supply of water. The Administrator said that DHA was receiving less quantity of water against its allocated quota of 9 Million Gallon per Day. This has further aggravated the inconsistent water supply situation in Defence.

The Administrator said that DHA would engage a professional firm to undertake survey of the existing suction pumps and illegal connections in the area. The DHA would take action across the board against the defaulters. He asked the residents' societies to play their positive role in exerting social and moral pressure on defaulters to refrain from installing illegal suction pumps.

Administrator said that DHA would encourage participation of the residents in its ventures, so as to benefit from their suggestions while planning and executing development projects. Interaction with residents would help DHA to chalk out its future plans in a pragmatic and realistic manner, headed.

DRS Hosts Civic Reception

Some Vows & Some Celebrations

Defence Residents' Society (DRS) held a civic reception on January 24, 2009. Administrator DHA was the Chief Guest of the function.

Speaking on the occasion Administrator said that the work on reconstruction and repair of dug up roads in DHA as a result of laying of new drainage system was in progress adding that the project in its entirety would be completed by June 2009. He said that the construction and carpeting of a number of major roads in DHA would be completed in two weeks and the residents would soon feel a visible change in the area.

Administrator said that DHA Cogeneration plant was out of order for the last three months due to damaged central hollow shaft of gas turbine. He said that the damaged shaft and rotor had been repaired and arrangements for procurement of auxiliary parts of desalination plant which had become faulty due to collateral damage has been set right. He said that power and desalination plant would become operational at the earliest.

Naib Nazim, Ms. Nasreen Jalil vowed that KW&SB would enhance the bulk supply of water to DHA after completion of its K-4 project. This would help DHA to overcome the problem of shortage of water in Defence.

Administrator said that the work on stalled Gizri Flyover Project according to the amended design was progressing smoothly. He said that the project would be completed by June 2009 which would considerably ease the traffic congestion problem in Gizri area.

He said that DHA was working-out a dynamic security plan in collaboration with security agencies to provide enhanced security environments for the residents. The reinvigorated security scheme is being made by taking residents associations on board and in collaboration with CPLC.

He said that CBC had been directed to bring visible improvement in civic amenities including sewerage, road repairs, streetlights, and

sanitation and garbage collection in the area.

Earlier Mr. Zafar Iqbal, President DRS said that residents associations were playing a vital role in apprising DHA of residents problems and getting them resolved expeditiously. He vowed to work in unison with DHA for improving the civic environment in the area. Mian Zahid Hussain Vice President DRS and Mr Farrukh Mazhar also spoke



Memorable moments of the Civic Reception hosted by DRS

on the occasion. Dr. Huma Mir moderated the entire program in a superb manner.

A large number of DHA residents, technocrats, entrepreneurs, council generals of a number of countries, prominent citizens, government and DHA officials attended the function in a large number.

Residents Views Voiced Surveillance Cameras are Up

A representative delegation of the Association of Defence Residents (ADR) led by its President Capt (R) Kamal-AI Karimi held a meeting with the Administrator DHA to discuss various problems of the residents at Defence Housing Authority's Main Office. CEO CBC and officials of DHA and CBC were also present on the occasion.

The Administrator welcoming the delegation said that it was heartening that Residents Association and DHA were working in complete unison and cooperation to ensure speedy solution of the civic problems of the residents. He appreciated the positive attitude and understanding shown by ADR which had resulted in bringing a tangible improvement in the area.

Administrator DHA recollecting his recent visit to Katchi Abadis applauded the CEO CBC Zeenat Ahmed and her staff for taking dynamic actions to ameliorate the problems of the residents of slum areas. He said that development plans formulated by CBC on war footing for the uplift of Katchi Abadis were highly commendable.

The Administrator said that the work on reconstruction/re-carpeting of the dug up roads in DHA was in full swing and that the entire work would be completed by 30th June. Special Project Director DHA Brig (R) Iftikhar Haider said that 16 contracts of the road repairs/reconstruction project had been awarded to various contractors adding that the reconstruction work on Kh-e-Shamsheer, E Street and Kh-e-Badar was in full swing and would be completed soon.

The Administrator assured the ADR delegation that provision of secure and safe living environments to residents was DHA's top most priority. He said that DHA was installing surveillance cameras and security gadgets in the area and negotiating with various private security agencies to work out a viable security plan for DHA. He said that DHA was at residents' back and would provide them security at all costs.

The delegation was informed that in future no building plan in DHA would be approved without the provision of emergency exits as per the



ADR meets Administrator DHA to discuss problems of DHA residents

amended DHA construction bye-laws. Administrator advised CEO CBC to ask Cineplex management in CBC to make arrangement for provision of requisite emergency exits and availability of fire fighting equipment at the site to obviate chances of any disaster in future.

The Administrator urged the CBC staff to ensure that embedded manhole covers were placed all over DHA and to ensure a dynamic monitoring regime for the same. He directed DHA staff to make arrangements for re-fixing of protective steel grills missing on both sides of Korangi Road.

He assured the ADR delegation that DHA was exerting pressure and influence on all stakeholders of Cogen Plant to ensure that repair work of the plant was completed at the earliest to make the desalination plant operational.

The Administrator in his concluding remarks hoped that DHA would continue to work relentlessly with the residents to make the Housing Authority a secure, comfortable and better place to live in.

Officials of DRS, DHA and CBC meet Another Dialogue Kindled

A representative delegation of Defence Residents Society (DRS) led by its President Zafar Iqbal held a meeting with Administrator DHA to discuss various problems of the residents. CEO CBC Ms. Zeenat Ahmed and Additional CEO CBC Sardar Taimur Durrani including concerned DHA/CBC officials were also present.

Administrator DHA welcomed the delegation and said that greater involvement, interaction and participation of residents in DHA's affairs is vital for achieving the goals of efficient and healthy civic life. He said that DHA attached immense importance to the views, feedback and suggestions of residents while formulating its policies and its development strategy.

The project consultant Dr. Lakhani informed the meeting that the work on reconstruction and rehabilitation of damaged roads along the newly laid storm water drains in DHA was going-on in full swing. He said that road construction was a specialized engineering venture which involved certain time consuming stages including laying of foundation, resurfacing and re-sloping of roads etc before final carpeting is done.

The Administrator reiterated in un-equivocal terms that the 50 kilometers long road network being built in DHA at a cost of Rs. 700 million would be completed in all respects before June 30, 2009 positively.

The delegation was informed that after the verdict of Sindh High Court the modified design of Gizri Flyover is being changed in accordance with its original parameters. The flyover will now terminate at Kh-e-Shamsheer - Hafiz intersection instead of Total Petrol Pump. Senior Project Director DHA said that the process to address the stipulated environmental concerns as required by EPA has been initiated and the flyover project would be completed by December, 2009.

The Administrator informed the delegation that the repair work of stalled DHA Desalination Project had been inordinately delayed due to lingering



President DRS, Administrator DHA, CEO and Additional CEO CBC converse various problems of residents

financial dispute between the Cogen Company and Plant's Manufacturer. He said that the dispute resolution between the two stakeholders was getting closer and it is hoped that the project would soon become operational.

Administrator DHA stated that the security system in DHA/CBC areas was being revamped by DHA Vigilance with support of private security companies. He said that surveillance cameras are being stalled at ten major entry points of DHA and joint night patrolling in co-ordination with civil police has already started which has brought down the crime rate in DHA by 25%.

CEO CBC informed the meeting that a survey conducted revealed that 2500 manhole covers were missing at various locations in DHA. She said that the same are being replaced by newly manufactured versatile covers with improved specifications and strength. All the open holes in DHA would be covered and fixed by new covers in six weeks time, she reiterated.

ADR Team Visits Authority's Office

Attaching Significance to Residents Views

The DHA administration attaches high priority to the views of its residents, and thus Administrator DHA continues to meet with various delegations of Association of Defence Residents (ADR) from time to time.

In one such meeting, Administrator, DHA told the delegation that DHA attached great importance to the views and aspirations of residents and was open to any suggestions or criticism by them. He said that residents' suggestions would help DHA to chalk out a viable strategy for addressing their problems effectively.



Delegation of ADR held a meeting with DHA Administrator

The delegation was informed that the DHA was resuming work on the suspended Gizri flyover project with new design parameters.

The ADR delegation was further informed that as a result of the study carried out by NESPAK for smooth flow of traffic in DHA, one-way regimes of Khyaban-e Shaheen, Mujahid, Shamsheer, and Shujaat would be implemented soon. Moreover the work of re-carpeting and reconstruction of these Khyabans would commence soon.

The delegation was informed that the shortage of water supply experienced in some areas of Defence was mainly due to the installation of suction pumps by the residents. The meeting decided that DHA under a strategy of deterrence would impose heavy penalty on defaulters who

installed suction pumps in their houses.

Clifton Cantonment Board's CEO, Ms. Zeenat Ahmad, informed the meeting that all the traffic signals in DHA were being refurbished and made operational to facilitate smooth traffic flow. She added that the refurbishment work of traffic signals included installation of UPS, readjustment of light timing, and provision of flashing light facility on them.

The Board's CEO announced the commencement of an intensive fumigation spray campaign to disinfect every nook and corner of DHA. She added that fumigation spray would also be carried out immediately after rains to obviate any chances of outbreak of epidemic diseases.



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EDUCATION

DHA Education Directorate Seminar

Teaching: a Learning Experience

Training and development initiatives are the hallmarks of the Defence Authority Educational Institutions, as the DHA Education Directorate believes in continuous development of its faculty. In the same spirit, a seminar *Learn to Teach* was organized as the first mega event of the year. Spread over seven sessions in five days, the seminar was attended by approximately 900 faculty members representing all Defence Authority Educational Institutions.

Director Education DHA, Brig (R) Iftikhar Arshad Khan, inaugurated the event. In his opening address he welcomed the speakers and the audience, and highlighted the aims of the seminar. He said that the prime purpose of the event was to identify the precepts of teaching and assist teachers in recognizing the new teaching techniques. He said that teaching was an art, just like cooking or learning French. He also shed light on the religious importance of teaching.

Teaching has always been regarded a noble profession and all great religions and ancient cultures proclaim teaching to be a profession of high esteem. He said the Holy Prophet Hazrat Mohammad (Peace Be Upon Him) first preached the word Allah.

The first session highlighted the fundamentals of communication, and was presided over by Captain (R) Zaheer Ahmed, PN, Principal of Defence Authority Degree College.



Seminar on Teaching in session

Other speakers included Ms. Azra Shafiq, Principal, Defence Authority Fatima tuz Zehra Institute; Mrs. Riffat Adeel, Principal, Defence Authority Model High School, Phase-VII; and Mrs. Shazia Saleem, Principal, Defence Authority Neelum High School.

The 2nd session was on Speaking Skills and was chaired by Brig (R) Shahid Saleem Lone, Principal, Defence Authority Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed College. Other speakers included Mrs. Iffat Rashid, Principal, Defence Authority Public School (O & A Levels); Mrs. Romana Mubarik, Principal, Defence Authority Junior Model School Sea Breeze; and Mr. Hanif Ismail, Principal, Defence Authority Iqra Model School. The speakers highlighted various aspects of verbal and non-verbal communication techniques. Brig (R) Shahid Saleem Lone made the following recommendations:

First, oral skills of students should be enhanced through public speaking, speeches, debates, participation in dramas, skits etc. Two, quest for knowledge of the educational staff must be encouraged through courses, workshops, informal academic discussions and seminars, and oral communication to form an integral part of the module. Three, the educational environment should be made student-friendly to polish their thinking and oral skills. Four, the knowledge level should be upgraded through material and human resource, which may ultimately be implanted for the benefit of teaching and learning process in respective schools and colleges. Five, there should be created a teaching and learning environment of inquiry, creative thinking, analysis and information processing to make students independent, life long learners to face life's challenges with reasoning and success.

The fourth session on "Writing Skills" was chaired by Mrs. Nasreen Nasir, Principal Defence Authority College for Women Phase-VIII. She spoke at great length on the needs of writing research papers.

The other speakers in this session included Mrs. Rakhshanda Jabeen, Principal, DA Model High School Seaview; Mrs. Fehmina Kaiser, Principal DA Junior Model School Darakhshan; and Mrs. Rahila Jamshed, Principal DA Tooba High School.

The fifth session was on Listening Skills and was presided over by Dr. Tayyaba Mamoon, Principal,

Defence Authority College for Women, Phase-VII (Ext). Other speakers included Mrs. Nusrat Osama Siddiqi, Principal, Defence Authority Model High School Phase-IV; Mrs. Ayesha Wasty, Principal, Defence Authority Montessori-II; and Mrs. Kausar Niazi, Principal, Dukhtaran-e-Awam Trust School.

