



ANNUAL ELECTIONS OF PAKISTAN TANNERS ASSOCIATION FOR OFFICE BEARERS & CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020

Annual elections of Pakistan Tanners Association was held on 25th September'2019 Shaikh M. Afzal Hussain of M/s. Hussain Leather Craft, Karachi has been elected unopposed as Central Chairman, Pakistan Tanners Association while Mr. Fazal-ur-Rehman Shaikh of M/s. Rehman Brothers & Company, Kasur elected un-opposed as Senior Vice Chairman and Mr. Muhammad Shafi of M/s. Mateen Brothers, Karachi elected as Vice Chairman of the Central Executive Committee, PTA for the year 2019-20.



Sh. Afzal Hussain
Chairman



Fazal-ur-Rehman
Sr. Vice Chairman



Muhammad Shafi
Vice Chairman

The members of the Central Executive Committee of Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA) elected for the year 2019-2020 are as follows:

01.	Mr. Amjad Hafeez	M/s. Muhammad Shafi Tanneries (Pvt) Ltd, Karachi.
02.	Mr. Azam Malik	M/s. Leathertex Glovings (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore
03.	Mr. Anjum Zafar	M/s. Eastern Leather Company (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore.
04.	Mr. Akram Mahmood	M/s. MIMA Apparel (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore.
05.	Mr. Danish Naseem	M/s. MIMA Leather (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi.
06.	Mr. Kamran Habib	M/s. Pelle Classics, Karachi.
07.	Mr. Muhammad Shafi	M/s. Pan Asia International, Lahore.
08.	Mr. Muhammad Shahid	M/s. Star Leather Industries (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi.
09.	Mr. Muttaher Shafique Pasari	M/s. Pasari ORG., Lahore.
10.	Mr. Naeem Akhtar	M/s. H. Sadar Ali Akhtar Ali (pvt) Ltd., Lahore .
11.	Mr. Naveed Ahmed	M/s. Pioneer International, Karachi.
12.	Mr. Tahir Mushtaq	M/s. Tauheed International (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi.
13.	Kh. Muhammad Mehr Ali	M/s. Khawaja Tanneries (Pvt) Ltd., Multan.



Glimpses – PTA Elections 2019-20



Immediate Past Chairman, Mr. Agha Saiddain congratulating Newly elected Chairman, PTA (Central) Sh. Afzal Hussain on his un-opposed election for the year 2019-20



Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Senior Member PTA alongwith other members garlanding newly elected Vice Chairman, PTA (Central) Mr. Muhammad Shafi



Members snapped with the newly elected Chairman, PTA (Central), Sh. Afzal Hussain and Vice Chairman, Mr. Muhammad Shafi for the year 2019-20 and immediate Past Chairman, Mr. Agha Saiddain (C) in PTA (Central Office), Karachi



Secretary General, PTA (Central), Mr. Muhammad Ali presenting Bouquet to Immediate Sr. Vice Chairman, PTA (Central), Mr. Kamran Habib



Mr. Agha Saiddain, Immediate Past Chairman, PTA (Central) and Mr. Muhammad Ali, Secretary General presenting Bouquet to Kh. Muhammad Mehr Ali Immediate Vice Chairman, PTA (Central)

PTA Delegation held Meeting with CE-TDAP on 24th October'2019

PTA Delegation led by the newly elected Chairman, PTA (Central), Sh. Afzal Hussain accompanied by Mr. Muhammad Shafi, Vice Chairman, PTA (Central), Mr. Amanullah Aftab, Chairman, Int'l Fairs Standing Committee, PTA, Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Ex-Chairman, PTA, Mr. Kamran Habib, CEC Member and Mr. Shafique Ahmed held a meeting with Chief Executive, TDAP, Mr. Arif Ahmed Khan to discuss all related issues particularly for the implementation of 80% subsidy on Int'l Fairs, release of amount for 4th PMLS and 5th PMLS and release of 25% balance amount for setting-up of Effluent Treatment Plants in individual tanneries. Following Agenda was discussed during the meeting :

01.	To confirm for the implementation of approval/decision for releasing 80% Government subsidy on participation of Int'l Leather Fairs IRRESPECTIVE OF 5 YEARS PARTICIPATION & 2 TIMES PARTICIPATION IN A YEAR, as already approved by MOC.
02.	Release of subsidy amount to the tune of Rs.20 Million already available in PTA/TDAP's joint account in NBP, Karachi for 4th PMLS'2018 at Lahore.
03.	Expedite the process for releasing approved amount of Rs.20 Million for 5th PMLS'2019, Lahore for which submission has already been made to TDAP.
04.	Release of Rs.20 Million for the treatment plants receivable from TDAP for 8 member firms.

