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Engineering, Science and Technology  

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World-Class Teaching & Medical Research  
School

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**Dr. Zafar Iqbal Qureshi,**  
Chairman NUR International University

# NEWS ROUNDUP

## MESSAGE FROM CEO LAHORE KNOWLEDGE PARK COMPANY



Dr. Zubair Iqbal Ghouri has been formally appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the company.

"I have joined with a passion to make this iconic project deliver to its full potential. This is an initiative which has the future for our generations in store with its forthcoming benefits. If we desire to excel in the comity of nations, we must nurture a knowledge economy. Lahore Knowledge Park is going to be a game changer in bringing about knowledge and by extension economic prosperity to Pakistan. It is an intervention aimed at national development. We are geared to pursue it with full spirit to stand out as a knowledge economy of 21st century". Dr. Zubair Iqbal Ghouri

## LKP TO HOST PAK-ITALY UNIVERSITY

Lahore Knowledge Park is going to host a consortium of 3 Italian Universities in the pursuit of setting up 'Pakistan-Italy University of Engineering, Science and Technology'. The foreign varsity will be offering Bachelor's, Master's and PhD degree programs in the areas of Infrastructure & Civil Engineering, Power & Energy Engineering, Mechatronics / Industrial Engineering, Biotechnology / Agricultural Engineering, Computer Sciences / IT. University of Torino will be leading the consortium which includes Politecnico di Torino, University of Bologna and Politecnico di Bari.

## FACTS TO KNOW

*Civil works are soon to begin at the site of Lahore Knowledge Park (LKP). In the first phase, security road, boundary wall, watch towers and entrance gates will be constructed.*

*High level talks held with Swedish counterparts to establish Karolinska Cancer Research, Teaching & Treatment Institute at LKP.*

*Groupthink has been initiated with the reps of University of Cambridge, UK.*



*Towards establishing Pak-Italy University*

As part of the arrangement, Italian faculty will be fetched to teach at the university, whereas local academicians will be inducted at later stages. Implementation is being pursued at a fast pace as the classes are expected to be initiated in Fall 2018. For an efficacious development, LKPC is setting up a Project Management Unit, with representation from senior academic turf of the country. Pak-Italy University will prove to be a paradigmatic step in the evolution of engineering sciences both at the educational as well as industrial fronts. LKPC will provide funding for the design, development and management of the university.



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LKPC team with Provincial Minister Higher Education, Syed Raza Ali Gillani and representatives from Swansea University, UK

## MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH SWANSEA UNIVERSITY, UK

LKPC held high level talks with the delegates from Swansea University, UK at company's head office in Lahore on April 6, 2017. The delegation was comprised of Professor Marc Clement, Head of Business School, Swansea University, along with university's finance and international business consultants. The team of LKPC was represented by its Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and members from Board of Directors. The meeting was also attended by Minister Higher Education, Punjab, Syed Raza Ali Gillani.

Both parties deliberated in detail over the prospects of developing strategic partnership for knowledge transfer in Pakistan. It was discussed that management degree programs with specialization in entrepreneurship, e-commerce, data management, sustainable society, digital society, IT and health should be given priority to prepare the country's youth for 21st century.



The team of LKPC in a consultative session with the delegates from King's College, London

## MEETING HELD WITH DELEGATION FROM KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL, LONDON

LKPC held consultative sessions with the team of King's College Hospital, London to setup King's College Hospital (KCH), Punjab at Lahore Knowledge Park. Preliminary discussions involve establishment of a 250 bed teaching hospital in the first phase of project expanding to 750 beds in the second phase. Potentially, KCH, Punjab will be offering medical degree programs and clinical trainings accredited by Royal College of Surgeons & King's College Hospital London. The consultations were part of LKPC's plan to enable cutting-edge research in excellent patient care through the provision of world-class medical education and training. If materialized, KCH will certainly be a breakthrough in the area of clinical care in Pakistan, which is also a frontline development agenda of the provincial government.