The sixth session was on Reading Skills. It was chaired by Mr. Tariq Kaleem, Principal, Defence Authority College of Business. Other speakers included Mrs. Asma Siddique, Principal, Defence Authority Junior Model School, Beachview; Mrs. Anjum Saeed, Principal, Defence Authority Montessori-I; and Mr. Nisar Ahmed, Principal, Defence Authority High School Phase-VIII.

Mr. Tariq Kaleem reiterated that the importance of reading skills could not be overemphasized for either teachers or students. He said effective reading skills should be acquired, developed, and sustained.

The concluding session was presided over by the Director Education. In his concluding remarks, he praised the participants for taking keen interest in the seminar topics. He pointed out that the various Defence Authority Educational Institutions had over 17,000 students. The teachers, he said, must empower their students with knowledge and virtues of character, while the principals must empower the teachers with strong leadership skills.

Position Holders

The positions secured by the students of DHA educational institutions in various exam held at Intermediate level in 2008 and at Degree level in 2007, are as under.-

Sr. No.	Name of Students'	Degree	Positions	Institutions
(a)	Saba Muhammad Yusuf	B.Com	1st in KU	DACW Ph-VIII
(b)	Sidra Adil	B.Com	2nd in KU	DACW Ph-VIII
(c)	Tahira Yawer	B.Com	3rd in KU	DACW Ph-VIII
(d)	Fatima Aslam	B.Sc	2nd in KU	DACW Ph-VIII
(e)	Sara Rafique	B.Sc	3rd in KU	DACW Ph-VIII
(f)	Huma Amin Chhotani	F.Sc (Pre Engg)	1st in Karachi Board	DACW Ph-VIII
(g)	Urooj Amanullah	F.Sc (Pre Engg)	3rd in Karachi Board	DACW Ph-VIII
(h)	Anika Aslam Kazi	F.A	1st in Karachi Board	DACW Ph-VIII
(k)	Mohammad Amin Mohiuddin	F.Sc (Pre Engg)	2nd in Karachi Board	DADC

There is nothing more sad or glorious than generation changing hands.- John Cougar Mellencamp

Defence Authority Degree College for Women Phase VIII Imparting Strength to Nation

The Students' Council installation and Annual Sports Prize Distribution function of Defence Authority Degree College for Women Ph-VIII for the year 2009 was held on March 18, 2009. The newly elected members of the Students' Council took oath of their offices in a simple and graceful ceremony.

Administrator DHA Brig Khalid Tirmizi was the Chief Guest on the occasion. He administered oath to the council members and distributed badges amongst them. The Administrator said that education brought refinement and total transformation in thinking, attitude and conduct of an individual. He said that education was a galvanizing force and imparted real glory and strength to a nation.

Administrator also spoke at length about the significance of sports. He said that sports inculcated spirit of teamwork, co-operation and discipline in individuals, which was vital for development of a versatile personality. He added that sports helped in promotion of healthy trends in society since a healthy body has a healthy mind.

Earlier the Principal, Mrs. Nasreen Nasir in her welcome address said that the focus of educational programs in the College was towards development of an all-round, well-groomed and enlightened personality of students. She highlighted the achievements of students in various curricular and co-curricular activities.

The students on the occasion presented an informative and interesting multi-media presentation depicting facets of the remarkable achievements in various sport events.

The members of the Students' Council who took oath included Ayesha Amanullah (President), Kiran Nasser (Vice President), Anum Shakrani (General Secretary), Sonia Tahir (Joint Secretary), Farah Asif (Science Secretary), Anem Iqbal (Secretary English Literary Society), Ghazal Rani (Secretary Urdu Literary Society), and Iqra Ishaq (Secretary English Debating Society).

Tameezuddin (Secretary Urdu Debating Society), Ayesha Abbas (Secretary Dramatics) and Anum Merchant (Sports Secretary).

In the end, the Chief Guest distributed medals and prizes among the students who excelled in various fields of sports and other co-curricular activities.



Newly elected members of Students Council in white uniforms took oath of their offices

Defence Authority Degree College for Women Phase VII (Ext) Originality Beyond Imagination

Bilingual Public Speaking Contest

DA Degree College Phase VII (Ext) in its first year of inception had the honour to hold a Bilingual Public Speaking Contest, the first of its kind. This Bilingual Public Speaking contest was governed by a set of rules very different from declamation contest. In the contest, a theme was given to the participants and they had to deliver a speech on a topic derived from that theme, and not on the theme itself. The novelty of the contest drew the attention of all the participating teams and the first endeavor of this kind proved to be a huge success.

In Urdu 1st prize went to Muhammad Saad of Pakistan Naval Academy, Mudassir Khubaib of DA Degree College for Men won 2nd prize and the 3rd prize went to Ms. Amna Akbar of Sindh Medical College. The host college did not compete for a prize.

DA Degree College for Women, Phase-VII Ext held another innovative and thought provoking programmed called the "Tug of War" on 29th November, 2008. It was yet another new concept in the domain of co-curricular activities. This Tug of War was between Science and Commerce and included competitions on Movie Making, Painting, Photograph and Street Theatre Skits.

The themes on which all the four competitions were based were My Karachi, Illiteracy and Future Dreams.

The photography competition was judged by well known photographers, Mr. Miraj Siddiqui and Mr. Imran. The judge were Mohatarama Arifa Guftar and Ms. Noori Birdy. The Street Theater was judged by renowned TV artists Ms. Saadia Imam, Ms. Ghazal Siddiqui and Ms. Naila Jaffery. Each aspect of the competition was thoroughly enjoyed by the students and guests alike. The fierce competitive spirit could be sensed between science and commerce, the arch rivals.

The skits of the street theatre were thought provoking as well as humorous. Certain skits evoked a great many laughs and some left the audience in a pensive mood. There were also short documentary films made by the students on serious issues which captured the attention of the audience.



Faculty of Science wins the 'Tug of War' trophy

The whole programmed was efficiently conducted by Risha Rafique of XII Commerce and Nida Yasdani of XII Science.

Alina Fatima of XII Science won the 1st prize of the painting contest. Massoma Raza and Samia Bashir won the 2nd and 3rd prize respectively. Eashk Salim, Massoma Raza and Samia Bashir won the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize respectively in the Photography contest.

The prize for best short film was won by Qudsiya Ansari XII Science. The prize for best skit was won by a humorous skit on the theme 'Illiteracy enacted by the students of XI Commerce . For the year 2008, "Tug of War" trophy was won by the faculty of Science as majority of prize winners were from Science.

Defence Authority Degree College

Declaim in two Languages

The Inter-Collegiate Bilingual Declamation Contest 2009 was held at Defence Authority Degree College in January.

Students of more than 20 leading educational institutions of the city, participated in the contest. Ms. Shazia Marri, Minister for Information, Sindh was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Addressing the audience, the Information Minister said that public speaking played a vital role in developing students' confidence and personality. She said that oratory was a great art and was instrumental in imparting self-reliance and leadership qualities in students. She advised the students to have belief in their own strength, traditions and way of life, and to face the onslaught of problems in life with self-assurance and courage.

Earlier, the Principal of the College, Captain (R) Ahmed Zaheer, said that development of public speaking skills was an important element at all levels in the education curriculum, universally. He

said that public speaking provided the students a forum for enlightening their minds and developing leadership qualities in them.

In the English declamation, Amna Tabrez of Fazaia College secured 1st position, Sana Saleem of PECHS Girls College stood 2nd and Bushra Tauseef of Defence Authority O&A Level School was declared 3rd. Faryal Qureshi of Hamdard College of Science & Commerce was given a consolation prize.

In the Urdu declamation, Nadia Abdullah of Sir Syed Girls College stood first, Syeda Shahzadi Ramsha of DA Degree College Ph-VII Extension got the second position, and Madiha Mobin of Karachi University was declared third. Haris Bin Yousuf of Fazaia Degree College was given a consolation prize.



Sindh Information Minister, Ms. Shazia Marri presenting trophy to the Winning House

The overall coveted trophy of the Declamation Contest 2009 was won by Sir Syed Girls College. In the end, the Chief Guest Ms. Shazia Marri gave away the prizes to the winning teams and distributed certificates amongst the participants of the Declamation Contest. Director-Education DHA presented a crest of the College to the Chief Guest.

Defence Authority Degree College Facing Challenges of Life, Successfully

The Annual Day Function of Defence Authority Degree College was held at the College ground. Director Education DHA, was the Chief Guest of the event.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest said that the aim of education was to produce confident, dynamic and self-assuring individuals with positive outlook towards life. He said that proper training, grooming and enabling environment play a significant role in developing enlightened and dynamic individuals in society. He emphasized that besides academics the focus of all educational programmes should be towards development of balanced personality of students so that they could face the challenges of life successfully.



environment to produce dynamic and forward-looking individuals for the society.

The students on the occasion walked past the dais and presented a fabulous talent programme including a fascinating tableau and an enchanting song. The tug-of-war event was heartily cheered by the audience.

In the end the chief guest distributed prizes and certificates among the students who excelled in various curricular and non-curricular activities. He also announced Rs. 100,000 for the College

on behalf of Administrator DHA.

Director Education asked the College to keep striving hard for achieving the highest standards of excellence in academics and other educational activities. He congratulated the students for their achievements in various fields of activities and advised them to keep working consistently hard which he said was the secret of real success in life.

The Acting Principal, Prof. Siraj Munir presented the annual report of the College and recounted the meritorious achievements of the students in academics and other co-curricular activities. He said that the College provided academically vibrant and intellectually stimulating learning

The students who got the certificates of distinction included Nisar Ahmed Khan (student of the year - Intermediate), Saman Moudood (student of the year - Degree), Abdul Qadir (best Na'at Khwa), Mudassir Khubaif (best Urdu debater) and Jawad Shahid (best English debater). Mehr Dil Khan was declared the (best sportsman) of the College.

Sir Syed House clinched the coveted Inter House Trophy. A large number of parents and people from different walks of life attended the function.

Defence Authority College of Business

Fostering Scholarship

Defence Authority College of Business, established by the Defence Authority, is the first and the largest affiliated professional college of the University of Karachi, for provision of internationally recognized yet affordable higher education in Karachi in general and business administration studies for residents of DHA in particular.



Students taking oath at the Students Council Oath Taking Ceremony

Defence Authority College of Business attracts bright young girls and boys alike. The Student Body, predominated by the residents of DHA and Clifton, has a high female participation. The students coming from educated and respectable families have good schooling record and exhibit proficiency in English language, self-confidence, good manners, ethical behavior, better exposure and a desire to keep on achieving, which are essential requirements for a successful managerial career. The College, however, admits students from all segments of the society and grooms them to be at par with their privileged counterparts.

In order to broaden the access of internationally recognized higher business education to all talented candidates, regardless of income group and social class, the college recognizes their previous scholastic achievements and awards them merit scholarships covering full amount of the tuition fee. The candidates, subject to their selection and fulfillment of the prescribed requirements, may be considered for award of

merit scholarship in the first semester of their degree program.

The College retains a qualified and experienced faculty, that enjoys self-respect, excels in the areas of its interests and applies innovative and versatile methods and technique to optimize learning of its students.

Defence Authority College of Business provides excellent resources and facilities to its students, faculty and staff, conforming to the highest standards so as to create an enabling environment conducive for professional business education, research and training.

The College's Alumni enjoy full absorption in the job market. Various leading employers stay in touch with the College for recruitment. Many students get job offers even before completion of their degree program. Alumni of this college are also well accepted by the leading institutions of higher education in Pakistan and abroad.

Defence Authority SKBZ College

Excellent Performance in Academic Activities

DA SKBZ College, one of the largest Educational institutions of DHA, is striving hard to impart quality education to the students from Play Group to Intermediate. A high percentage of the students showed excellent performance in the fields of academic, co-curricular and social activities.

Brig Shahid Saleem Lone, SI (M) (Retd) was appointed Principal DA SKBZ College on 4th September 2008. The College achieved 100% results with 79% A+ and As in SSC Part II Board Examination 2008.

Annual Sports Day and prize distribution ceremony was celebrated with zeal and fervor on 31st January, 2008. Administrator DHA, was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Maaz Rana again attained 3rd position in Urdu Debate Organized by DACW on 30th Jan 08. Maaz Rana of XII pre-engg secured 3rd position in Urdu Debate organized by Usman Institute of Technology Hamdard University on 4th March 08. Abdullah Ali got 3rd position at the same venue in English debate and the College received overall Trophy for best performance.

