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PROGRAMME

OF

THE 16TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

January 22-24, 2001

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Theme: GROWTH, DECENTRALISATION, AND POVERTY.

Venue: The Marriott, Islamabad.

THE purpose of the Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE) is to provide a forum where leading professional economists and policy-makers can exchange ideas on the vital economic and social issues facing Pakistan. With the passage of time, the philosophy of development has undergone a profound change. There is now, as never before, an increasing awareness of the complexities involved in the development process which has engendered a greater sense of realism.

In Pakistan's development experience, a number of problems typically confronting developing countries in their progress towards a selfreliant economy have been tackled. These problems are complex and multidimensional in nature. High rates of population growth, uneven distribution of income, low literacy rates, poor health facilities, relatively low savings rates, large internal and external deficits, and inadequate physical infrastructure for energy generation and communications threaten to nullify the modest economic gains made here, as in many other developing countries. Despite these problems, the development process in Pakistan has progressed reasonably well, although not without encountering difficulties.

The Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Society is also an occasion for stock-taking of the work done on various socioeconomic problems of Pakistan at PIDE and elsewhere, as well as for suggesting new initiatives for further research. These Meetings provide for the much-needed communication amongst the economics profession, policy-makers, and various schools of interested observers of the ongoing debate concerning development.

The Sixteenth Annual General Meeting, being held on January 22–24, 2001, will address such important topics as human resource development, agriculture production, resource mobilisation and debt, exports and economic growth. Islamic economics, demographic issues, political economy, growth and technology, poverty and income distribution, money and inflation, gender and development, capital markets, decentralisation, socio-demographic changes, and employment, growth, and poverty. A highlight of this year's Conference is the Inaugural Address by Mr Muhammad Rafiq Tarar, President, Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The Quaid-i-Azam Memorial Lecture, being delivered by Professor Ismail Sirageldin of the Johns Hopkins University, is titled "Global Interdependence, Privatisation of Risk and Human Development". The Iqbal Memorial Lecture, by Professor Mark Rosenzweig of the University of Pennsylvania, will be on "Consequences of the Green Revolution for Rural Landless Households: The Complex Relationship between Income, Growth, and Human Development". The Mahbub ul Haq Memorial Lecture, by Professor Colin Kirkpatrick of the University of Manchester, is titled "Financial Development, Economic Growth, and Poverty Reduction". The Sultan S. Hashmi Memorial Lecture, by Professor Gavin Jones of the Australian National University, will be on "Human Resources, Poverty, and Regional Development". A forum on "Poverty in South Asia", with presentations by country representatives, will be a special feature of this year's conference.

JANUARY 22, 2001

INAUGURAL SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-A

President,

Chairperson: Muhammad Rafiq Tarar

Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

- 2. Welcome Address: Aurangzeb A. Hashmi.
- 3. Annual Report: Ather Magsood Ahmed Secretary, PSDE.
- 4. Presidential Address: "Financing Economic Development". A. R. Kemal President, PSDE.
- 5. Patron's Address: "Pakistan's Economy: Potential and Challenges". Shahid Amjad Chaudhry

Deputy Chairman, The Planning Commission.

6. Inaugural Address: Muhammad Rafiq Tarar President, Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

09:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

REFRESHMENTS.

^{1.} Recitation from the Holy Quran: Qari Allah Nawaz.

January 22, 2001 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-A

THE IQBAL MEMORIAL LECTURE

Chairperson: M. Shafi Niaz Adviser to the Chief Executive for Food, Agriculture, and Livestock, Government of Pakistan. Islamabad.

Co-chairperson: Sarfraz K. Qureshi Formerly Director, PIDE, Islamabad.

Topic:Consequences of the Green Revolution for Rural LandlessHouseholds:The Complex Relationship between Income,Growth, and Human Development.

Speaker: Mark R. Rosenzweig Professor and Chair, Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, U.S.A.

DISCUSSANTS: Arshad Zaman Arshad Zaman Associates (Pvt.) Ltd., Economic and Financial Consultants, Karachi.

