

Alumni bodies enhance knowledge sharing

The Productivity Association of Pakistan (PAP), the APO alumni body established by the National Productivity Organization, organized a training session for its members on Productivity Enhancement through Knowledge Sharing, 28 May 2010, to commemorate its first anniversary. The venue was the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), and the objective was to strengthen alumni networks and utilize the expertise gained by Pakistani participants in APO training projects. It was attended by ICCI Vice President Karim Aziz Malik, PAP President/NPO CEO Khawaja M. Yousaf, and PAP Secretary General Hasan Haider, along with more than 40 alumni members from various public and private institutions.

He stressed that for wider dissemination, knowledge sharing and the adoption of effective tools and techniques were needed to cultivate a culture of change for the improvement of all organizations.

Director Fatima Alvi, Alvi Corporation, while speaking on her experience as a participant in the APO project on Promotion of the Local Agrifood Industry Using the Industry Cluster Concept in Japan, presented a synopsis of the overall training course and highlighted the techniques and methodology introduced. She remarked, "Pakistan as an agro-oriented country has tremendous potential for devising tools for KM applications in agriculture at vital points." Dr. Mati-Ur-Rehman, Director of Quality Management Systems at Shifa International Hospital Islamabad-Pakistan, who had enrolled in the e-learning course on KM Concepts and Practices, discussed the KM framework, analysis of existing methodologies of KM implementation, and

their strengths and weaknesses through practical examples.

NPO of Pakistan staff member Noshaba Iftikhar, an alumna of the APO training course on Knowledge Management for NPO Trainers/Facilitators held in Bangladesh,

gave a presentation on advanced KM tools and introduced productivity techniques utilized by Asian leaders for increased industrial competitiveness.

ICCI Vice President Malik appreciated the NPO and PAP for organizing such an informative session and hoped that they would both continue efforts to promote a productivity and quality culture in Pakistan. In concluding the first anniversary session, PAP President/NPO CEO Yousaf congratulated the PAP team on successfully completing one year of operations. He added that the NPO endeavored to provide opportunities to attend APO training courses and hoped that replication programs under the PAP would broaden the productivity and quality movement in Pakistan. 🌀

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PAP President Yousaf (R), flanked by ICCI Vice President Malik (2nd/R), speaks at a training session on Productivity Enhancement through Knowledge Sharing in Islamabad 28 May 2010. Photo courtesy of PAP