Students from pre-primary, primary and secondary sections went to Sindbad, PAF Museum, Safari Park on Excursion Trips along with their respective teachers. The Students of college section visited FAST Institute. The aim of the visit was to broaden the intellectual horizon of the students.

A Basket Ball tournament was organized by the Board of Intermediate Karachi in Nov, at Physical Education College. Out of 30 teams, the SKBZ College team received the Runner up Trophy. The College team was Runner up in the Badminton Tournament which was organized by the Board of Secondary Education Karachi in December, 2008 at Badrul Hasan Sports Complex. 46th Inter Collegiate Swimming Championship was organized by the Intermediate Board of Karachi on 16th Oct 08. Muneeb Mir got 2nd position in



Students Holding Awards

this event and he was selected to represent Karachi Board in Pakistan Inter Board Championship at Lahore on October 24, 2008.

Mustafa Moiz achieved 2nd position in Art competition organized by Karachi High School. Mansoor Makbah of class VII secured 3rd position at the same venue in vocal competition. 108 schools from home and abroad participated in the competition.

Hunain Yahya, Inshal Shams, Shehriyar Ahmed and Umer Sher won Prizes in an Activity conducted by Cartoon Network in Oct 2008 More than 50 Schools participated in this activity.

Defence Authority Public School O&A Level

Where Quality is a Must!

The DA Public School O & A Levels was founded in 1997 and moved to the current campus in April 2000. It is a leading O/A Levels institution in the DHA Schools System, spread over 20 acres in Phase VIII. The school is equipped with 2 Libraries, 4 Science Labs and 2 Computer Labs. Sprawling green playgrounds and a modernized, purpose built campus provide an excellent environment for student centered cum healthy learning. A qualified and experienced teaching faculty has been cultivating young minds and churning out high achievers for the past decade. The School's ex-alumni are pursuing further studies in the world's top-ranking universities, tackling challenges of a rapidly changing world.



Student enjoying



Geared up to shoulder responsibility - The Student Council

A grand function was organized to celebrate the Independence Day, The audience was baffled as the efforts of the teachers and students came together on stage to craft a stunning function. Fatima Suriya Bajjiya was the chief guest on this occasion along with the renowned actor and model Mr. Farhan Ally Agha. The function was knit with patriotic speeches, songs and beautiful tableaux performed by the O Levels section while the A Level section contributed to the function with an extremely thought-provoking declamation.

The Student Council at A-Levels - DAPS was formulated on the 29th August 2008. The students were selected after a thorough screening and debate between the senior teachers and counselors. The Student Body of DAPS took up their posts on 1st September 2008. The new policy of A-Levels dropped the idea of student elections in order to improve quality

and efficiency of Student's Government as elections usually turn out to be a Popularity Contest.

Students from all houses participated in a Parliamentary style debate in which they were able to vent out their feelings regarding different issues. Two speakers from each house spoke in favour and against the given topic. The judges appreciated their efforts and the result compiled by them was announced.

A workshop was organized by the Counselling Society at the A-Levels to increase awareness of all aspects of education in USA. The workshop was conducted by the United States Education Foundation in Pakistan, which is a US Government funded organization that provides free-of-cost counselling services, visa assistance and test-center services.

Defence Authority Model High School Phase - IV

Future Leaders

DA Model High School Phase IV always aims at developing future leaders through a curriculum based on the basic subjects as well as through personality development and grooming of youth of today, by creating a balance between studies and co-curricular activities.

In the year 2008, students competed in various activities:

McDonald's 10th National Women's Swimming Championship was arranged for Sindh junior age group and Mahnoor Shohaib won a gold medal as well as silver medal for free style.

A poster competition was held in May 2008, by Cancer Society to celebrate "No Tobacco Day"; and four students of the school participated and received cash prizes of Rs.1000 each.

Horlicks Wiz Kid Competition was organized in October 2008, Zaneerah Salim secured 3rd position at national Level and she was selected as the stand by student for the competition in India.

Independence Day was celebrated with lot of zeal and fervor. There was a display of national songs to pay tribute to our national heroes. Forceful speeches full of enthusiasm were delivered by the students and they exhibited Great Spirit of Patriotism.

Sixth September, the Day of the Martyrs was celebrated solemnly to commemorate the sacrifices of our great warriors.

On the Birth Anniversary of Prophet Mohammad PBUH, a Naat recitation was arranged to pay homage to our Holy Prophet; speeches were prepared by students to commemorate the day.

Drama Festival was held at Defence Central Library as part of its Anniversary Celebrations. The students of the School staged a play "The TOY SHOP" which was adjudged the best play and



Young students presenting masterpiece plays

awarded 1st Prize by celebrated artist Shakeel Ahmed and Fatima Surriya Bajia.

Installation ceremony of student's prefect body was held in November 2008 Director Education, DHA was the Chief Guest. Speaking on the occasion he commented on the progress of the students and appreciated the efforts of the teachers and gave away cash prize of Rs. 50,000 each to Junior as well as Senior sections.

Defence Authority Model High School Phase-VII

Oath taking Ceremony

The Students Council Installation Ceremony for the Academic Session 2008-2009 was held in October 2008. The newly elected members took oath of their offices in a simple and impressive ceremony. The Principal congratulated the Council members and asked them to prove worthy of the great trust and authority entrusted in them by discharging their duties honestly and diligently.

Along with academic students are also encouraged to participate enthusiastically in all co-curricular activities, which inculcate teamwork, discipline and healthy competition amongst them.

Board of Secondary Education, Karachi organized an Inter School Badminton Tournament in December 2008. The School team comprising Hiba, Khadija, Maha, Mahrukh and Uzaina, students of Class X, beat Mama Parsi team in the finals held on 15 December, 2008.



The school's football winning team with the trophy and awards

The winning team was awarded a Trophy and Shields by the Chief Guest, Mr. Shoab Siddiqui, Secretary of Sports, Karachi.

Defence Central Library held its 17th Anniversary Celebrations from 18th - 20th December 2008. In a keenly contested Naat Competition amongst various DHA Educational Institutions, Faizan Aamir student of Class VII, was awarded 2nd Prize.

The School's Football team played a friendly match with The British Overseas School Defence Phase-VII. Another match was played with Bay View High School on 3rd February, 2009. The School's team was declared winner in both the matches.

Students are provided academically vibrant and intellectually disciplined environment conducive to producing dynamic, enlightened and confident citizens who can successfully take on the onslaught of challenges of life.

DA Neelum High School Celebrates Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony

The Annual Prize Distribution ceremony of the Defence Authority Neelum High School was held on February 06, 2009. The students presented a fabulous talent show on the occasion. The presentation included national songs, skits, tableau, and a short English play. The theme of the play was the significance of labour and hard work in life, which was presented superbly and effectively. Another play was on global warming with an imaginative theme. Administrator DHA was the Chief Guest on the occasion.



Administrator DHA giving away a prize



Young students presenting Fabulous Tableaus

Administrator DHA said that education was a harbinger of change which brought a complete transformation in life. He said that good education provides a sound foundation for life which had tremendous significance in intellectual and physical development of a generation. He added that a sound and efficient education system prepared students to face the challenges of life boldly and squarely.

The Administrator reiterated that the aim of education was to prepare confident, enlightened and dynamic personalities who had power of conviction, force of courage and potential dynamism which ensured success in life. He remarked that he observed confidence, intellect and dynamism emanating from the conduct of students which was very encouraging.

The Administrator commended the over all performance of the recently upgraded school which had not only shown excellent results in academic but has also done extremely well in

sports and other co-curricular activities as well. He said that the school was producing intelligent and promising students who mostly belonged to the relatively modest income group. He also announced an unprecedented donation of Rs. 125,000/- for the school.

The Principal, Mrs. Shazia Saleem in her welcome address said that the school provided intellectually stimulating and academically vibrant environments to equip the students with necessary confidence, ability and dynamism so essential for progress in life. She said that the programmes at the school were aimed at honing the intellectual faculties and talent of students by equipping them with constructive reading and writing skills.

At the end the Administrator awarded prizes to the students who excelled in various curricular and non-curricular activities and awarded certificates of merit to the teachers.

Defence Authority Iqra Model School

Balanced and Wholesome Education

The Annual Prize Distribution and Talent Show at the DHA Iqra Model School was held on 27 November, 2008. Director Education DHA was the Chief Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that education should be balanced, wholesome and encompassing, to ensure harmonious development of mind and body of the students.

He also hailed Iqra Model School as a new generation school in DHA, that offers a unique blend of Hifz-e-Quran and modern scientific education to the students.

He said that the newly devised education system was unique in the sense that it equipped the students with knowledge of contemporary modern science and arts as well as imbibed in them the true Islamic moral and cultural values, to make them dynamic and useful citizens of the society.

Director Education observed that the spirit of Islam envisages to constantly acquire knowledge, and to seek advancement in life while practicing the teachings and values of Islam in the real sense. He stated that the best way to follow Quran was to practice its teaching in one's daily life in letter and spirit.



Young students presenting an exhilarating programmed

Earlier, the Principal, Mr. Muhammad Hanif Ismail, presented the annual report and highlighted the achievements of the School.

The students presented a superb Talent Show, which was much appreciated by the audience. In the end, the Chief Guest distributed prizes among the students who excelled in academics as well as co-curricular activities.

Defence Authority Junior Model School Beach View

Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony

The Annual Prize Distribution ceremony of Defence Authority Junior Model School Beach View was held on February 09, 2009. Director Education DHA was the Chief Guest of the function.

Director Education speaking on the occasion said that reading was the essence of life and helped in development of one's thought process and outlook of life. He said there was no substitute for books adding that internet just provided us a wealth of information but understanding and comprehension of knowledge comes through reading books. He stressed the need of promoting reading habits among students.

Director Education stressed the significance of the trio students, teachers and parents working in unison and the role they played in academic and educational success of students. He also commended the overall performance of the students in various fields of activities and announced a donation of Rs. 75,000/- for the school.



Young students presenting an exhilarating programmed

Be like a postage stamp; stick to one thing until you get there. - Josh Billings

Defence Authority Tooba High School

The Young and the Restless

The annual prize distribution ceremony of DHA Tooba High School was held at PN Sabir Shaheed Hall on October 31, 2008. Administrator DHA was the Chief Guest of the function.

The students presented a fabulous talent show. The theme of the programmed was based on social and moral values of life. The presentation included skits, poems, a short English play, an exhilarating Urdu play and presentation of Iqbal's masterpiece poetry by the students.

Speaking on the occasion Brig Tirmizi said that confidence, intellect and conviction were the basic ingredients of a sound personality. He said that the real aim of education was to produce confident, self reliant and dynamic individuals who could face the daunting of challenges in the world successfully.

He said that education was a powerful agent of change and an embodiment of transformation in life. He said that a good educational background was essential for success in life. He emphasized the need for a sound and efficient education system that produced individuals who could positively contribute for the betterment of society.

The Administrator added that DHA gave utmost importance to education and would continue to make all out efforts for promotion of quality education at all levels. He also commended the talented performance of students and the efforts put in by the teachers to make the programmed a success.

Earlier the Principal, Mrs. Raheela Jamshed, in her welcome address said that the main focus in the school was on intellectual and emotional development of students to make them responsible citizens of the society. She also

highlighted the academic and extra curricular achievements of the students of the school.

At the end the Administrator awarded prizes to the students who excelled in various curricular and non-curricular activities and awarded certificates of merit to the teachers.



Students presenting a beautiful talent show

Defence Authority Model High School Seaview

Words and Laurels

The annual function of Defence Authority Model High School, Seaview was held on January 22, 2009. Administrator DHA was the Chief Guest of the function.

Speaking on the occasion the Administrator said that good early education provided a sound foundation for life and transformed ones attitude, conduct and outlook of life.

He said that education must be balanced, wholesome and encompassing to ensure harmonious development of mind and body. He stressed the need to strike a balance between academics and extra curricular activities so as to prepare confident and enlightened personalities for the future.

The Administrator reiterated that promotion of quality education in all forms and manifestation was the greatest service to the country adding that the strength of a nation is dependent on its sound educational base.

Earlier the Principal, Mrs Rukshanda Jabeen in her welcome address said that main focus of all programmes in the school was on personality and character development of students besides emphasis on academic excellence. She said that great emphasis was laid in the school on intellectual, emotional and educational development of students to make them useful citizens of society.

She said that her school which had recently been upgraded to the high school level was maintaining the highest standards of excellence in academics as well as other co-curricular activities.

