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RCCI Lauds Role of NPO and APO for Pakistan

Islamabad: Muhammad Alamgir Chaudhry, Chief Executive Officer, National Productivity Organization called on President Vice President of RCCI in Rawalpindi and apprised him about NPO and APO various activities and projects aimed at enhancing productivity in various sectors of economy in Pakistan. He informed the Vice President, RCCI that the productivity mission of NPO and APO is to contribute to the socio economic development of Asia Pacific region through mutual cooperation by enhancing productivity of all economic sectors, enabling NPO clients to become more productive and competitive. Vice President of RCCI has appreciated role of National Productivity Organization (NPO) and Asian Productivity Organization (APO), Japan in promoting productivity-related activities for strengthening economic sectors of Pakistan, say media reports.



Relocation and Renovation of NPO Head Office

By the Grace of Allah and with the kind support of MoI&P, NPO has been allocated 11th floor of Shaheed e Millat Secretariat, space measuring 7800 Sft, in January 2020. The entire space occupied by the NPO was required major renovation work (Dismantling, Floor Tiling, False ceiling and Paint work etc.) and the same was managed in a way that it was undertaken by the PPWD against their budget, as there was no provision in NPO budget. In a short span of time, an independent office in good location has been established having corporate image. It is worth indicating that the tireless efforts and hard work put in by the NPO staff played a major role to achieve this landmark for the NPO within available budget, the long outstanding necessary required office accessories were purchased which includes a telephone exchange for having better and improved communication among the employees, and air-conditioning system for better utilization of the employees in a conducive environment.

Institutional Capacity Building of NPO Pakistan

The Asian Productivity Organisation (APO) is assisting the National Productivity Organisation (NPO) Pakistan to enhance its capacity and role in delivering productivity promotion, training, and consultancy services for the public and private sectors and improve its visibility as the leading productivity organisation in the country.

This year a record 07 TES applications/proposals of NPO Pakistan accepted by APO, Japan and successfully implemented by NPO Pakistan benefiting all the major sectors of the economy across the country. The programs are as under:

Description	Participants
Innovation Led Knowledge Management, Islamabad Phase-I (12-19 October 2020) Phase-II (21-28 October 2020)	52
Training of Trainer - Kaizen Practitioners Program, (16 to 26 November 2020)	44
Horticulture Marketing Specialist (Marketing & Sales of Horticultural Produce), Establishment of model Forms Project, (7-10 December, 2020)	28
Creating Awareness on Exploiting the Competitive Edge/Potential through Technical Textiles, (7-11 December, 2020)	17

Description	Participants
Circular Economy, (14-18 December) First ever formal training program in Pakistan on the Circular Economy	29
Business Excellence Senior Assessor Training, (November 30 to December 04, 2020)	26
Lead Auditors Course on ISO 50001 Energy Management System, (Scheduled In January 2021)	

Muhammad Alamgir Chaudhry
CEO, NPO

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In the new global economic scenario, the growth and development of economy of a country will depend on its competitiveness in the global market which in turn will depend upon its ability to innovate and to utilize these innovations through commercialization for achieving economic and social benefits. If Pakistan has to successfully transform its economy into knowledge-based economy, all the major stake holders, government, universities, public sector R&D organizations and industry, need to be aware of their respective roles. Evolution of Technical Barriers to Trade has forced countries to develop national productivity framework to meet the requirements of international practices and standards.

The Covid-19 pandemic has infected developing economies like Pakistan. It is one of several emerging infectious disease outbreaks in recent decades with significant public health and economic impacts. The current outbreak of corona virus (COVID-19) continues to impact the lives of the people in Pakistan. The social and economic effects of COVID-19 are being felt with greater intensity across least developed, developing and emerging market economies irrespective of their income level. Most of them have experienced a drop in the GDP and losses in employment and income leading to greater poverty, food insecurity and malnutrition.

