

**Minutes of the first Meeting of the Board of Governors of Pakistan Institute of Trade And Development Islamabad During the year 2013**

The first meeting of Board of Governors of PITAD during 2013 was held under the chairmanship of Secretary Commerce, Mr. Munir Qureshi in the Committee Room of PITAD at 1:30 pm on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2013. The following attended the meeting:-

S.No.	Name & Designation	Chairman/Member
1.	<b>Mr. Munir Qureshi,</b> Secretary Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad.	Vice Chairman
2.	<b>Mr. Tahir Maqsood,</b> Director General PITAD Islamabad	Secretary
3.	<b>Mir Dost Mohammad Mazari,</b> MNA E-209, Parliament lodges, Islamabad	Member
4.	<b>Mr. Jalil Abbas Jilani,</b> Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office Building, Islamabad.	Member
5.	<b>Mr. Abdul Kabir Kazi</b> Secretary Trade Development Authority of Paksitan, FTC Building, Sharah-e-Faisal, Karachi.	Member
6.	<b>Prince Abbass Khan,</b> Chairman, National Tariff Commission, State Life Building No.5, Islamabad.	Member
7.	<b>Mr. Waqar Ahmad</b> Financial Advisor Ministry of Finance, Pak Secretariat, Q-Block Islamabad.	Member
8.	<b>Mr. Hashim Hussain,</b> Deputy Secretary Ministry of Industries, Pak Secretariat, A-Block, Islamabad.	Member

9.	Mr. Atif Ikram, Chairman Coordination Committee, Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Karachi,	Member
10.	Mr. Shafqat Baig All Pakistan Textile Mills Association Karachi	Member
11.	Mr. Fahim Ahmad Secretary Pakistan Tanners Association	Member

Following members conveyed their inability to attend the meeting:-

S.No.	Name & Designation	Chairman/Member
1.	Makhdoom Muhammad Amin Fahim, Senior Minister for Commerce, Ministry of Commerce	Chairman
2.	Mr. Ghulam Ali Nizami, MNA, C 209, Parliament Lodges, Islamabad	Member
3	Ch. Khurshid A. Aziz, Chairman, Pak Electrical Manufacturers Association, 84-Shadman-I, Lahore	Member
4	Mr. Kemihide Ando, President, Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce & Industry (OICCI) Chamber of Commerce Building, Talpur Road, Karachi	Member

The meeting started with the recitation from the Holy Quran by Mr. Muhammad Hanif Qadri, Assistant Director, PITAD. Secretary Commerce /Vice Chairman BoG welcomed the members to the meeting.

Secretary Commerce/Vice Chairman BoG stated that some urgent decision should be taken and as such the meeting has been convened at a short notice. Next time the meeting will be

called in due time. The Secretary BoG, Mr. Tahir Maqsood (D.G. PITAD) presented agenda item one by one for consideration of the Board, with the permission of the Chair. Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The decisions of the Board are given below:-

#### Agenda Item No.1

##### Action taken on decisions of BoG in last meeting held on 24 January 2009.

The Secretary BoG Mr. Tahir Maqsood appraised the Board with the actions taken on the decision of the last BoG meeting held on 24 -01- 2009. The Board expressed satisfaction over the action taken on the decision of the last meeting.

#### Agenda Item No.2

##### Approval of Specialized Training Program and other Training Programs by the BoG.

Secretary BoG presented the agenda item. Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs inquired about the syllabus and the other activities undertaken during the STP. Director General PITAD briefed the Board about the STP activities. He further informed that PITAD is offering a short training course for the officers of Foreign Service of Pakistan. Secretary Commerce highlighted the importance of the syllabus and activities undertaken during the STP.

Regarding training of trade officers (Designate) abroad, Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs proposed that trade officers of other countries posted in Pakistan may be invited to have an interaction/share experiences with the respective trade officers. Secretary Commerce/Vice Chairman BoG appreciated the proposal and stated that he would explore this opportunity. On a query raised by Chairman NTC, Prince Abbas Khan about the short duration of the course for trade officers, Secretary Commerce/Vice Chairman BoG explained that a comprehensive training programme was conducted. Moreover, the trade officers (Designate) were also exposed to Chambers and associations etc. **The Board of Governors approved PITAD's training programme as under:-**

I. Specialized Training Programme for 21<sup>st</sup> batch of Commerce & trade Group officers from 17<sup>th</sup> July to 16 March, 2013.

II. Training of Government Officers on Trade Policy Issues

Board of Governors granted approval of the following programmes;

- a. Policy and Economics of Non-tariff measures (10-11 Oct 2012)
- b. Trade and Investment (13-14 Nov 2012)
- c. Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (11-12 March 2013)

III. Training of Pakistan's Trade Officers (Designate) abroad (12-16 February 2013)