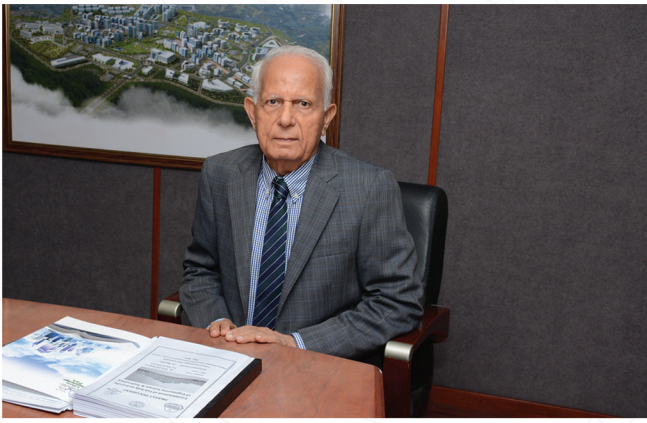


Meeting with French delegation at P&D Department, Lahore

## EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES WITH FRENCH COUNTERPARTS

Prospects of partnership were explored to establish Pak-France University at Lahore Knowledge Park over a meeting held at Planning & Development Department, Government of the Punjab on June 16, 2017. The meeting was attended by Mr. André de BUSSY, Counselor for Development and Cultural Cooperation at Embassy of France, Mr. Muhammad Jahanzeb Khan, Chairman P&D, Mr. Khalid Sultan, Member Education, P&D and Dr. Zubair Iqbal Ghouri, Chief Executive Officer, LKPC with his team. Discussions revolved around identification of French institutions for setting-up campuses at Lahore Knowledge Park. Mr. André de BUSSY affirmed to extend full support from the embassy to facilitate LKPC and connect with prospective institutions.





DR. ZAFAR IQBAL QURESHI

## RENDEZVOUS

WITH  
DR. ZAFAR IQBAL QURESHI

CHAIRMAN NUR INTERNATIONAL  
UNIVERSITY, LAHORE

*Dr. Zafar Iqbal Qureshi, famously known as Dr. ZIQ is one of the long-serving educationist of Pakistan. Mr. Qureshi holds a PhD degree from University Of Pittsburgh, USA and MBA from American University of Beirut. Dr. Zafar joined LUMS (Lahore University of Management Sciences) in 1986 as an Associate Professor and served there as Provost till September 2011. He was given an important assignment in 2011 to head a USAID funded project which was successfully completed on time. During his illustrious career as an academician, he had been closely working with Government of the Punjab in various capacities to strengthen the fabric of higher education in the country. Presently, he is the Chairman of NUR International University, Pakistan. He has been made member of Board of Directors of Lahore Knowledge Park Company (LKPC) in March 2017. Dr. ZIQ is also member of the Steering Committee on Pakistan-Italy University of Engineering, Science and Technology, a forthcoming intervention of Lahore Knowledge Park. For this issue, LKPC's editorial team has captured his views around the economic evolution of Punjab and LKP's pertinent significance to steer it towards a knowledge based economy.*

**LKPC:** How would you comment on Pakistan's potential to become a Knowledge Economy and the role of LKP as a cornerstone to this notion of economic development?

Dr. ZIQ: In my view Pakistan as an economy has tremendous potential. However, this potential will remain untapped unless we create institutions of higher education where world-class opportunities of education will be provided to the youth.

This is absolutely essential to create a strong human resource base which is critical for the country's economic growth. Lahore Knowledge Park is a flagship project which will act as a precursor to make Pakistan a knowledge economy and further to help the country achieve its development potential. The challenge for LKP is to create an effective coalition between academia and industry to make this project a success story in terms of creating economic impact.

**LKPC:** As a member of the Board of Directors of Lahore Knowledge Park Company, how do you see this mega project affecting the socioeconomic sphere of the province as well as the country?

Dr. ZIQ: Technology and knowledge parks have a single purpose, which is to create synergies between academia and industry for commercial research in order to generate economic activity. LKP will have a similar impact on the country's economy. For this to happen, a lot of work and effort is needed. But I am happy to share that after an initially slower pace, now the project is proceeding on fast-track basis.

**LKPC:** How would you comment on the prevalent delusion about LKP as a project of infrastructure development?

Dr. ZIQ: Lahore Knowledge Park is an embodiment of the vision of Chief Minister Punjab, Mohammad Shehbaz Sharif. The perception that this project is essentially an infrastructure development project is totally misplaced. The overarching objective of LKP is to link Punjab and Pakistan with the global knowledge economy by hosting top ranking universities in areas which are vital to achieve global competitiveness in the 21st century. Through knowledge transfer and connectivity, the local industry will be able to focus on new product development and their commercialization contributing to the overall development of the country.

**LKPC:** In your opinion how essential is the role of local industry to successfully develop and run science and technology parks in the country?

Dr. ZIQ: I must say that the local industry has not yet developed a deep understanding of the importance of knowledge parks. There is a greater need to sensitize the local industry about the benefits of Lahore Knowledge Park in order to motivate them so that they would setup their R&D units at LKP. This certainly requires an aggressive and proactive approach on part of LKPC's management. Any complacency on this account will not inspire the local industry without which the project can never achieve its full potential. I would conclude by saying that this project can prove to be a game changer in transforming Pakistan's economy.

*"Lahore Knowledge Park can prove to be a game changer in transforming Pakistan's economy".*

Dr. ZIQ



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