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## Scholarship Disbursement Ceremony at GCU, Faisalabad

*“Under the leadership of CM Punjab Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, revolutionary policies are implemented for the strengthening of education sector”; Dr. Muhammad Ali, Vice Chancellor Government College University Faisalabad*

Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) scholarship disbursement ceremony was held at Government College University (Faisalabad) on 12th October 2017. While addressing the ceremony, Dr. Muhammad Ali, Vice Chancellor Government College University, Faisalabad said that under the leadership of CM Punjab Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, revolutionary policies are implemented for the strengthening of education sector. While highlighting various steps of the Chief Minister Punjab, he added that Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) provides educational scholarships to the deserving and talented students for continuing their education.



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## OPF Signed MoU with PEEF

Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) on 23rd October, 2017. Vice Chairman PEEF Dr. Muhammad Amjad Saqib, CEO PEEF Dr. Kamran Shams, Managing Director OPF Mr. Habib Ur Rehman Gillani, officials of PEEF and OPF and personnel of electronic and print media were present at this memorable occasion. According to this MoU, OPF will disburse more than 700 scholarships worth Rs. 30 Million, annually from Matric to Masters. These scholarships will be awarded through PEEF to deserving and talented students of those Pakistanis who are residing abroad and members of OPF.



Speaking to media, MD OPF, Mr. Habib Ur Rehman Gillani paid tribute to PEEF being a model program of scholarships. “PEEF scholarship process is crystal clear and effective as well. It is my wish and hope that this scholarship program will be effective for overseas Pakistanis as well”; he added.

Speaking at the occasion VC PEEF Dr. Amjad Saqib proudly said; “So far, PEEF has disbursed more than 236,000 scholarships worth Rs. 12 Billion and by June 30, 2018 it will rise to 350,000 scholarships to deserving and talented students. We are proud, what we have done a great job to nation”.

The ceremony ended with Q & A session with media personnel. Media personnel also appreciated PEEF’s education friendly efforts.



To consolidate the relationship between the University of Manchester, UK and the Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF); a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on November 9, 2017. In this MoU, a rebate of 15% will be applied to all students funded by the PEEF who are registered in University’s academic research programmes.

Speaking at the occasion, CEO PEEF, Dr. Kamran Shams said; “This MoU with The University of Manchester, UK proves as a gateway of success for students who are selected to study in this top university of the world”. Director, Student Recruitment and Outreach, The University of Manchester, Mr. Richard Cotton praised the education friendly efforts of PEEF. He also hoped that working with PEEF under this MoU will be fruitful for students and University alike.





# Annual General Meeting 2017

Annual General Meeting (AGM) of PEEF was held at PEEF office on 24th October, 2017. Vice Chairman PEEF, Dr. Muhammad Amjad Saqib chaired the meeting. Various matters were discussed in AGM. Annual Accounts of PEEF for the year ended June 30, 2017 were presented in the meeting for discussion and were approved by the members. Furthermore, proposal of appointment of External Auditors for year 2017-18 was also approved.



## Executive Committee Meeting



27th and 28th meetings of PEEF Executive Committee were held on 10th October, 2017 and 30th November, 2017, respectively. Dr. Muhammad Amjad Saqib, Vice Chairman PEEF, presided over these meetings. In executive committee meeting, PEEF scholarship policy and Audit report issued by Auditor General of Pakistan were discussed. Besides this several official matters were also been ponder upon during the meeting. The meeting concluded with the note of thanks to the PEEF executive committee members.



## NEWS & EVENTS

### Board of Directors Meeting



PEEF's Board of Directors met on September 29, 2017 during 25th BoD meeting. Member BoD Justice (R) Aamer Raza Khan chaired the meeting. CEO PEEF, Dr. Kamran Shams briefed the board regarding agenda. Board approved the Annual accounts of Financial Year 2016-17. The Board of Directors also overviewed PEEF progress and appreciated the efforts regarding the completion of 350,000 scholarships by June 30, 2018.

### Audit Committee Meeting



Meetings of PEEF Audit committee were held on September 20, 2017 and November 30, 2017 respectively. Member BoD PEEF, Ms. Bushra Anjum Butt MPA, chaired these meetings. CEO, PEEF Dr. Kamran Shams informed about PEEF progress. Annual Accounts of 2016-17 were shared and discussed in these meetings. The chair approved the accounts with recommendations for approval in Board of Directors' meeting. Beside this Internal Audit Reports, Quarterly Accounts, future plans regarding scholarship disbursement and awareness campaigns were also discussed.





## PEEF knocked in Urban Super League (USL) Cricket Tournament 2017

The Urban Unit, Government of the Punjab organized the first 3-day inter departmental cricket tournament “Urban Super League (USL) 2017” from 17th-19th November, 2017 at Aleem Dar Cricket Academy. The 8-over format USL was the Day & Night tape ball tournament played among 24 teams from the Public Sector Companies and the Provincial Government Departments. USL not only showcased the best talent within teams but also provided some pleasant and sports loving atmosphere with exciting moments to the viewers.

Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) also participated

in this tournament. Team PEEF knocked in USL round 1 with a convincing victory against Engineering Consultancy Services Punjab (ECSP). In 2nd round of tournament, team PEEF outclassed Rawalpindi Waste Managed Company (RWMC). These victories paved way for team PEEF to play with sky high moral, unity and zeal in ‘Super Sixes’ round.

Team played so deliberately against Environment Protection Department (EPD). Unfortunately that seemed to be a vain attempt.

Team PEEF was rumbled in a close knock and EPD claimed for Semis.

Lahore Transport Company (LTC) and The Urban Unit played the Final on a pleasant eve of Sunday, 19th November. LTC clinched the trophy of a maiden USL cricket tournament 2017.



## SSMS Consultative Meeting for Award of PhD Level (International Scholarships)

A consultative meeting for award of PhD level (International Scholarships) was held on September 13, 2017; under the Shahbaz Sharif Merit Scholarships (SSMS) program.

Dr. Fazal Ahmed Khalid, VC UET, presided over the meeting. Dr. Kamran Shams, CEO PEEF, gave an overview of SSMS 2016 to the participants. He informed that the award of SSMS for the year 2017-18 is in process according to the time lines approved by the SSMS selection committee. The committee appreciated the efforts of PEEF for exploring collaborative opportunities for SSMS Program.



## SSMS Master's Level Consultative Meeting



SSMS Master's level consultative meeting was held on September 26 and September 27, 2017. Mr. Naveed Akbar Cheema, Senior Manager Scholarships chaired the meeting. Focal persons of partner universities attended 2 days consultative sessions. Updates of PEEF-SSMS Master's Level scholarships were briefed to the participants. Criteria and award process of this category were also discussed.

Beside this, responsibilities of partner universities were also discussed with suggestions from the representatives. Focal persons of partner universities agreed to share their students' data according to the suggested timeline. These meeting sessions were ended with the note of thanks to all the participants.





## Training Cohorts at YDC, Murree

Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) organized training cohorts at Youth Development Centre (YDC), Murree. Youth Development Training Workshops were held at Youth Development Center (YDC), Murree for PEEF scholars. These workshops comprised Punjab Welfare Trust for the Disabled (PWTD), Entrepreneurial Skills Development Workshops (ESDW) and High Achievers Development Workshops (HADP).

The trainers presented their knowledge to the participants in a way, so that students can apprehend easily and implement in their everyday life.

In 4th Quarter (October to December) of 2017 194 PEEF Scholars attended training cohorts at YDC.



### Comments from Participants:-

- I must appreciate Punjab Government for taking PEEF and YDC as an education friendly initiative.  
(Aneela Ehsan, Gujranwala)
- These training cohorts are helpful to achieve our future goals.  
(Hassan Javed, Lahore)
- PEEF helps talented students whereas YDC polish their skills.  
(Beenish Arshad, Rawalpindi)
- Teachers at YDC are well equipped with great knowledge.  
(Asher, Sargodha)

# Success Story

**WAQAS HAIDER**  
BBA (Hons.) IBA, Punjab University

*“PEEF scholarship boosted my courage and I studied even more to become a helping hand for my family”*

I am Waqas Haider from Ferozawala district Sheikhpura. My father runs a mobile accessories shop. It was dream of my parents that their children get higher studies. But, unfortunately due to scarcity of financial resources their dream seems to be difficult to fulfill.

When I was in Matriculation, I was an average student in studies. I still remember that day when my father got a heart attack just a day before the announcement of my Matriculation result. I failed to score good marks and was ashamed to tell him about my result. He was disappointed when he knew my result.

*“The moment of agony aroused my instinct of courage to reboot myself for flourishing future”.*

I really prepared myself and left no stone unturned to study hard. So with sky high expectations and struggle I succeeded with distinguished grades in Intermediate. I got 4th position in tehsil Ferozawala. But dwindling financial resources of my family confused me regarding my future. I applied in various institutions and got admission in BBA (Hons.) at Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Punjab University. One day, when I returned back home my mother told me that they received a letter on my behalf, I opened the envelope, and skimmed the letter. For a moment it stiffed my nerves, I was in limbo and did not know how to express my delight. After some time, I pulled myself out of this unexpressable situation and shared my feelings with my parents and siblings. I received merit based scholarship from Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF). This letter proved to be a great sigh of relief financially, for me and my parents’.

PEEF scholarship boosted my courage and I studied even more to become a helping hand for my family.



The scholarship amount was enough that I not only bore my personal expenditure but also got admission in Chartered Accountancy (CA). It is a famous saying; “Where there is a will, there is a way”. ALHAMDOLILLAH! I achieved my way according to my will and started my journey of success. Now, being a CA Finalist student I started my articleship with Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants (A member firm of Ernst & Young Global Limited).

My parents are proud of me, as I proved myself a role model in studies for my siblings. After ALLAH and parents’ prayers, it is just because of PEEF. Thank you PEEF, thank you Shahbaz Sharif.

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