The students later presented a colourful and captivating variety programmed consisting of tableaus, short plays and inspiring songs. Every play and skit had an underlying message which



Young students presenting colourful talent shows

was presented in a unique manner. The theme of the play 'light shade of Quaid's personality' was that united we stand, divided we fall. The Urdu Mushaira on self medication was humorous and hilarious in nature.

The musical presentations 'Farmer in the Field' and "Pakistan the heart of Asia" were superb and much appreciated by the audience.

In the end the Chief Guest distributed prizes amongst the students who excelled in academics and other non-curricular activities. He also announced an award of Rs. 50,000/= in cash for the school.

Defence Authority Junior Model School - Darakhshan Awards galore for Students

The young beaming students of Defence Authority Junior Model School, Darakhshan, filled the atmosphere with fun and joy on the eve of the Annual Day function of the school.

The variety programmed included tableaux, songs and short-plays depicting beautifully embedded moral themes. The English play "Honesty is the Best Policy" had the underlying theme of the ultimate triumph of honesty in life. The Urdu play "Maan Ki Dua" carried the truth highlighting the blissful significance of mothers' prayers and blessings in life.

The Principal, Mrs. Fahmeena Qaiser, in her Annual Report read the achievements of students in various curricular and co-curricular activities. Later the Chief Guest Director Education DHA distributed prizes among the high achievers and faculty members who produced excellent results. He also announced an award of Rs. 40,000/- for the School.



Students presenting talent show

DHA Junior Model School Sea Breeze Filling Empty Minds with Joy and Knowledge

The management and its faculty play a remarkable role in maintaining balance between academics and co-curricular activities.

Students displayed great interest and took active part in co-curricular activities. Eid Milad un Nabi was celebrated on 14th April' 08. Art Competition amongst pre-primary students was held. In-house Spelling Bee Competition and essay competition were held for primary classes I to V. Independence day, Defence Day of Pakistan and Iqbal day were celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm. The social welfare committee of Sea Breeze arranged a visit to Dar-ul-Sakoon to help the handicapped children. They distributed sweets, toys, bangles and food items amongst them.

The annual Function and Prize Distribution Ceremony of JMS Sea Breeze was held on 31 October 2008. A friendly cricket match on Sports Day was held to inspire healthy competition amongst students.



A dance show in play

What the Superior man seeks is in himself; what the small man seeks is in others. (Confucius)

DA Montessori-I

Young Kids Beam with Confidence

The Annual Function of DA Montessori-I was held. Brig (R) Iftikhar Arshad Khan, Director Education DHA was the Chief Guest of the function.

He said that the primary goal of a Montessori system was to help children in their formative age to gain optimum potential in all areas of life.

Earlier the Principal of the institute, Mrs. Anjum Saeed in her welcome address said that Montessori education required focussing on development of skills, refinement of sense and formation of a base for personality development. The young kids beaming with confidence looked spectacular in their colorful costumes. They sang musical rhymes and presented two delightful plays, "The Earth and we are friends" and "You can make a difference" which were highly applauded by the guests.



Young kids giving a wonderful performance

At the end Chief Guest distributed prizes amongst the students who excelled in various academic and learning activities. The Chief Guest also announced a donation of Rs. 30,000/= for the school.

DA Montessori - II

Spring Blossoms on Annual Function

The Annual Function of Defence Authority Montessori-II was held in the Auditorium of Defence Authority College for Men. The young students on the occasion presented a fascinating programmed comprising nursery rhymes, songs and tableaus.

The presentation of 'Punctuations' and 'Rights and Responsibilities' by tiny toddlers conveying meaningful messages was truly a commendable performance. The Chief Guest Director Education DHA said that observations and experiences of children in their formative years were very significant in development of their personalities and outlook towards life.

Earlier the Principal Mrs. Ayesha Wasty in her address said that children in Montessori were exposed to a colourful and healthy environment meticulously designed to meet their emotional and psychological needs.

The Chief Guest at the end gave away prizes to the kids who excelled in various activities during the year. He also announced a donation of Rs. 30,000 for the School. A large number of parents attended the function.



Children presenting a colourful show

The end of the human race will be that it will eventually die of civilization.- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Defence Authority Creek Club Where Excellence Matters



Brig (R) Mohammad Kamal Khan,
Secretary DA Creek Club

Defence Authority Creek Club organized several programs for its members last year. The highlight of the year was a Sham-e-Ghazal. The members enjoyed themselves with the light classical singing of Hamid Ali Khan and Reena Irfan.

The Club also arranged two cooking demonstrations in the month of July. A large number of members participated in these demonstrations.

The Club now has a Cinema Club in its Squash Court Complex with a seating of 75 people. It also has a small cafeteria to serve the members.

With the new Secretary of the Club, Brig (R) Muhammad Kamal Khan, along with the new Deputy Secretary Lieutenant Colonel (R) Muhammad Ali Khan having taken their respective charges, the Club is now fully geared to complete the ongoing development projects: the extension of the lobby as well as construction of the Creek Lodge. The Lodge is likely to be ready by 2011, while the lobby would be extended soon.



Various interesting activities at DA Creek Club

Refurbishment of DA Country & Golf Club

Guests Unveil Resort Chalets amid Roaring Cheers



Brig (R) Hasan Rafi,
Secretary DA Country & Golf Club



Inauguration Ceremony of Chalets in DA Country and Golf Club.

In a light-studded night, in the picturesque environment of Defence Authority Country and Golf Club, Administrator DHA, Brig Khalid Tirmizi along with a prestigious gathering lifted the veil upon the DHA's most exquisite project ever designed: the Resort Chalets.

This facility par excellence which has been added in the Club as part of its renovation package is "the mammoth step forward towards the up-gradation and refurbishment," exclaimed the Administrator. He said "Resort Chalets" was a new initiative that had transformed the venue into a resort club with world-class sports and recreational facilities.

The Resort has single and double Chalets in the Club's premises. Each Chalet is a mini private beach in itself opening towards the Gizri Creek in the west; qualifying as the most comfortable and exciting facility for its occupants. The Chalets are in fact luxury huts, and temporary abode for relaxation in a serene environment.

The Administrator congratulated the Club's management, Sysmax's management and project

consultant M/S Meinhardt for accomplishing a creditable job. He said that the transformation of the Club heralds the beginning of a new era of modernization and progress. He further said that the newly refurbished club with recreational, sports and family entertainment facilities make it the 'Crown Jewel of Karachi'.

Earlier the Secretary DA Golf Club Brig (R) Hasan Rafi said that a strict monitoring regime had been followed for the project, and that no compromise in the stringent technical and professional standards of construction had been made. He said that an excellent facility had been created in the shape of Chalet in a most exclusive and exciting environment.

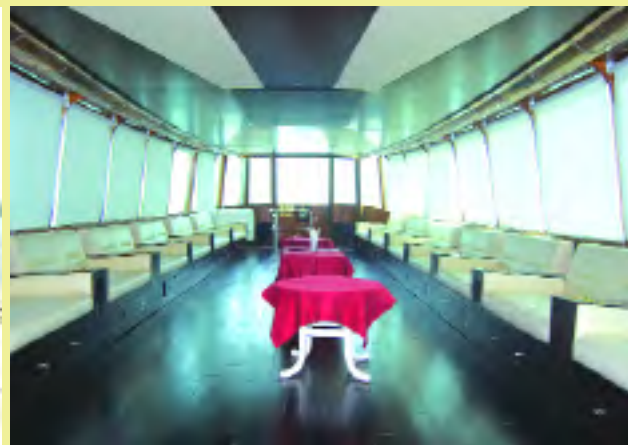
The newly refurbished Club has a modern driving range, revamped grass of the green, reshaped fairways, exhilarating landscape and floodlit facility for night golfing. In addition to this the Resort Club has recreational, sports and family entertainment facilities such as swimming pools, gymnasium and upgraded squash courts to make it the most exquisite club of its kind.

Defence Authority Marina Club The Ultimate Party Boat

Indulging in luxury at sea was never so easy. Now you can experience your life's most opulent and unforgettable moments in the waters at the Marina Club. If you have been dreaming about splendour at sea, it is now available with the new custom-built 'Party Boat' at the Marina Club.



Capt (R) Asad Manzoor (PN),
Secretary DA Marina Club



Internal and external views of the New Party Boat in DA Marina Club

With the sea to captivate your soul and the ambiance on the Party Boat, you hear in your ears the enchanting lyrics of Sinead O' Counar's song "Nothing compares to you". After the inauguration of the Party Boat, it will be available soon on rent to members of the club.

No such place had existed for hosting parties at

the sea, a dinner cruise or sleep over with family. The boat is large enough to accommodate twenty six seating in air conditioned large saloon, with projection system for movies or presentation and great acoustics for music. It has two cabins for sleep over or conference. The price tag is worth trying the thrill and the absolute pleasure at sea with friends and family.

The soul would have no rainbow had the eyes no tears. - John Vance Cheney

Defence Authority Club A Traditional Club of Class

Defence Authority Club, the oldest in the series of the Clubs in DHA, organized a musical evening to pay homage to the Melody Queen, Madam Noor Jehan, on her death anniversary. Held in collaboration with Hum TV, the evening attracted a large number of members who enjoyed the spell bound melodious songs in a fascinating environment.



Col (R) Mohd.
Khaleeq Mallal,
Secretary
Defence Authority Club



The Club also threw a Eid Milan Party for its members. Administrator DHA graced the occasion.

The Club activities are not restricted to only fun and pleasure only. The club, in collaboration with the Agha Khan University Hospital, also organized a seminar on dermatology. The Club invited all the members to attend the seminar as well as get free check up by specialist doctors on skin and related diseases. The seminar was attended by a large number of members.



The Club now has a 1000-gallon Water Filter Plant, while a new sports complex is also under construction. It is likely to be ready by August this year.

An enchanting evening with Abida Parveen was a fantastic and an intoxicating experience par excellence. The renowned singer in her melodious voice overwhelmed the crowd who enjoyed every moment of the programmed.



Charming and Elegant views of Defence Authority Club

Defence Authority Sunset Club A Club of Enchanting Sunsets

Sunset club has lived up to its tradition of being the 'Second Home' for its members during 2008 with its usual warmth, comfort and homely environments and soothing ambiance in the surroundings, which attracts one towards healthy club activities, with feelings of total entertainment, relaxation and fun. Melodious musical evenings, weekly tambola, annual Eid Milan party and children festivals and various other entertainments are regular features of the club life.



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



Greater awareness about health consciousness and physical fitness of a healthy life style is assuming priority, therefore state of the art sports facilities remain available for its members from dawn to dusk and beyond.

The sport facilities include deso turf Tennis courts with flood lights, all weather covered ladies swimming pool with toddler's pool, open air gent's swimming pool, separate air-conditioned gyms for ladies and gents with most modern health machines, sauna bath and music system, air-conditioned Aerobics and Yoga Hall with qualified instructors, covered glass wall squash courts, elegant badminton hall with twin courts, jogging track with side lights and green plantations, and children playing area and sports area with lush green lawns.

Cafeteria facilities at Sunset Club are popular amongst quality cuisine lovers because of its taste and graceful eye catching surroundings. Club's spacious open air grassy lawn with sizzling dishes and breath taking smells of live barbecue in dizzy lights on cool breezy evenings of Karachi are a luxury which member families and their guests relish throughout the year .

Jasmine Fine Dining Hall is a five-star dining restaurant with Chinese and Italian dishes on the menu, having a cool and calm ambiance which

ranks exclusive both in quality and taste.

Traditionally elegant and tasteful décor of the Sunset Banquet Hall, with dinning capacity of 150 persons, is yet another feather in the cap of the Club. Grand wall scenery, graceful chandeliers and befitting layout is a most suitable venue for grand parties and banquet needs of its valued members and clients.

Club Bakery with an elegant new look, having a live baking facility and sufficient dining space in and outside the bakery, is another attraction for elders, youngsters and children all alike.

Club Conference Hall with most modern audio and video facilities is yet another attraction for corporate sector members to hold seminars, conferences, and workshops in a safe and secure environment with quality dining and secured parking facilities.

DASC has seven function arenas with allied facilities of air-conditioned bridal rooms, sufficient stages and adequate washrooms. These garden resort arenas are famous because of their location, easy approach, security, good reputation and exclusiveness. In addition to the club members, residents of DHA can book these elegant venue to add grace to their wedding parties and private functions.

Defence Authority Beachview Club A Club with an Innovative View

Defence Authority Beach View Club located on the Arabian Sea recently held a family musical show. Administrator DHA was the Chief Guest on the occasion.