> Abdul Salam Agricultural Prices Commission, Islamabad.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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January 22, 2001 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Crystal Ball Room-A

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson: Tariq Siddiqui

Vice-Chancellor, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.

1. Educational Quality and Labour Market Performance in Developing Countries: Some Evidence from Pakistan. Ather H. Akhari

Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Canada and Naeem Muhammad Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore.

DISCUSSANT: Naushin Mahmood PIDE, Islamabad.

2. Ethnicity and Earnings: An Analysis of Data for Karachi.

Javed Ashraf and Barjees Ashraf Institute of Business Administration, Karachi,

DISCUSSANT: Zafar Mueen Nasir PIDE, Islamabad.

3. The Role of Human Capital in Economic Growth: A Comparative Study of Pakistan and India.

Qaisar Abbas Planning and Development Department, Government of Punjab.

DISCUSSANT: Eshya Mujahid Mukhtar Rawalpindi.

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-B

AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION

Chairperson: Zafar Altaf Secretary, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.

1. Factors in Farm-level Fertiliser Demand in **Irrigated** Pakistan. Munir Ahmad, M. Ghaffar Chaudhry and Ghulam Mustafa Chaudhry

PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Muhammad Abdul Quddus National Agricultural Research Council, Islamabad.

2. Attaining and Maintaining Self-sufficiency in Wheat Production: Institutional Efforts and Farmers' Limitations. Umar Farooq Ayub Agricultural Research Institute,

Faisalabad, and Muhammad Igbal Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Zulfigar Bashir School of Economics and Finance Macquarie University, Sydney.

3. Application of Multiple Criteria Decision Models to Oilseed Crops in Pakistan's Punjab. Muhammad Azeem Khan National Agricultural Research Centre, Islamabad, and Tahir Rehman The University of Reading, U.K.

DISCUSSANT: Sarfraz Ahmed Barani Agriculture University, Rawalpindi.

Margalla Room

RESOURCE MOBILISATION AND DEBT

Saeed Ahmad Qureshi Chairperson: Formerly Deputy Chairman, The Planning Commission, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.

1. Tax Policy and Resource Mobilisation in Pakistan.

Aqdas Ali Kazmi The Planning Commission, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Mohammad Khan Niazi The World Bank. Islamabad.

2. The Twin Deficits Phenomenon: Evidence from Pakistan.

Anjum Ageel and Mohammad Nishat Applied Economics Research Centre, Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Abdul Qayyum PIDE, Islamabad.

3. Foreign Debt, Dependency, and Economic Growth in South Asia.

M. Aslam Chaudhary and Sabahat Anwar Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Pervez Tahir

The Planning Commission, Islamabad

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3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. TEA.

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SECOND PLENARY SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-A

THE MAHBUB UL HAQ MEMORIAL LECTURE

Chairperson: Onder Yucer Resident Representative, UNDP, Islamabad.

Co-chairperson: Tariq Amin President, Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Karachi.

Topic: Financial Development, Economic Growth, and Poverty Reduction.

Speaker: Colin Kirkpatrick

Professor of Development Economics and Director, Institute for Development Policy and Management (IDPM), University of Manchester, Manchester, U.K.

DISCUSSANTS: Ismail Sirageldin

The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, U.S.A.

Khalid Aftab Government College, Lahore.

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-B

ISLAMIC ECONOMICS

Chairperson: Arshad Zaman Arshad Zaman Associates (Pvt.) Ltd., Economic and Financial Consultants. Karachi.

1. An Islamic Approach to Poverty Alleviation. Muhammad Ramzan Akhtar International Islamic University, Islamabad.

> DISCUSSANT: G. M. Arif PIDE, Islamabad

2. The Concept of Land Ownership in Islam and Poverty Alleviation in Pakistan. Nuzhat Iqbal International Islamic University, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Zulfigar Ahmad Gill University of Agriculture, Faisalabad.

3. Modern Economy and the Attitude of the Small Traders and Farmers towards an **Interest-free System.** Muhammad Aslam Director, Development, Bahawalpur Division and Toseef Azid, and Shahnawaz Malik Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan.