The role of National Productivity Organization (NPO) is quite vigilant in terms of support to local industry for strengthening their processes to meet the international market standards. NPO Pakistan, being the premier institution in Pakistan in the field of productivity and quality doing its best for the industry to cope with the international criteria and values. There is huge potential for digitalization and innovation to add value to society and to contribute industrial growth. A successful digital transformation will involve empowering people to work in new ways, including re-skilling and up-skilling. Cross-sector collaboration will play a pivotal role in allowing us to 'build-back better' from the current crisis.



NPO and KP-BoIT are ready to join hands for Pakistan

Islamabad: Chief Executive Officer, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Board of Investment & Trade (KP-BOIT) visited National Productivity Organization (NPO) to discuss potential model of collaboration to share the strengths of both organizations. Muhammad Alamgir Chaudhry, Chief Executive Officer, National Productivity Organization briefed the delegation regarding National Productivity Organization (NPO) and Asian Productivity Organization (APO), Japan, technical services, capacity building programs for all economic sectors of Pakistan. The CEO, KP-BoIT has valued programs of National Productivity Organization (NPO) and Asian Productivity Organization (APO), Japan in stimulating productivity programs for assisting economic sectors of Pakistan to enhance their performance, say media reports. During the meeting investment opportunities in micro hydro power generation and manufacturing of turbines were discussed. The CEO, NPO informed the respected guest that NPO has communicated with Japan Productivity Center (JPC), Japan to involve Japanese stakeholders to support the activity in Pakistan. JPC has shown willingness subject to commitment of Pakistani side. The CEO, KP-BoIT extended full support and expressed his commitment for joining hands for productivity in Pakistan.



ICCI is willing to avail NPO and APO service for Pakistan

Muhammad Alamgir Chaudhry, Chief Executive Officer, National Productivity Organization called on President Vice President of ICCI, Islamabad and described the President regarding NPO and APO various role and initiatives for improving productivity in Pakistan. He updated the ICCI team that NPO and APO aims to technically back-up the socio economic development of Pakistan along with Asia Pacific region through shared cooperation by promoting productivity culture in the society, building NPO clients capacities to be productive and competitive. President of ICCI has shown keen interest in National Productivity Organization (NPO) and Asian Productivity Organization (APO), Japan activities for promoting productivity in economic sectors of the Country.

Online Training Course on “Occupational Health & Safety Management System, ISO 45001:2018” at Karachi

National Productivity Organization, Ministry of Industries & Production, Government of Pakistan, Regional office Karachi has organized online training program on “Occupational Health & Safety Management System, ISO 45001:2018, on dated 28th August 2020 through Zoom meeting.

The purpose of this training program is to disseminate the knowledge of OH&SMS, ISO 45001:2018 in the different areas & organizations and participants aware about OH&SMS and minimize the risk at organizations. Resource speaker of the training program Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Dhakkan delivered the meaningful lecture to the participants and covered the following course contents.

Online Training Program on “Workplace Visuality” in Lahore

Visual Management is a set of techniques for creating a workplace embracing visual communication and control throughout the work environment. The visual workplace is a continuous improvement paradigm that is closely related to Lean, the Toyota Production System (TPS) and operational excellence yet offer its own comprehensive methodology for significant financial and cultural improvement gains.

NPO Regional Office Lahore organized an online training program on Workplace Visuality on 26th August 2020 at Lahore. The course was designed for the working professionals including production managers, assistant managers' production/quality; plant managers; supervisors; team members; young engineers; junior executives; line incharge and staff who want to understand the concept of Visual Management and its implementation/methodology. The main objective of the program was to equip participants with the necessary knowledge regarding visual management that attempts to improve organizational performance through contacting and aligning organizational vision, core values, goals and culture with other management systems, work processes and work place elements. The program was conducted by Mr. Ubaid Ullah and attended by 10 participants from various organizations / manufacturing companies.

The contents of the program include what is workplace visual management; How visual management makes communication effective; traits and habits of a visual manager; How visual management reduces 7 wastages; how to create a problem-solving culture throughout the organization, how to make things obvious and problems visible to cater at the spot, workplace visual communication, visual control and its examples etc.