Brig (R) Syed
Khurshid Alam SI(M),
Secretary
DA Beachview Club

Over 1300 Club Members and their households attended the event and enjoyed complimentary dinner and musical show. The participation of young family members in the sports events was encouraging.

Another musical show was organized as a Eid Milan Party. More than 1500 Club members and their families attended this party. Apart from gymkhana events for children, the club arranged a musical show along with complimentary dinner for club members and their families. This occasion

provided our members a good opportunity to interact freely with each other in a beautiful environment and was highly appreciated by all those who attended.

The Club also continued organizing routine activities like Tambola night (every Friday), English movie screening (every Saturday in the front lawn), special buffet dinner with live singing (Sundays), Mehfil-e Milad, and food festivals among others. The club plans to inaugurate its library soon with collection of over 500 books and movies.



Participants enjoying the magnificent musical show

Defence Authority Zamzama Club

A Resort for Healthy Sports and Entertainment Activities

DA Zamzama Club continues to serve its members and their household. The ground at the club is available round-the-clock for sports functions. The destro turf flood light hockey stadium is the most popular avenue for playing day and night limited over cricket matches, It is a multi-purpose, elegantly designed beautiful ground for holding various events.

For this one reason, the annual sports day functions of various schools have also been held at the Club. Various commercial interests-multinationals, banks, ad agencies have availed the facility apart from advertising their products there. The ground is fully-lit with flood lights, and the security is fool proof. There is also now a backup power generator of 110 KVA.

The Squash courts at the Club are considered amongst the best in the city. These courts attract international and national squash players who also to avail the gym facilities for pre-game warm up or work outs. There is a first-rate snooker facility in the complex as well.

The Club has earmarked an area for those interested in booking the facility for weddings, birthdays, and other such functions. The rates offered are quite competitive with seating capacity of 300 to 400 people.



Wg Cdr (R)
Ilyas M Baig,
Secretary
DA Zamzama Club



Commander 5 Corps Lt Gen Shahid Iqbal on a visit to club



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ENVIRONMENT & HORTICULTURE

DHA's Quest for Green Environment and Horticulture

Keeping World Clean by Colouring it Green

Twenty-first century has brought a positive change in awareness about environment as previous era had caused sizeable damage to ecology in the name of industrial developments. Muslims in the past encouraged tree plantation in the new towns infrastructure.

Ottomans, Abbasidis, and Moguls propagated greenery and later Shershah Suri executed intensive tree plantation along the Grand Trunk Road leading Punjab to Dehli.

Pollution is the biggest menace to healthy environment faced by urban areas. Urbanization has increased it manifold.

DHA Karachi has put in enormous efforts to thwart effects of pollution in Defence and to protect its residents from hazardous pollution by providing healthy, hygienic and aerobic environment.

DHA Horticulture Department is engaged in maintaining a network of beautiful and well maintained Parks and green road median. In addition to Parks, has been busy in the beautification of Defence since its inception. Thousands of people from all walks of life and age groups visit these Parks and this strength intensifies during weekend and holidays when general public from other parts of Karachi City visit DHA Parks for recreation and relaxation. Some of the new developments in Horticulture Department projects in DHA are listed as under:-

Extension of Gizri Hill Project

Gizri Hill is located at the entrance of DHA and this ugliest spot has been given totally a new shape after 60 years. This area has been aesthetically landscaped still keeping its natural look of small hill feature. This project has been further extended towards Eastern side. Now plantation has also been done on this extended portion along with landscaping. One water fall has also been added in this project to enhance the scenic beauty.



Col (R) Shahid Majeed
Director Horticulture



Transfer and sharing of Responsibilities with Cantt Board Clifton

Mandate of DHA is to develop the area and parks and then to hand over this developed area to Cantonment Board Clifton (CBC) for subsequent maintenance. In this regard, DHA has transferred some of following Horticulture assets in 1st and 2nd Phase to CBC:-

- a. Khy-e-Ittehad - Main Defence Artery Road Median.
- b. Beachview Road Median starting from Beachview Park to Village Hotel.
- c. Sunset Boulevard Road Median.
- d. Main Korangi Road Median.
- e. 40 Beachview Apartments, small parks.
- f. Darakhshan Park.
- g. Phase VII Park.
- h. Bokhari Park.



In the next phase, Rahat, Hilal, Phase VI Park and some other horticulture assets will be handed over to CBC.

Plantation along Coastal Area, Khyaban-e-Shahbaz, Creek Avenue and Qayumabad Wall

In the past, it was believed that no plantation can survive on Beach and Coastal areas, but with sincere efforts this concept has been undone in the form of successful plantation on the beach and coast area. Plantation in coastal area has come up very well.

DHA has planted more than 1500 trees on Main Khyaban-e-Shahbaz. This consists of variety of trees in different segments of this main artery in Defence.

DHA Horticulture Department has also planted trees in Creek Avenue, Phase VII and along Qayumabad Wall. This plantation has also come up very well.



Addition of Waterfall in Momin Rockery

One more waterfall on this beautification spot has been added which has enhanced the site's beauty magnificently.

Development of Maj Khalid Shaheed Park Adjacent to Golf Club

A huge park has been planned to be developed along the coast adjacent to the Golf Club. It will be a park developed for general public, consisting of a 2 km jogging track and exercise facilities in addition to scenic and recreation beauty of the coast. It will facilitate residents of Phase VIII and especially new habitants of Creek Vistas. In this park, Japanese type play area will also be developed for children. This Park will be developed in a phased program and is likely to be completed by September 2009. Park will consist of green lawns, children swings including Japanese plays, entertainment area, car parking area and woodland. This will be huge facility in aerobic environment for the general public.



58th Pakistan Flower Show 2009 Wins the Hearts

The 58th Pakistan Flower Show 2009 was inaugurated by Justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali, Chief Justice High Court of Sindh, in an impressive and colourful ceremony held at the DHA Seaview Public Park.

Horticultural Society of Pakistan (HSP) arranged the Annual Flower Show, 2009 in collaboration with DHA and Cantt Board Clifton. The venue of the show presented an exquisite view of colour and beauty, with exotic fragrance of multi-colored seasonal flowers.

Speaking on the occasion, Justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali lauded the efforts of HSP for organizing a splendid floral show. He said that the efforts of the HSP in giving cleaner and greener environments to Karachi and in promoting spots of natural beauty in form of flowers, gardens and parks, were highly appreciable.

The Chief Justice termed love for flowers as the essence of life. He said that flowers reflected natural beauty and left indelible imprints of aesthetics and creative delight on the human mind. He said that in this materialistic world, the urban metropolitan had become the sprawling jungle of concrete and cement and had made life mechanical and materialistic.

He added that the natural spots in forms of gardens, parks and open grounds must be promoted, as they provide aesthetic delight to the people and have a soothing and calming effect on their nerves.

Earlier the veteran Chairman of HSP, Lt Gen (R) Jahanzeb Arbab in his welcome address outlined the activities of his organization in promoting horticultural awareness in the society. He said that HSP was actively engaged in beautifying the environment of the city. He reiterated that flowers were essential for life and therefore, greenery and horticulture need to be promoted.

The flowers competition was participated by a large number of individuals, organizations, amateurs and professionals in various categories. DHA Nisar Shaheed Park, DA Hilal Park and DA Rahat Park got first prizes in the categories of big, medium and small parks. In the category of beautification of spots, DHA Gizri Hilltop got the first prize, while DA Momin Rockery was second in the category. Hino Pak Motors, KPT House, KPT Garden Park, Flag Staff House, PNS Shifa, PNS Karsaz and Sindh Club amongst others also got prizes in various categories.

Cantonment Board Clifton was declared the overall champion of the Flower Show and awarded Abdul Sattar Pirzada Trophy. The sprouting seasonal flowers all around added to the dazzling charm of the venue.

President Horticulture Mr. AK Khan was also present on the occasion.



An exotic and beautiful view of colourful flowers at the 58th Pakistan Flower Show 2009

DHA Undergoes Cosmetic Surgery

A meeting chaired by the Administrator DHA was held at DHA's Main Office to finalize a strategy for bringing a visible improvement in cleanliness and sanitation condition in DHA.

Administrator reiterated that DHA would take efficient, realistic and forward-looking measures to bring about a substantial improvement in cleanliness of areas in Defence, through adoption of a reinvigorated strategy.



The meeting discusses the finalization of the strategy to improve cleanliness condition in DHA.

He outlined the need for maintaining neat, clean and healthy environments in DHA. He stressed upon the contractors to bring a definite improvement in cleanliness of the surroundings through adopting twice a day sweeping of the area, regular door-to-door garbage collection, organized debris removal and swift removal of garbage to landfill sites.

He also asked the sanitary inspectors of CBC to work with dedicated spirits, enhance monitoring of areas and to apply the sanitation bye-laws across the board. The meeting also decided to impose heavy fines on defaulters.

The Administrator said that although DHA would go out of its ways to maintain a clean and healthy environment, yet without residents' civic sense and wholehearted involvement, the job would always remain half done. He called upon the residents associations to play their effective role in bringing about a positive change in attitude and thinking of the people.

The meeting decided to earmark Zamzama Commercial Area in DHA, as a model venue for testing the improvement in hygiene and sanitation of the area, through experimenting night cleaning practice. In case of a positive output the same model would be adopted for the entire DHA.

The Administrator directed the contractors to improve the garbage collection on the sea front and to keep the Seaview beach neat and clean which is frequently visited in a large number by citizens of Karachi. He also ordered them to ensure that sanitary workers and water bowzers remain available at the 27 designated places in DHA, earmarked for carrying out sacrifice of animals and removing offal during Eid-ul-Azha.

In his concluding remarks the Administrator said that efficient application of waste management practices, dedicated and resolute monitoring system, development of community approach and co-operation of residents would go a long way in bringing improvement in the environment of DHA.

Besides CEO CBC Ms. Zeenat Ahmed, sanitation inspectors, vigilance staff, sanitation contractors and other concerned officials also attended the meeting.

Sindh Minister Visits DHA to Discuss Environmental Matters

Sindh Minister for Environment Mr. Askari Taqvi and MNA Ms. Khushbakht Shujaat visited DHA's Main Office and discussed various environmental issues and matters relating to public interest with the Administrator DHA, Brig Khalid Tirmizi.

They were given an in-depth briefing on the ongoing projects in DHA including the Waterfront Development Projects (WFD) and the measures taken by the Housing Authority to mitigate the ensuing environmental issues. The minister underlined the need of conducting joint quarterly review and monitoring of mitigation measures taken by DHA in line with IEE approved by SEPA. He said that speedy execution of WFD projects should be ensured in the national interest, while addressing the environmental concerns at all costs.

The Minister was informed that DHA was making all out efforts to ensure that WFD projects remained strictly environmental friendly, met NEQs and mitigate all concerns of the public. Every WFD project would have an in-built sewerage treatment plant to mitigate beach pollution.

The Environmental Minister was informed about the need of timely completion of Gizri Flyover Project as it would help address frequent traffic jams in the Gizri area. The Minister supported the idea and emphasized the need of removing illegal encroachments en-route to the Flyover to avoid traffic congestion and environmental pollution in the area.

MNA Ms. Khushbakht Shujaat raised a number of issues of public concern in DHA. She was informed that DHA had already been mandated by Corps Commander to improve the security environment in DHA and accordingly the Housing Authority

was establishing a security company and planning to install surveillance cameras at focal points in DHA for improving and augmenting the security apparatus in the area.

On the issue of Schools, the MNA was informed that the fees in DHA Neelum High School has been raised for the first time since its establishment by merging all miscellaneous charges in the tuition fees. However the students of lower income families having an income of less than Rs. 10,000/= annually were being given more than 50% concession in the tuition fees.

The Administrator informed the MNA that the project of drainage roads rehabilitation would kick off in the first week of December 2008 and the entire project would be completed on a fast track basis jointly by DHA and CBC in this fiscal year. Administrator said that efforts were being made to ensure that the non-functional DHA Power and Desalination Plant becomes operational at the earliest.



Sindh Minister for Environment Mr. Askari Taqvi, MNA Khushbakht Shujaat and Administrator DHA discuss environmental matters

Pollution Triangle

There are three key players in the field of environment and all of them are responsible in maintaining a clean environment. The players are polluters, civic agencies and nature.



Zafar Iqbal
President DRS

I will discuss each one with reference to their role and responsibilities. In our case the polluters are the residents and the visitors who visit the areas as guests and have entertainment and enjoy the sea and food. The residents and visitors generate solid wastes commonly known as garbage. It amounts to hundreds of tons daily, and contains the packaging wastes, leftover foods, peels of fruits and vegetables, expired articles, etc. They also create liquid waste as effluent which contain human discharge and washing and bathing discharge. If it goes to sea untreated, it poses great danger to aquatic life and ecosystem. However, gaseous emissions are produced by vehicles, burning of fuels and some times burning of garbage which causes pollution of environment.

The civic agency in our case is the Cantonment Board Clifton (CBC). It has to play a very important role. It is supposed to collect all the solid wastes from the residences, markets, beaches and roads and within its jurisdiction. CBC is also supposed to collect and treat the liquid effluent coming out from the residencies, restaurants, offices and public toilets.

The third corner of the triangle is the Nature and is usually ignored. The nature covers the negligence of polluters and civic agencies silently and free of cost. It has a large number of free workers several times larger than employed by any civic agency. The work force includes cats, dogs, eagles, crows, rats etc to clean waste food, dead animals and other organic wastes. The ants and bees are there to pick fine wastes. For further final disposal, bacteria perform their duty and decompose the wastes into gases. A number of weeds and plants are also performing the same functions. Lizards in the house are an indicator that cockroaches and insects are available in abundance, which in turn indicates that the kitchen is not clean and they have sufficient food to satisfy.

Now it is time to evaluate performance of every corner of this triangle. Most of the polluters are careless and throw the garbage here and there making it difficult for civic agencies to collect and dispose it off. To overcome this difficulty the polluters should keep the garbage in proper bags and if possible in drums (after segregation into recyclable and non-recyclable wastes). The kitchen waste can be converted into organic manure and soil conditioner to reduce the burden. Similarly use of non-biodegradable detergents should be avoided and minimum quantity of water should be used to reduce the burden on treatment plants.

The CBC should be fully equipped to handle solid wastes and liquid discharge from the sea. It should ensure that untreated effluent should not enter into the sea. The job may be handed to a professional personnel or to a contractor or the City Government, whosoever is reliable, responsible and accountable.

We should think of nature and its capacity to handle the final disposal through its workforce. It can bear a certain load to work efficiently and without any threat to human being. However, one would definitely not like the presence of too many crows and eagles, rats, cats and dogs, ants or bacteria and germs all around the area, who would come to dispose-off the garbage and effluent carelessly spread by residents and mismanaged by the civic agencies.

Keeping in view the impact of our carelessness and unhealthy manners, I urge upon all the residents to show responsible behavior seriously. Pay full attention and contribute to the improvement of the environment and for a good standard of our living conditions.

Beach Cleaning Campaign in Full Swing

As many as 1000 students of various DHA educational institutions wearing colourful caps and specially prepared aprons and gloves continued with a massive beach cleaning activity organized by DHA at Sea View Beach near McDonald restaurant. Mir Hussain Ali, Secretary Environment, Sindh Govt. was the Chief Guest of the function.

The motto of the campaign was 'do not litter, let Karachi glitter'. The students presented beautiful songs on the occasion and reaffirmed to protect the natural environment from all sorts of pollution and promised to make Karachi cleaner. The aim of the three days campaign was to create environmental awareness in all cross sections of society.

Mir Ali, Secretary Environment appreciated the initiative of DHA to organize a beach cleaning campaign for consecutive three days. He praised the zeal and enthusiasm of students for the campaign and said it would help in creating awareness among the masses to protect the natural surroundings from environmental pollution.

Secretary Environment reiterated that SEPA as an environmental watchdog was responsible for ensuring adherence to Pakistan Environmental laws by all the organizations/setup in the country. He however regretted that industries in Pakistan were flagrantly violating the law through un-safe hazardous discharge of their wastes causing pollution to the environment. He added that city governments, cantt boards and water board were largely responsible for untreated discharge of sewer in the open sea which was hazardous to human, marine and ecological life.

Secretary Environment said that transporters were mainly responsible for causing air pollution which was seriously affecting health of the community. He said that we as a generation had utterly failed in preserving the environment and that young

generation had lot of responsibility in preserving the environment from pollution and maintaining clean and healthy life.

The students and teachers later participated enthusiastically in the beach cleaning campaign. Director Education DHA earlier said that the beach cleaning was culmination of the intensive "keep Karachi clean and green" campaign. He told that posters, essays and speech competitions for students were arranged under the aegis of DHA Educational Department which preceded the beach cleaning campaign.



Kids Cleaning the Beach and Enjoying



My Waste My Responsibility

Please Join Hands for a Healthier Waste Management

It's time to make your move, to take up your responsibility as civilized citizens. Join hands with CBC under the universal civic rule of "My Waste - My Responsibility".

CBC is introducing a comprehensive integrated waste management plan in collaboration with N&C Waste Management Systems. Initially, Zamzama Commercial is being a Model Litter - Free Area. Subsequently, the system would be extended to Zamzama Residential and other CBC-DHA Areas.

- Residents are requested to observe the following to make the plan successful:
- Please be aware of garbage pick-up and sweeping time schedules.
 - Garbage from shops and offices, filled in garbage bags will be picked up by CBC garbage vans.
 - Shoppers, office visitors and other pedestrians are requested to dispose of their garbage in swing bins fixed on pavements.
 - Apartment dwellers should use garbage containers placed at the end of their lanes.

Non-Compliance
will Lead to
Fines / Challans

CBC Will Conduct
A Night-Time
Cleaning
Operation too.



Together let's keep Clifton Cantt. clean and green.

Cantonment Board Clifton



Beginning With Zamzama Commercial As A Model
Litter-Free Area
To Be Followed by Zamzama Residential
& Other Areas of CBC & DHA

HEALTH & SPORTS

Advantage Estate wins Second UDCEAA Cricket Tournament

Second day-and-night Cricket Tournament organized under the aegis of United Defence Clifton Estate Agents Association was played at the DHA Hockey Stadium. Administrator DHA was the Chief Guest on the final day function.

A total of 17 teams participated in the four day, day-and-night tournament in the beautifully lit Astro turf Hockey Stadium Ground.

The final match of the Cricket Tournament was played between Advantage Estate and Hamza al-Noor Estate teams. After a sensational and spirited fight back, Advantage Estate Team scored an eight runs stunning victory.

Advantage Estate batting first scored 76 runs in 10 overs. Abdullah Saleem (16) and Muhammad Aslam (13) were the top scorers. Hamza al-Noor Estate team chasing a total of 77 to win ,succumbed to 68 runs in the allotted 10 overs.

Farrukh Tariq (18) and Imtiaz Siddiqi (16) were the top scorers for the runner-up team. Faisal Hussain of Advantage Estate bowled magnificently and made a hatrick by taking three wickets in an over, and to turn the tables of the game.

The Administrator speaking on the occasion said that holding of healthy sports activities for the youth not only provided them fun and entertainment but also helped in grooming and training the raw talent to make them solid cricketers of the future.

He congratulated United Defence Clifton Estate Agencies Association for organizing the delightful tournament and Karachi Golf City for sponsoring it. The Administrator reiterated that DHA would continue to patronize all healthy sports activities like cricket tournaments in all its forms and manifestations. In the end, the Administrator distributed prizes and shields among the participating teams.



The happy moments at the end of the UDCEAA Cricket Tournament.

Facing the Test of Time with Courage

Fourth Kaniz Fatima Memorial Ramzan Cricket Tournament, 2008 was played at the lush green DHA Cricket Ground located adjacent to Defence Authority Degree College.

Syed Ghulam Shabbir father of Asian Bradsman and ex-test cricketer Zaheer Abbas, was the Chief Guest for the opening ceremony. He highlighted the significance of cricket and thanked all the participating teams in the tournament. He said the game of cricket was a fantasy and had great delight and style. He stressed upon the need for promoting cricket at grass root level in the country.

The inaugural match of the tournament was played between NJC and Aqeel Combined Eleven, and was won by Aqeel Combined Eleven by 42 runs.

Aqeel combined Eleven batted first and scored 217 for 4 wickets. Ather scored 75 runs and Kamran 54 runs and were the top scorers. Atif Butt of NJC took 2 wickets for 50 runs.

NJC chasing a mammoth score of 217 was bowled out for mere 166 runs. Sadaf Abbas (37) and Sarjeer Abbas (32) runs were the main scorers.



DHA Clinics

DHA has crossed another milestone in its strive to make DHA an exemplary residential society providing its residents with state-of-the-art facilities for a quality lifestyle.



The recent addition of the specialist block to the already existing emergency centre at DHA Medical Centre is indeed a thoughtful gesture for the benefit of the residents. DHA Clinics have the following services:-

- (a) Consultancy Clinics
- (b) Sindlab Collection Unit
- (c) National X-Ray and Ultrasound
- (d) 24 hrs Emergency Unit
- (e) Ambulance Service



Dr. Sheema Ather,
Incharge
DHA Medical Centre

Sound Sleep, Better Work, Better Health



To some people, the need for sleep is viewed as a sign of weakness. This is not really correct. A sound and good sleep rejuvenates and refreshes human mind and body, and is a great blessing of life.

But while you're asleep, every system in your body is being fine tuned, reset, cleaned up and restored to its optimal operating mode by an army of molecular troubleshooters. New things you have learned are being processed, memories are being organized and stored, and the immune system is building a new contingent of natural killer cells to fight off battalions of infection agents. Growth hormone is being produced to repair damaged tissue (in adults) or build new tissue (in children) and to block the corrosive effects of stress. When you sleep well, you're in peak operating condition. When you don't, you feel groggy and none of your systems are firing on all cylinders. You don't think straight, make good decisions, remember where you parked the car or feel happy. The resulting chemical glitches will put you on the fast track for heart disease, stroke, diabetes and even obesity. Here are some surefire strategies from top specialists for a truly good night's sleep.

The Daily Schedule

Wake-up at the Same Time Every Day

A good night's sleep actually starts in the morning. The second your eyes flutter open, light shoots down the optic nerve and into the brain's biological clock. That stimulates production of hormones that regulate everything from how you think to how you feel. Sunlight activates the brain

and activating it at the same time every morning teaches your body that at midnight it's supposed to be asleep and at noon it's supposed to be awake. Wake up at a different time every day and the clock is out of sync. You will feel groggy and hung-over for hours.

Work and life

Dump the 24/7 Stuff

Even if we manage to drop into bed for the next six hours researchers claim most of us spend three, our minds are so full of what-if's-why-did-we's and what's-on-the-agenda tomorrow. All this rumination and agitation ignites stress hormones that keep us in a state of perpetual arousal. That's why we should make a serious attempt to simplify our lives.

Don't Work so Late

The prevailing thought is that you have to stay late to get the job done. But working right up until bedtime is bound to affect your sleep. Go home at a reasonable hour. The truth is that it's better to go get some sleep, then come back and do more work in the morning. Studies show that after a good night's sleep, your increased ability to concentrate means that you can work faster and more accurately.

Football Tournament Finale

All Karachi Clifton Cantonment Board Football Tournament concluded with much fanfare at the jam packed Punjab Colony Football ground. In the finals Chenaser Blue overwhelmed the favourites Shahbaz Muhammaddans in a classical encounter by convincingly beating them 2-0 to clinch the tournaments trophy.

The tournament was sponsored by Cantt Board Clifton and DHA. Administrator DHA Brig Khalid Masood Tirmizi was the Chief Guest of the event while Addl Cantt Executive Officer Sardar Taimur Durrani was also present.

Speaking on the occasion the Administrator said that sports provided healthy entertainment and inculcated the spirit of teamwork, co-operation and cohesion in the team. He added that provision of sports facilities not only helped the youth to channelize their energies in a positive direction but also help edin curbing militancy and intolerance in society.

The Administrator reiterated that DHA would go all out to provide venue and facilities for promotion of sports in the society and announced floodlights installed in Punjab Colony Football Ground and stadium would be developed by DHA before the finals next year.

Both Chenaser Blue and Shahbaz Muhammaddan played a very spirited and delightful game displaying technique, stamina and mental resilience. The game remained 0-0 draw till the first half of the play.

Chenaser Blue however displayed their true form, fitness and colour in the second half and scored two magnificent classical goals through well coordinated moves. The first goal by Chenaser Blue was scored by Abdul Ghaffar while the



Administrator DHA giving the trophy to the winning team captain

second goal came through the brilliant individual effort by team captain Mahmood Lasi. Abdul Ghaffar of Chenaser Blue was declared the man of the match and Yameen of Shahbaz Muhammaddan Club was declared the man of the tournament.