DISCUSSANT: Mustafa K. Mujeri Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, Dhaka.

Margalla Room

DEMOGRAPHIC ISSUES

Chairperson:

Tariq Janjua Secretary, Population Welfare Division, Ministry of Population Welfare, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.

1. Effects of Migration, Socioeconomic Status, and Population Policy on Reproductive Behaviour: A Comparison of Indian Muslim Immigrants in Sindh, Pakistan and their **Counterparts in North-Central Indian States.** Mehtab S. Karim

The Aga Khan University, Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Mohammad Afzal Formerly Joint Director, PIDE. Islamabad.

2. An Analysis of Reproductive Health Issues in Pakistan. Naushin Mahmood and Durr-e-Nayab PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Abdul Hakim

National Institute of Population Studies, Islamabad.

3. Determinants of Internal Migration in Pakistan: Evidence from the Labour Force Survey, 1996-97.

Aliya H. Khan and Lubna Shehnaz Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Ather Magsood Ahmed PIDE, Islamabad.

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Crystal Ball Room-A

EXPORTS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Aftab Ahmad Khan Chairperson: Formerly Secretary, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.

1. Export Diversification and the Structural **Dynamics in the Growth Process: The Case** of Pakistan.

Mohammad Akbar Applied Economics Research Centre, Karachi, and Zareen Fatima Naqvi The World Bank, Islamabad,

DISCUSSANT: Musleh-ud Din PIDE, Islamabad.

2. Economic Growth, Export, and External Debt Causality: The Case of Asian Countries. Qazi Masood Ahmed, Mohammad Sabihuddin Butt, and Shaista Alam Applied Economics Research Centre, Karachi.

Aqdas Ali Kazmi



The Planning Commission, Islamabad. 3. How to Live in a Textile Quota-free World.

Attiva Yasmeen Javed and Haseeb Ahmad Bhatti PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT:

DISCUSSANT: Abdul Naseer State Bank of Pakistan. Karachi.

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. TEA.

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THIRD PLENARY SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-A

THE SULTAN S. HASHMI MEMORIAL LECTURE 🗸

Chairperson: Ismail Sirageldin Professor Emeritus, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, U.S.A.

Co-chairperson: Colin Kirkpatrick

Professor of Development Economics, Institute for Development Policy and Management (IDPM), University of Manchester, Manchester, U.K.

Topic: Human Resources, Poverty, and Regional Development.

Speaker: Gavin W. Jones Convenor, Graduate Programme in

Graduate Programme in Demography, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University, Canberra.

DISCUSSANTS: Mark R. Rosenzweig Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, U.S.A.

> Zeba A. Sathar PIDE, Islamabad.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

LUNCH.

January 23, 2001 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Crystal Ball Room-A

POLITICAL ECONOMY

Chairperson: Masud Zaman Formerly Secretary, Cabinet Division, Islamabad.

1. Non-economic Factors in Development. Najamul Saqib Khan Formerly Ambassador of Pakistan.

DISCUSSANT: Soofia Mumtaz PIDE, Islamabad.

2. Equity, Exclusion, and Liberalisation: Pakistan and the Threats to National Sustainability.

Imran Ali Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore.

DISCUSSANT: Mohammad Waseem Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.

THIRD REGULAR SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-B

GROWTH AND TECHNOLOGY

Chairperson: Fateh M. Chaudhri Formerly Economic Adviser, The World Bank, Washington, D. C.

1. An Empirical Analysis of the Convergence Hypothesis. Eatzaz Ahmad and Amber Naz Ouaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: M. Shaukat Ali The Planning Commission, Islamabad.

2. The Role of Digital Technology and Regulations in the Diffusion of Mobile Phones in Asia. Abid A. Burki Quaid-i-Azam University. Islamabad, and Shirin Aslam Pakistan Telecommunication Authority, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Qazi Masood Ahmad Applied Economics Research Centre, Karachi.

