



17th Speakers' Conference

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ISLAMABAD ALL SET TO HOST 17TH SPEAKERS' CONFERENCE

MESSAGE

SPEAKER NA INAUGURATES THE CONFERENCE



The Speakers' Conference was inaugurated at the Parliament House in Islamabad on 13th April, 2014. The Hon'able Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq opened the three day Conference which aims at strengthening the democratic values in the country. In his inaugural address, the Hon'able Speaker highlighted the smooth transition of power from one elected Government to another. Referring to the Conference as an important milestone in the history of legislatures in Pakistan, the Honourable Speaker expressed his gratitude to all the partici-



NA Speaker & Chairman of the 17th Speakers' Conference Sardar Ayaz Sadiq presiding inaugural session

pants for showing solidarity of the democratic forces. "It is the collective responsibility of elected representatives to bring maturity in our law making bodies by introducing modernity of thought and ingenuity in our legislatures", he added. The Speakers' Conference is sending the right message to the world community that the people of Pakistan are masters of their own destiny, he concluded.

On behalf of the National Assembly, being host of the 17th Speakers' Conference, I welcome all the distinguished Presiding Officers and delegates from all the Legislatures in the country. The fact that the conference takes place in

the beautiful spring season, further adds colour and festivity to the important gathering. The Speakers' Conference is in many ways a unique event. It is an exclusive forum which provides a healthy and

useful exchange of ideas and best practices among the Presiding Officers of the Legislatures enabling them to discuss issues of mutual concern for the promotion of Parliamentary traditions in Pakistan.



Group Photo of Presiding Officers of National & Provincial Legislatures and Legislative Assemblies on the occasion of inaugural ceremony of 17th Speakers' Conference at Parliament House

NA SPEAKER HOSTS DINNER IN HONOUR OF DELEGATES OF 17TH SPEAKERS' CONFERENCE



The Hon'able Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq hosted a sumptuous dinner in honour of the delegates of the 17th Speakers' Conference last night.

The Hallmark was the presence of a number of former Speakers & Deputy Speakers of the National Assembly which included Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani, Dr. Fehmida Mirza, Ch. Amir Hussain, Ilahi Bukhsh Soomro, Syed Fakhar Imam, Syed Zafar Ali Shah, Ch. Jaffar Iqbal, Faisal Karim Kundi & Leader of the Opposition Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah.

Speaking on the occasion, the Hon'able Speaker termed the gathering as "Historic". He lauded the services of all the former Speakers in ensuring and protecting the sovereignty, supremacy and independence of the "Most August Institution of the Country". A few of the former Speakers also spoke on the occasion by highlighting some unforgettable memories of their times.

GUESTS ARRIVAL



NA Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq welcoming the Hon'able Speakers of Provincial & Legislative Assemblies

INAUGURAL REMARKS OF THE PRESIDING OFFICERS



Honorable Deputy Chairman Senate, Mr. Sabir Ali Baloch said that Speakers' Conference provided an opportunity to sit together and discuss issues of national importance arising in the Parliament and the Provincial Assemblies.



Speaker National Assembly & Chairman of 17th Speakers' Conference, Sardar Ayaz Saidq delivering the inaugural address



Honorable Speaker Provincial Assembly of the Balochistan, Mir Jan Muhammad Khan Jamali stated that the basic role of the Parliament was to ensure well being of the masses through legislation; and the empowerment of the provinces through 18th Constitutional Amendment was a landmark in the legislative history of Parliament.



Honorable Speaker Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, Rana Muhammad Iqbal Khan expressed his concern over the non-implementation of the decisions of the previous Speakers' Conference and suggested that a Joint Implementation Committee should be constituted to implement the decisions of the Conference.



Honorable Speaker Provincial Assembly of the Sindh, Agha Siraj Khan Durrani said that it was our duty to protect and preserve democracy, and for this, we have to create an enabling environment by ensuring vibrant Parliamentary Institutions.



Honorable Speaker AJ&K Legislative Assembly, Sardar Ghulam Sadiq Khan emphasized that the basic objective of Speakers' Conference was to ensure the sustainability and growth of democratic parliamentary traditions.



Honorable Speaker Gilgit-Baltistan Legislative Assembly, Mr. Wazir Baig appreciated that the 17th Speakers' Conference would promote unity and cohesion as it provided an opportunity to public representatives to discuss vital issues of national importance.

TODAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

Monday, April 14, 2014

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| ◆ 0945 Hrs. Assemble in the Lobby | ◆ 1145 Hrs. Reassemble |
| ◆ 0950 Hrs. Departure from Hotel | ◆ 1300 Hrs. Lunch and Prayer Break |
| ◆ 1000 Hrs. Arrival at the Parliament House | ◆ 1430 Hrs. 2nd Session of Conference (Discussion on Agenda-continue) |
| ◆ 1005 Hrs. i) Recitation from the Holy Quran | ◆ 1530 Hrs. Tea |
| ◆ 1130 Hrs. ii) 1st Session of Conference (Discussion on Agenda) | ◆ 1545 Hrs. 2nd Session of Conference (Discussion on Agenda-continue) |
| ◆ 1130 Hrs. Tea | ◆ 1930 Hrs. Dinner |

Speakers' Conferences- At Glance

| # | Date | Venue | Chaired By Speaker |
|-----|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | 10 July 1972 | Karachi | Mr. Fazal Elahi Chaudhry |
| 2. | 6-7 October 1972 | Islamabad | Mr. Fazal Elahi Chaudhry |
| 3. | 18-19 October 1973 | Lahore | Sahibzada Farooq Ali |
| 4. | 7-8 January 1975 | Karachi | Sahibzada Farooq Ali |
| 5. | 1-2 August 1975 | Quetta/Ziarat | Sahibzada Farooq Ali |
| 6. | 29-30 July 1976 | Swat/ Saidu Sharif | Sahibzada Farooq Ali |
| 7. | 9 May 1985 | Islamabad | Syed Fakhar Imam |
| 8. | 7-8 February 1986 | Islamabad | Syed Fakhar Imam |
| 9. | 11-12 August 1987 | Quetta | Mr. Hamid Nasir Chattha |
| 10. | 17-18 November 1989 | Karachi | Malik Miraj Khalid |
| 11. | 16-17 March 1990 | Lahore | Malik Miraj Khalid |
| 12. | 24-26 January 1993 | Peshawar | Mr. Gohar Ayub Khan |
| 13. | 26-28 September 1998 | Muzaffarabad | Mr. Ilaahi Bukhsh Soomro |
| 14. | 16 December 2004 | Islamabad | Ch. Amir Hussain |
| 15. | 29-30 July 2006 | Quetta | Ch. Amir Hussain |
| 16. | 2-3 March 2010 | Lahore | Dr. Fehmida Mirza |
| 17. | 13-15 April 2014 | Islamabad | Sardar Ayaz Sadiq |

THE INSTITUTION OF SPEAKERS CONFERENCE: AN INTRODUCTION

Conference of the Presiding Officers/Speakers of Legislative Bodies has evolved through established parliamentary practice. The institution of the Speakers' Conference can be traced back to the year 1921 when the first Conference of the Speakers of Central and Provincial Legislatures was held at Simla (Indo-Pak Sub-Continent), under the chairmanship of the then Speaker of the Central Legislative Assembly Mr. Frederick Whyte. In pre-independence era, this forum emerged as the most powerful and well organized democratic institution. The task before the Speakers' Conference was to establish healthy parliamentary traditions and to solve by discussions, the difficulties encountered in respective legislatures. However, after the creation of Pakistan, the first Conference could only be held at Karachi in 1972 under the chairmanship of Mr. Fazal Elahi Chaudhry the then Speaker of the 3rd Constituent Assembly. From 1972

SECRETARIES MEET TO FINALIZE THE AGENDA



Participants of the 9th Secretaries Conference

First Row: (L to R) Mr. Amanullah Khan, Secretary KPK, Mr. Shafi Muhammad Abbasi, Addl. Secretary Sindh, Mr. Muhammad Azam Dawi, Secretary Balochistan, Mr. Karamat Hussain Niazi, Secretary NA, Ch. Basharat Hussain, Secretary AJ&K, Mr. Abdullah Khan, Secretary GB, Hafiz Muhammad Shafique Adil, Acting Secretary Punjab.

Second Row: (L to R) Mr. Shams-ud-Din, Addl. Secretary Balochistan, Mr. Sattar Mahar, Supdt. Sindh, Mr. Ahmad Ali Khattak, Estate Officer, KPK, Syed Munawar Abbas, Special Secretary, NA, Mr. Shahid Hussain Jilani, Addl. Secretary, NA, Malik Khaleeq, J.S, NA, Mr. Amjad Latif Abbasi, Addl. Secretary, AJK, Mr. Qamar Sohail Lodhi, Addl. Secretary, NA, Mr. Tariq Pervaz Bhatti, D.G. (IT), NA.

As per the conventions, the Secretaries Conference is held, prior to each Speakers' Conference. This is deemed necessary to finalize the agenda with specific reference to the decisions made during the previous Speakers' Conference, in order to determine the implementation status thereof.

Hence, 9th Secretaries Conference was held on 3rd April, 2014 in the Parliament House,

Islamabad with Mr. Karamat Hussain Niazi, Secretary National Assembly in the Chair. The Conference reviewed the implementation status and sorted out the agenda items proposed by all the legislatures in Pakistan. Consequently, the scrutinized agenda will now be placed before the 17th Speakers' Conference, scheduled to be held in Islamabad during 13-15 April, 2014.

to 1976, the forum met quite regularly but again, there was a long pause until 1985. Thereafter, the Speakers' Conferences were held in 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1993, 1998, 2004, 2006 and 2010.

The Speaker National Assembly is the ex-officio Chairman and the Secretary National Assembly, the ex-officio Secretary of the Conference. Under the conventions of this forum, the Conference is keenly attended by all the Speakers/Presiding Officers of all the Legislatures alongwith their Officers concerned.

In 2010, after the promulgation of Gilgit-Baltistan Empowerment and Self Governance Order 2009, the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Secretary of Gilgit-Baltistan Legislative Assembly were invited for the first time to attend the 16th Speakers' Conference held in Lahore in March, 2010.

Islamabad Weather Today

28° C  15° C

Humidity 21% - 31%