At the end, Chief Guest gave the trophies and cash awards to the winning teams. Chanesar Blue won the champion trophy and a cash award of Rs. 25,000/-. Shahbaz Muhammaddan Club got an award of Rs. 20,000/- being runners up of the tournament.

In the semi finals played two days back the goal keeper of Shahbaz Muhammaddan died during the match. One minute silence was observed before the start of the match to pay homage to the departed player.

What You Need to Know About **High Blood Pressure**

By: Brig (R) Iftikar Arshad Khan, Director Education DHA



How common is this problem of high Blood Pressure (BP)?

This is the most common abnormality of the Cardiovascular System. One out of five persons in this world, has a BP more than normal range. But, only half of them know about their condition. With advancing age it becomes more prevalent.

What does it actually mean?

This means that the blood is circulating at a pressure more than what is good for normal functioning of the cardiovascular system. Due to

the high flow pressure, the small vessels can get damaged in various organs viz., kidneys, brain, heart, eyes etc. It is a major risk factor for heart attacks, strokes and kidney failures.

What is a normal Blood Pressure?

The BP varies in every person from day to day and from hour to hour. In a healthy young adult a reading of 120/80 mm Hg is taken as a classical normal value. The readings go up, on an average, with advancing age and resultant hardening of the vessels. A sustained reading above 140/90 mm Hg is taken as abnormal.

Why does one get high BP (Hypertension)?

- ▶ In 9 out of 10 people there is no definite cause of blood pressure. This is called Primary or Essential Hypertension. The reason could be in genes i.e., familial.
- ▶ In about 5-10% patients a defect in kidneys, hormonal system or vessels could be found. Occasionally the medicines one takes for another illness can make the BP go up. Pregnancy is a common association in subset of patients.

What are the symptoms of Hypertension?

- ▶ Almost always, there are no symptoms of having high blood pressure. No wonder, it is called the SILENT KILLER.
- ▶ The symptoms, if any, could point towards a complication of hypertension i.e., involvement of any organ of the body in absence of proper control of the B. P.
- ▶ Against the popular belief, the symptoms of headache and light headedness is not due to hypertension but is more likely to be related to anxiety states in which B.P also rises.

When should it be treated? And why, if not associated with any symptoms?

- ▶ People with untreated high blood pressure run a significantly higher risk of getting heart ailments (failure, angina and heart attacks), kidney failure and suffering paralyses by contracting strokes. To reduce this extra risk the blood pressure has to be brought back to normal levels. The sooner the better.

How is the B.P controlled? Could it be cured?

- ▶ Blood pressure is controlled by medicine but only after help of non-medicinal measures like:

- ❑ Cutting down on salt consumption.
- ❑ Reducing body weight avoiding obesity.
- ❑ Reducing total fat consumption.
- ❑ Stopping smoking, even the “second hand” smoke.
- ❑ Regular dynamic exercise e.g, walking, jogging, cycling, swimming.

- ▶ Unfortunately, there is no cure for hypertension in the vast majority of cases, because the actual cause is unknown.

- ▶ Hence the measures of controlling B.P. have to continue, throughout ones life.

- ▶ All other risk factors for cardiovascular disease, like Diabetes, high cholesterol, etc. should also be actively searched and treated if found.

What are the main dangers/risks of having uncontrolled high blood pressure over a period of time?

- ▶ Uncontrolled high blood pressure is a strong risk factor associated with CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE leading to heart attacks.
- ▶ Prolonged hypertension can make the heart weaker as a pump and thus resulting in HEART FAILURE.
- ▶ Hypertension is strongest risk factor for STROKE brain damage due to blocked circulation of haemorrhage (bleeding).
- ▶ KIDNEY FAILURE, specially when combined with the ill effects of Diabetes.

PERIPHERAL VASCULAR DISEASE means hardening of arteries causing inadequate circulation mainly in the legs, leading to pain when walking.

LIBRARY

Defence Central Library Celebrates its 17th Birthday

The seminar on **Library: A Centre of Knowledge and Enlightenment** marked the beginning of the Anniversary Celebrations of DCL on December 15, 2008.



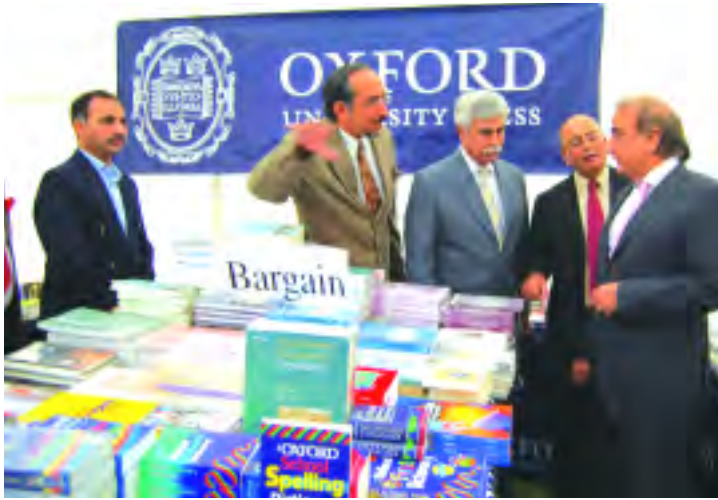
The Chief Guest Mr. Ali Raza, President National Bank of Pakistan inaugurates DCL's 17th Anniversary Function

On the eve of DCL's 17th birthday, Secretary DCL, Lt Col (R) Rafat Naqvi welcomed the Chief Guest Mr. Ali Raza, President National Bank of Pakistan and the other guests. In his welcome address, he said that it was indeed a unique occasion that they had amongst them some of the most eminent and distinguished men of letters who spoke on the subject of immense significance pertaining to the

revitalization of society through reviving the role libraries can play in imparting knowledge and strength to the nation.

DCL was established in 1991 and has since come of age. Over the years, it has grown manifold in all its forms and manifestations.

One of the rarest things that a man ever does, is to do the best he can. Josh Billings



In the scenario of diminishing importance given to libraries, DCL is a light at the end of the tunnel. It is a new generation of modern public library which provides most conducive reading and learning environments. It is a well-equipped library having modern facilities like computerized library services, modern and speedy internet facilities, access to digital library of HEC, state-of-the-art audio-visual facilities, exclusive newspapers and periodicals section and a unique Children's Library fully equipped with modern facilities for playing and learning. DCL is also an emerging socio-linguistic centre of the metropolis.

But more importantly DCL has more than 60,000 invaluable books on its inventory. They are the treasure 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.

Secretary DCL said, "Whatever we wish to learn, to know, is quietly waiting for us in some library shelf. Through books we can have personal contact with the greatest minds ever produced. 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. Libraries are the lifeline of nation."

"The strength of a nation is determined by the educational prowess of its people. It is the libraries which help refurbish and refine the character, vision and outlook of the people. Libraries are treasures of wisdom which motivate and discipline people to read and learn."

On DCL's 17th birthday, several functions were organized. The highlights of the functions included a Grand Book Exhibition, a Literary Seminar, Drama Festival, an exclusive Mushaira with participation of top poets of the metropolis and an enchanting Sham-e-Ghazal Night.

The three days Book Fair was organized at DCL lawns, daily from 10 AM to 9 PM. Seventeen leading Book Publishers participated in the event. Latest books on subjects of varied interests were displayed in the exhibition. The Book Exhibition was opened for general public.

A literary Seminar on "The role of Library in promoting knowledge and enlightenment in Society" was held in DCL Auditorium. The seminar was addressed by renowned intellectuals Ghazi Salahuddin and Obaidullah Baig. Mr. Ali Raza, President NBP presided the Seminar and gave a thought provoking and scintillating address.

Karachi Grand Mushaira was held at DCL's Auditorium. Eminent and renowned poets of the metropolis participated in the Mushaira. Mr. Mahmood Shami, Editor-in-Chief Jang presided the event.

Other events included number of literary and educational competition for the school and college students. The last programmed of event was Ghazal Night held on a Saturday night at DCL Auditorium. Recital of Ghazals in a melodious tone by Salman Alvi mesmerized the crowd.

French Photo Show Brings Cultural Vibrancy

A French photographic exhibition 'The South and the Society of Information' was inaugurated at the Central Library DHA by Mr. Daniel Jouanneau, Ambassador of France to Pakistan.

Mr. Pierre Seillan, Consul General de France in Karachi and DHA Administrator Brigadier Khalid Tirmizi were also present on the occasion.

The French Ambassador speaking on the occasion said that collaboration and cooperation between Central Library (DCL) and French academic and cultural institutions, was reflective of the growing cordial and meaningful bilateral relations between the two friendly countries.

The Ambassador said that France offered tremendous opportunities of progress and advancement to students seeking higher pursuit of learning in various fields of interest. He reiterated that learning of French language had great significance for students and other people who wished to go to France. He said that his country would encourage and patronize initiatives by organizations like DCL for promotion of French language.

He said that France wanted to see a strong and technologically, advanced Pakistan and would extend all scientific and technological help in this regard.

He said that holding of activities like photography and art exhibitions provided a healthy opportunity for social and cultural interaction in the society. He added that France would keep playing its positive role in promoting such activities.

Earlier, the Administrator DHA said that the DHA provided the best social, cultural, educational, and civic facilities to its residents in an aesthetically vibrant environment. He said that Defence Central Library was a premier institution of DHA and provided best library services and stimulating a conducive reading and learning environment to its



Ambassador of France and Administrator DHA inaugurate The French Photo Show.

residents. He said that DCL was keen to explore new avenues of co-operation and support with donor agencies as part of its modernization and expansion programmed.

The Photographic Exhibition depicted in pictorial form the gap existing between North and South regarding information and communication technologies.

It is a scientific exhibition, which depicts the importance of these technologies in southern countries and its impact on their educational, political, economical and social life.

The French Ambassador inaugurated a Campus Francaise Desk established in DCL, that will not only provide books on France but also provide complete information and guidance to the students going for higher education in France. He also met the students of the French Language Class being run at DCL by French tutors in collaboration with Alliance Franciase de Karachi.

Libraries need to be patronized

Recalling some of the invaluable literary and historical documents that in many cases lay buried, unloved and uncared for in libraries across Pakistan, senior documentary film-maker and scholar Mr. Obaidullah Baig urged people to seek out these treasures and learn from them, before they are lost to the vagaries of time and human neglect.

“The tree has been planted. It has borne fruit. But the fruit will not come to you,” Mr. Baig said while speaking at a seminar organized to celebrate the 17th anniversary of the Defence Central Library held at Library's Auditorium. Discussing his own experience, Mr. Baig said that after migrating from India following partition, he could not pursue a formal education at the university as he had to work for survival. Thus, the library was his university. “It is all thanks to libraries,” he noted.

Senior journalist Ghazi Salahuddin said, literary activities could not prosper in an environment of intolerance where there was no room for freedom of thought, freedom of conscience, and the right of dissent. “We lag far behind. Society has not been kind to its writers and thinkers,” he said.

He added that though the nation's biggest problem was poverty, intellectual poverty was just as destabilizing and was perhaps the reason for our material and financial woes.

Syed Ali Raza, President of the National Bank of Pakistan, who was the Chief Guest said that the educated youth should be encouraged to stay in Pakistan as “what use are libraries without people?” He also pointed out the paradox of the media, saying that though it provided a flood of information, it had become the “opiate of young people”, as television, video games and DVDs were devouring young people's time, not allowing them any time for books. He added that this was happening all over the world and was not unique to Pakistan.

Lt Col (R) Rafat Naqvi, Secretary of the library, in his opening remarks, said that in the scenario of diminishing importance given to libraries in our society, the Defence Central Library was a light at the



The speakers and participants in a Seminar organized to celebrate DCL's 17th Anniversary

end of the tunnel. It was a new generation of modern public libraries that provided most conducive and congenial reading and learning environments.

He thanked the speakers, and in particular, Mr. Ali Raza for accepting the invitation to be the Chief Guest of the function and for patronizing the anniversary events of the Library being their major sponsor.

Najam-ul-Islam Rishi, DHA's acting Administrator delivered the concluding remarks.

PERISCOPE

For the Safety of Your Property

Saving or investing in money, jewellery or land, is the very nature of human beings all over the world. Every one desires and makes his utmost effort to keep it safe. This desire resulted in enormous number of agencies that help safeguard one s property.

To safeguard the property of our valuable members, Defence Housing Authority has adopted an accurate and comprehensive standard operating procedure, which ensures that no illegal activity takes place. This policy has been very successful, and has fostered trust of our valuable members in the Defence Housing Authority. No doubt this is the trust that distinguishes us from any other housing society.

One of the many salient features of this policy is accuracy, at the very outset. Utmost effort is made to obtain correct and exact details of the applicant and his family members/children, since they are his legal heirs.

The applicant has to appear in person before the Defence Housing Authority Designated Officer for identification. Finger prints and digital photograph is taken.

Applicant residing out of Karachi/Pakistan may submit membership forms by post, but can not sale or purchase the property till the time applicant appears before Defence Housing Authority 's designated Officer for identification, finger prints and digital photographs.



By: Major (R)
Muhammad Arif
Transfer & Record

In the membership proforma, the following details are obtained:

- Applicant's Bio data
- Father's and Mother's name, their address and profession.
- Present (Mailing) and permanent address.
- Contact No. i.e. Tel. No., Cell No., E-Mail and Fax No.
- Applicant has to show original CNIC for identification.
- Applicant has to attach following documents with the application:-
 - 2 latest photographs duly attested.
 - 2 photostat copies of CNIC duly attested.
 - Pay Order/Demand draft of registration fee (as admissible at that time).

After approval of request by the Executive Board the applicant is awarded membership and accordingly Membership Card is issued to him/her.

Membership is for life; however it is renewable after every five years.

Second Stage: At the time of Transfer

Purchasers are encouraged to obtain clearance of a plot by paying fee before purchasing any plot in the Defence Housing Authority.

DHA checks up in detail, whether the particulars of the plot asked for clearance are correct and the plot is actually in the name of seller, and that there is no suit or restriction imposed on the said plot

Seller or his agent deposits the following papers in the Defence Housing Authority for Sign Before in front of the DHA Designated Officer:-

- Photo copy of NIC's (both parties) duly attested.
- Covering letter.
- Transfer affidavit along with 2x photo copies duly attested.
- Intimation letter / original Allotment / Transfer / Division order for cancellation.
- Undertaking.
- Seller has to appear personally before Designated Officer for sign before.

At the time of sign before complete and thorough checking is done of the seller, documents, original CNIC along with identification mark. Details of seller and his plot are counter checked from computer database.

Ladies are not exempted from personal identification, the assistance of lady staff is taken for identification of ladies, if needed. After sign before, purchaser submits the papers after paying the transfer fee.

Third Stage Transfer of a Plot to Legal Heir

To avoid frauds, the Defence Housing Authority has adopted a comprehensive policy/standard operating procedure for the smooth transfer of property to the legal heirs of deceased.

In case of Non - Muslims or Muslims with different Fiqha's, efforts are made to transfer the property according to their laws and it is ensured that no legal heir is deprived of his/her right. Having slightest doubt, case is referred to Law Branch for having legal advice, and in certain cases the transfer of property is done only on the court's orders.

To apply for transfer to Legal Heirs, following documents are required to be submitted:-

The Legal Heirs apply for the transfer by giving an application and an Affidavit on Rs.20/- Stamp paper. This should be executed by (Senior) Legal Heir and

should be signed by him/her. For minors, their guardians should sign on their behalf.

- Attested Death Certificate. (The death certificate is sent back to the issuing authority for verification of its genuineness).
- Attested Burial Certificate.
- Original title documents. (In case the title document is not available due to loss etc., the procedure of issue of CTC is adopted).
- Fingerprints and specimen signatures of each Legal Heir on plain paper (Male Left hand & Female Right).
- Two attested photographs of each Legal Heir.
- Two attested photocopies of Computerized NIC of each Legal Heir.
- Heirship Certificate duly attested by Justice of Peace/Nazim.
- In case of more than one Legal Heir, a consent letter from all the co-sharers be attached.
- Affidavit declaring the sect, duly attested.

Once the legal heirs' documents have been accepted by the Designated Officer, members are required to go to the accounts counter and clear the dues. The accounts branch will make necessary endorsement on the covering letter.

After clearing the dues, Transfer Documents are required to be deposited at the reception, who will give them receipt for the same. Once the requirements given above are met, Defence Housing Authority scrutinizes the papers and hands over/posts, draft Press Publication to the Legal Heir for necessary publication in widely published newspapers (one Urdu + one English) to be published from Karachi and the city/province of the residence. Members are also required to provide the complete page of the newspaper containing the advertisement.

The legal heirs are then interviewed by the DHA Designated Officer before submission of documents. Legal heirs should be in possession of the original documents of photocopies submitted and original CNIC.

Affidavit executed within Pakistan is got to be attested by the Nazim concerned. Affidavits executed outside Pakistan to be attested from an authorized Officer of Pak Embassy abroad or by the Consulate General of that country.

Unlocking the Brilliant Child

By: Fauzia Naseeb

DA SKBZ College is helping each student reach full potential. It promotes academic and social growth. It provides necessary resources, including opportunities for students to function in a safe and secure climate. We have achieved individualized success in achieving state standards.



Beautiful and colourful children in a performance.

The goal of the Pre-Primary Section is to instill in each child a sound academic foundation, self worth and respect for others, a love for learning, a sense of order and discipline, an appreciation of nature and a strong sense of responsibility towards the community. We provide a carefully planned, stimulating environment which helps the child develop an excellent foundation for learning.

We help each child reach their full potential in all areas of life. Activities promote the development of social skills, emotional growth, and physical coordination as well as cognitive preparation for future intellectual academic endeavors. The holistic curriculum, under the direction of a specifically prepared guide, allows the child to experience the joy of learning, the time to enjoy the process, and ensures the development of self esteem. It provides the experiences from which children inculcate knowledge.

Students work with teachers to learn about festivals and holidays around, such as unique holiday traditions or holiday specific to a region or culture. Learning can take place through well-designed, curriculum-based creative projects, like creating colorful cards. Children celebrated Independence Day, Iqbal day, colour day, Eid-ul-Fitr, Eid-ul-Adha, New Year and winter season etc.

The child has a deep love and need for purposeful work. He works, however, not as an adult for completion of a job, but for the sake of an activity itself. It is this activity which enables him to accomplish his most important goal: the development of himself - his mental, physical, and psychological powers.

Housewives and Working Women Group

A non-political women forum, comprising housewives and working ladies was formed in 2007 to work for the benefit of the community by solving civic problems within the DHA on a voluntary basis.

The main objective of the forum is to empower women, so that they can solve their own problems on a daily basis.

It has organized many interesting events for its members. Recently, a very informative seminar on Osteoporosis (a bone weakness disease) common among the female population was conducted with the courtesy of "Novartis".

An Eid Milan get together was hosted by the forum on 11 October, 2008. The new Administrator DHA Brig Khalid Tirmizi was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

The forum is represented by two of its members Ms. Shakeela Mahmood and Ms. Rahela Farooq in ADR (a body of all the associations working voluntarily in DHA).

The house wives group also represents the Redressed Committee; Water Supply Committee; and Waste Management Committee; Zamzama Light Signals etc. Committees of Cant Board Clifton.

Unleashing the Artist Inside!



The DHA is running a series of high reputation educational Institutions manned by very competent teaching faculty, Naila Niazi is the member of this faculty and is teaching in DA Public School O & A levels. She is a Professional Artist and works in Oil Paint, Water Color, Glass and Textile Paints and Sculptures in Fibre Glass. Some of her fascinating works which had been done by her for DHA from the period between 1993 to 2007 are displayed below.



World globe in fibre at DA Public School



Oil painting Search of Water at DA Creek Club.



Jahangir & Jansher Khans mural in fiber at Creek Club



Sculptures in fibre glass at Marina Club



Relief in fibre glass at DA Marina club.



Artist with Dolphin in fibre glass



Bird eye view of DA Country & Golf Club in Oil

GENERAL

DHA Vigilance

A Knight in Shining Armour

Lt Col (R) Rizwan Ali Nizami has assumed the duties of Director (Vigilance) on retirement of Lt Col (R) Javed Ahmed. The scope of Vigilance branch has been enlarged due to the ongoing development projects and large-scale construction on private plots in Phase-VI, VII, and VIII. Enforcement of DHA Byelaws in relation to construction, encroachment, and general security are primarily being looked after by the Vigilance Branch.



Maj (R) Sajjad Ahmed Shah
Deputy Director Vigilance-I



Maj (R) Yousuf Ali Khan
Deputy Director Vigilance-II

The resident's complaints are given due regards, to settle the issue with immediate response or representing the issues to concerned authorities. Productive steps have been taken to ensure public safety in the event of natural calamity and activated as response force on receipt of emergency call from the residents.

Efforts have been made to improve upon fire fighting capabilities. New equipment of fire fighting has been approved for procurement. Fire fighting vehicle staff has been trained for optimum results. DHA and Clifton Cantonment Board fire fighting vehicles are also being provided to aid the City government and providing service outside DHA area.

Vigilance security mobiles are providing security coverage round the clock to all phases of DHA. Motorcycle patrols in pair are also deployed in each phase. Clifton Town Police is providing backup and working in harmony with DHA. Clifton Town Police Officer SSP Azad has awarded 1000 rupees to Vigilance security staff Asghar Ali, for helping the police against street crime and arrest of a dacoit.

Vigilance branch security mobile patrols are monitoring road accidents as well in DHA area. The



A view showing vehicles possessed by DHA Vigilance Branch for safety of DHA residents

injured are immediately evacuated to DHA Medical Centre for further treatment. Vigilance branch takes these measures in coordination with DHA Ambulance service and the local police.

've known what it is to be hungry, but I always went right to a restaurant. - Ring Lardner

Hajj

As per existing policy, 11 employees (BPS-1 to 16) were selected through ballot for Haj-2008. In addition, 10x employees of the previous year who could not perform Hajj, being unsuccessful in the ballot held at Ministry of Hajj Islamabad were also nominated to perform Haj in 2008.



Lt Col (R) Mazhar
Hussain Shah
Addl Director (Pers)



Brig (R) Saleem Abdullah
Director
(Pers & Admin)



Lt Col (R) Murawat
Hussain
AD (Estate & Coord)

Promotion Board

A meeting at the Promotion Board 2008, as per existing rules was held during December 2008 and 313 eligible DHA employees (BPS-1 to 16) were promoted to next BPS. Promotion Board Meeting 2009 will be held during July 2009.

Allotment of Staff Plots

Allotment of residential staff plots to the eligible DHA employees, completing 10 years service as on 31 December 2007 and fulfilling the laid down criteria have been processed and plots will be allotted through ballot.

DHA Goes Online

Peoples expectations have advanced, driven by technology, and everyone want to be treated in priority and expect results faster than before. We are living in the computer age where lengthy and complex problems can be simplified and resolved in a most efficient and productive manner, it is all a matter of adopting the right technology solution at the right time.

We are embracing the proactive approach rather than reactive to keep residents updated while reducing their numbers of visits to the head office for different activities. The objective to introduce more technology solutions within the processes is not only to meet the expectations but also exceeding them.

DHA has initiated a project to completely revamp and redesign DHA website (<http://www.dhakarachi.org>) that is contents rich, easy to navigate and in future members can login to see their dues and other related information from anywhere in the world.

To build proactive communication with residents, DHA is introducing an email information service, all DHA members using emails can subscribe to this service for free. After subscription, members

can receive DHA Newsletter, Important Announcements, and Latest Developments right in their Email Inbox. Subscription form is available in all DA Clubs and Head Office, it will hardly take a couple of minutes to fill the form and drop into the drop box, also this email service can be subscribed via DHA website.



Syed Waseem Akbar
Additional Director MIS

Three years roadmap has been put together for bringing improvements in existing IT setup that includes more than limiting to document archiving, software implementations for different departments, procurement of computers, servers, and other IT equipment, as well as ensuring network connectivity, Integrations and data security. We are following the Plan - Do - Check - Act cycle for development and implementation of various technology solutions so that continual improvement is assured during the course and better results at the end.

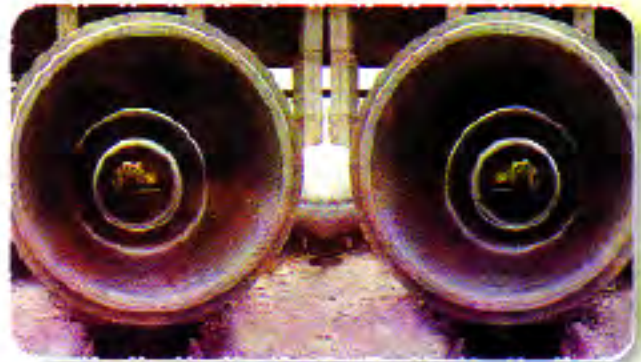


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