Online Training Program on “Managing Innovation & Design Thinking” on September 25, 2020

Innovation and Design thinking attempts to instill the seed of creativity and help professionals view themselves better and enhance their contribution to long term organizational goals through connecting and aligning organizational vision.

NPO Regional Office Lahore organized an online training program on Managing Innovation and Design Thinking on 25th September 2020 at Lahore. The course was designed for the working professionals including managers, assistant managers, IT personnel, production/quality; supervisors; team members; young engineers; junior executives; line in-charge and employees who want to understand the concept of Innovation and Design thinking and its methodology. The main objective of the program was to help professionals and executives unleash creative mindset and provide a way to manifest the vision into reality. All the young professionals, executives, engineers and managers can benefit from the program equally. The program was conducted by Mr. Ubaid Ullah and attended by 10 participants from various organizations / manufacturing companies.

The contents of the program include what really is design thinking, innovation & creativity; how to be different and think creatively; how to develop design thinking and a creative mindset; what it takes to design and innovate; learn to create prototypes; what are creative constraints and the roles they play in creative process; how to cope with creative constraints; feedback and continuous improvement to sustain creative mindset and thrive etc.

Online Training Program on “SMED – Single Minute Exchange of Die” on September 28, 2020

Single-minute exchange of dies (SMED) is one of the many lean production methods for reducing waste in a manufacturing process. It provides a rapid and efficient way of converting a manufacturing process from running the current product to running the next product. This rapid changeover is key to reducing production lot sizes and thereby reducing uneven flow (Mura), production loss and output variability.

NPO Regional Office Lahore organized an online training program on Single Minute Exchange of Dies (SMED) on 28th September 2020 at Lahore. The course was designed for the working professionals including production managers, assistant managers' production/quality; plant managers; supervisors; team members; young engineers; junior executives; line in-charge and staff who want to understand the concept of SMED and its implementation/methodology. The main objective of the program was to equip participants with the necessary knowledge regarding SMED and adopt it as an improvement strategy without any external costs. It enables organized work that makes sense and creates harmony ultimately leading to efficiency and productivity. The program was conducted by Mr. Ubaid Ullah and attended by 10 participants from various organizations / manufacturing companies.

The contents of the program include what is SMED and how it increases productivity; proven strategies to decrease setup losses up to 70%; need for floor managers to develop competencies for SMED; how to develop improvement strategies using SMED techniques and methodologies etc.

Productivity and Competitiveness Strategies during COVID-19

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This APO Top Talk explored Productivity and Competitiveness Strategies during COVID-19, with Dr. Isimeli Waibuta Tagicakiverata, Director, National Training and Productivity Centre and NPO Head for Fiji, who was also serving as a moderator of the session.

Decentralization: Mongolian Experience



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In this APO Top Talk, Deputy Chief Byambasuren Urgamal of the Cabinet Secretariat of Mongolia had online Talk with NPO Pakistan CEO Muhammad Alamgir Chaudhry who was also a moderator of the session. In this session both sides discussed on approaches of decentralization, especially rational allocation of public functions.

Image Building of NPO Services across Pakistan

In an effort to promote positive image of National Productivity Organization (NPO), CEO NPO along with his delegation visited main Chambers of Pakistan. During these meetings, many initiatives were discussed & agreed upon various new projects to uplift Pakistani economy.



Head ROL presentation to PAPPAM Chairman Capt. Rtd. Muhammad Akram regarding NPO initiatives



President Lahore Chamber of Commerce presenting award to CEO NPO



Group Photo of Delegation of Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce with CEO NPO



CEO NPO gave presentation at Karachi Chamber of Commerce



CEO NPO gave presentation at Quetta Chamber of Commerce



CEO NPO being greeted by President Sialkot Chamber of Commerce



President Karachi Chamber of Commerce presenting award to CEO NPO



CEO NPO giving press conference at Multan Chamber of Commerce



CEO NPO gave presentation at Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce