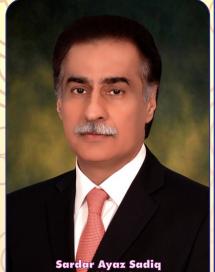


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## THE BULLETIN OF 17<sup>TH</sup> SPEAKERS' CONFERENCE Monday, 14 April 2014

# ISLAMABAD ALL SET TO HOST 17<sup>TH</sup> SPEAKERS' CONFERENCE

### **MESSAGE**



Hon'able Speaker National Assembly of Islamic Republic of Pakistar

he Speakers' Conference was inaugu-

I ference was inaugurated at the Parliament House in Islamabad on 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

SPEAKER NA INAUGURATES THE CONFERENCE

"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 the17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>™</sup> SPEAKERS' CONFERENCE



he Hon'able Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq hosted a sumptuous dinner in honour of the delegates of the 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



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 17<sup>th</sup> Speakers' Conference, Sardar Ayaz Saidq delivering the inaugural address



Honorable Speaker Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, Rana Muhammad Iqbal Khan expressed his concern over the nonimplementation of the decisions of the previous Speakers' Conference and suggested that a Joint I m p I e m e n t a t i o n Committee should be constituted to implement the decisions of the Conference.



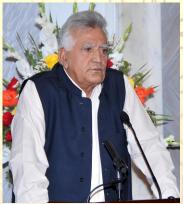
Honorable Speaker Provincial Assembly of the Sindh, Agha Siraj Khan Durrani said that it was our duty to protect and preserve democracy, and for this, we have to create an enabling environment by ensuring vibrant Parliamentary Institutions.



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 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 18<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment was a landmark in the legislative history of Parliament.



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

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- 0945 Hrs. Assemble in the Lobby
- 0950 Hrs. Departure from Hotel
- 1000 Hrs. Arrival at the Parliament House
- 1005 Hrs. i) Recitation from the Holy Quran
- ii) 1st Session of Conference (Discussion on Agenda)
- 🔶 1130 Hrs. Tea

## TODAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

- ♦ 1145 Hrs. Reassemble
  - 1300 Hrs. Lunch and Prayer Break
  - 1430 Hrs. 2nd Session of Conference (Discussion on Agenda-continue) 1530 Hrs. Tea
- 1530 Hrs.
  - 1545 Hrs. 2nd Session of Conference (Discussion on Agenda-continue) 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.	26-28September 1998	Muzaffarabad	Mr. Ilahi 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**

onference 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 preindependence 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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, 9<sup>th</sup> 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 exofficio 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.