3. Agricultural Growth in the South Asian Countries and Affordability of Food: An Inter-country Analysis. Zulfiqar Bashir Macquaric University, Sydney, Australia.

DISCUSSANT: Munir Ahmad PIDE, Islamabad.

Margalla Room

POVERTY AND INCOME DISTRIBUTION

Chairperson: Parvez Hasan Chairperson, Debt Management Committee, Ministry of Finance, Islamabad.

1. NGOs, Micro Finance, and Poverty Alleviation: The Experience of the Rural Poor in Pakistan.

Khalid Mustafa *and* Zulfiqar Ahmad Gill University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, *and* Toseef Azid Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan.

DISCUSSANT: Naheed Zia Khan Fatima Jinnah Women's University, Rawalpindi.

 Impact of Technological, Village-specific, and Household-specific, Variables on Poverty in Punjab.
Toseef Azid and Shahnawaz Malik Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan.

DISCUSSANT: Rehana Siddiqui PIDE, Islamabad.

 Estimation of the Distribution of Income in Pakistan. Mehboob Ahmad Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Nasim Shah Shirazi SD University, Kazakhistan

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. TEA.

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FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-A

FORUM

POVERTY IN SOUTH ASIA

Chairperson: Omar Asghar Khan Federal Minister of Environment, Local Government, Rural Development, Labour, Manpower and Overseas Pakistanis, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.

Co-chairperson: W. R. Spence

Regional Director, Office for South-East and East Asia, International Development Research Centre, Ottawa, Canada.

- Main Speaker: M. Irfan Formerly Joint Director, PIDE, Islamabad.
 - Topic: Poverty in South Asia: An Overview.

Country Presentations: 1. Recent Rise in Poverty and its Implications for the Poor Households in Pakistan. G. M. Arif PIDE, Islamabad.

- Poverty Trends and Growth Performance: Some Issues in Bangladesh.
 Mustafa K. Mujeri Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- Poverty, Development Monitoring System, and Decentralised Planning in Nepal.
 Shiva Sharma National Labour Academy-Nepal (NLA), Kathmandu, Nepal.
- 4. A Note on the Sri Lankan Experience in Poverty Reduction. Naranjana Gunetilleke Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

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JANUARY 24, 2001

FOURTH REGULAR SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-B

GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson: Gavin W. Jones Convenor, Graduate Programme in Demography, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia.

1. Targeting Women in Micro-Finance Schemes: Objectives and Outcomes. Soofia Mumtaz, Feriyal Aslam, Kashif Jamil, *and* Maliha Shamim PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Huma Haque Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.

2. Pakistani Couples: Different Productive and Reproductive Realities.

Zeba A. Sathar PIDE, Islamabad, and Shahnaz Kazi The World Bank, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Arshad Mahmood Ministry of Population Welfare, Islamabad.

 Analysis of Non-conventional Indicators of Gender Relations: Evidence from Pakistan. Rehana Siddiqui, Shahnaz Hameed and Rizwana Siddiqui PIDE. Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Tahira Abdullah UNFPA, Islamabad.

Margalla Room

CAPITAL MARKETS

Chairperson: Khalid A. Mirza Chairperson, Securities and Exchange Commission

1. Capital Markets and Foreign Ownership Restrictions: An Empirical Analysis of Emerging Stock Markets.

of Pakistan, Islamabad.

Javed Anwar and M. Tariq Javed Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Mohammad Nishat Applied Economics Research Centre, Karachi

2. The Systematic Risk and Leverage Effect in the Corporate Sector of Pakistan. Mohammad Nishat Applied Economics Research Centre, Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Eatzaz Ahmad Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.

3. Emerging Capital Markets Development: A Case Study of Pakistani Equity Markets. Nighat Bilgrami-Jaffery and Syed Furqan Haider Shamsi Applied Economics Research Centre, Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Fazal Husain PIDE, Islamabad.

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Crystal Ball Room-A

MONEY AND INFLATION

Chairperson: Ishrat Husain Governor, State Bank of Pakistan, Karachi.

How Do the Poor Respond to Rising Prices? Zareen Fatima Naqvi The World Bank, Islamabad, and Muhammad Akbar Applied Economics Research Centre, Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Faiz Bilquees PIDE, Islamabad.

 Income, Money, and Prices in Pakistan: The Trends and Interrelationships. Fazal Husain and Kalbe Abbas PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSAN'T: Ather H. Akbari Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Canada.

3. Demand for Real Money Balances by the Business Sector: An Econometric Investigation. Abdul Qayyum PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Toseef Azid Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan.

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. TEA.

January 24, 2001 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Crystal Ball Room-A

DECENTRALISATION

Chairperson: Danyal Aziz Adviser. National Reconstruction Bureau, Islamabad.

Devolution and Fiscal Decentralisation. 1. Aisha Ghaus-Pasha and Hafiz A. Pasha Social Policy and Development Centre, Karachi.

> DISCUSSANT: Ashfaque H. Khan Ministry of Finance, Islamabad.

2. Governance, Decentralisation, and Poverty: The Case of Pakistan. Zafar H. Ismail and Schar Rizvi

Social Policy and Development Centre, Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Akhtar Mahmood Formerly Secretary, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.

3. The Interplay of the State, International Donors, and Civil Voluntary Initiative in Pakistan: Matching Intentions with **Divergent Agendas.**

Arshed Hossain Bhatti ActionAid Pakistan. Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: S. Riffat Hussain Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.

FIFTH REGULAR SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-B

SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES

Muzaffar Mahmood Qureshi Chairperson: Formerly Secretary,

Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.

1. Macro-economic Restructuring and Its Effect on Socio-demographic Factors in Pakistan. Ghulam Yasin Soomro PIDE, Islamabad,

DISCUSSANT: Aliya H. Khan Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.

2. Are Status of Women and Contraceptive **Prevalence Corelated in Pakistan?** Abdul Hakim National Institute of Population Studies, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: A. Razzaque Rukanuddin ESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand.

3. Labour Market Participation of the Elderly. Zafar Mueen Nasir and Syed Mubashir Ali PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Muhammad Aslam Chaudhry Pakistan Census Organisation, Islamabad.

Margalla Room

EMPLOYMENT, GROWTH, AND POVERTY

Mutawakkil Kazi

Chairperson:

Secretary, Planning and Development Division, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.

1. Rural Non-agriculture Employment and Poverty in Pakistan. G. M. Arif, Hina Nazli and Rashida Haq PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Naranjana Gunetilleke Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka,

2. The Relationship between Real Wages and **Output: Evidence from Pakistan.** Afia Malik and Ather Magsood Ahmed PIDE, Islamabad.

- DISCUSSANT: Salman Syed Ali International Islamic University, Islamabad.
- 3. Impact of Trade Reforms on Poverty. Hassan Mohammad Mohsin, Muhammad Ali Kemal and Usman Qadir PIDE, Islamabad.
 - Mohammad Ramzan Akhtar DISCUSSANT: International Islamic University, Islamabad.

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January 24, 2001 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

FIFTH PLENARY SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-A

THE QUAID-I-AZAM MEMORIAL LECTURE

Chairperson: Shahid Amjad Chaudhry Deputy Chairman, The Planning Commission, Islamabad.

Co-chairperson: Mark R. Rosenzweig Professor and Chair. Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, U.S.A.

Topic: Global Interdependence, Privatisation of Risk and Human Development.

Speaker: Ismail Sirageldin Professor Emeritus, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, U.S.A.

DISCUSSANTS: Gavin W. Jones

Convener Graduate Programme in Demography, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University, Canberra.

Saeed Ahmad Qureshi Formerly Deputy Chairman, The Planning Commission, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

January 24, 2001 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

BUSINESS SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-A

 Chairperson: A. R. Kemal Director, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad.

AGENDA

- 1. Adoption of the Secretary's Report.
- 2. Appointment of the Organising Committee for the 17th AGM and Conference.
- 3. Theme of the 17th AGM.
- 4. Any other items.

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

TEA.

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