The discussion concluded positively on all matters and assured to make it resolve shortly and release the pending amount for the leather show shortly subject to the clearance & further information. As regard the pending amount for treatment plants, CE/TDAP has assured to make arrangements for the meeting with DG/FIA, who is newly appointed to sort out this issue for PTA member's amount.

PTA delegation discussing issues of Leather Sector during the meeting held with Chief Executive TDAP in his Office on 24th October'2019 at TDAP Karachi



FAIRS & EXHIBITIONS

PTA successfully organized Pakistan Pavilion in Leathertech from 31st October-2nd November'2019 at Dhaka, Bangladesh

PTA organized Pakistan Pavilion in collaboration with TDAP in Leathertech, Dhaka, Bangladesh from 31st October to 2nd November'2019 for its 12 Member participants to showcase their quality Finished Leather of Cow/Buff Hides, Goat & Sheep Skins with innovation upto the international standard as displayed conspicuously at the respective booths in Pakistan Pavilion during the Fair for the attraction to the customers/buyers/visitors.

Outcome of the Pakistan's participation in this event was found very much encouraging. Customers / Visitors made visits specially Leather Shoe Manufacturers based in Bangladesh to Pakistani Stands in large number and inspired from the finest quality of Finished Leather of all sorts displayed in Pakistan Pavilion. Encouraging number of queries with worthwhile amount has been received during the Fair, which is hopefully to be finalized to achieve the desired objectives for yielding precious foreign exchange for the country.

Views of PTA's Member Participant Stands in Leathertech – 31st October-2nd November'2019 at Dhaka, Bangladesh





Honourable Minister, Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh, Mr. Tipu Munshi addressing the gathering on the occasion of Inaugural Ceremony of LeatherTech on 31st October 2019 at Dhaka



Sheikh Afzal Hussain, Chairman, PTA presenting a Crest to Acting High Commissioner, Mr. Shah Faisal Kakar on his visit to Pakistan Pavilion at Dhaka on 31.10.2019



Chairman, PTA Sheikh Afzal Hussain presenting Crest to Mr. M. Suleman Khan, Commercial Secretary, Embassy of Pakistan in Dhaka, Bangladesh



Chairman, PTA Sheikh Afzal Hussain presenting Crest to Mr. Ghulam Nabi, Commercial Assistant, Pakistan Embassy, Dhaka

Conclusion

A per reports received from our member participants business concluded during the Fair was approximate worth US\$ 0.6 Million and a number of queries were also received of US\$ 0.4 Million (approx) as well as effective negotiations are also in the pipeline, which may be finalized shortly.

All the member participants of Pakistan Pavilion assured to take part in the next year event of Leathertech, 2020 with the same assistance of Commercial Section, High Commission of Pakistan Dhaka, Bangladesh.

PTA Delegation Meeting with Chairman, FBR on 29.11.2019 at Islamabad

PTA delegation led by Sh. Afzal Hussain, Chairman, PTA (Central) accompanied by Mr. Fazalur Rehman Sheikh, Sr. Vice Chairman, Mr. Muhammad Shafi, Vice Chairman, PTA (Central), Mr. Agha Saiddain, Ex-Chairman, PTA, Kh. Muhammad Mehr Ali and Mr. Hamid Arshad Zahur, Members PTA met with Chairman, FBR, Syed Muhammad Shabbar Zaidi on 29th November'2019 at FBR, Islamabad to discuss the core issues of Leather Industry being faced by its member exporters i.e. i) Fixation of Benchmark at least 10% as per working of PTA for refund of Sales Tax for Finished Leather through FASTER System ii) To allow rate of DDB for finished leather for cow/ buffalo Hides and sheep/goat skins as was already approved by IOCO instead of existing rates iii) Withdrawal of SRO # 327, which was revoked recently by FBR un-necessarily, for the import of raw materials. iv) Withdrawal of 2%ACD on import of Cow & Buffalo v) Acceptance of Indemnity Bond for 17% Sales Tax rather than payment of 7% cash & 10% indemnity Bond for the import of Tanning Machineries. Chairman, FBR heard patiently issues of Leather Industry and assured the delegation for resolution as soon as possible.

PTA Delegation Met with the President of Pakistan on

PTA delegation led by Sh. Afzal Hussain Chairman also met with Dr. Arif Alvi, President of Pakistan on 29th November'2019 at Islamabad and discuss all the above issues with him in detail. The President of Pakistan heard all grievances of the Industry very patiently and assured PTA's Delegation to take up these matters with Ministry of Commerce, Finance and FBR strongly for the desired resolution with his recommendation.



PTA Delegation (R) discussing with Dr. Arif Alvi, President of Pakistan at Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad on 29.11.2019

Sheikh Afzal Hussain, Chairman, PTA alongwith senior members presenting PTA's Crest to Honourable President of Pakistan, Dr. Arif Alvi



PTA Delegation Meeting with the Special Assistant to PM on Youth Affairs

PTA Delegation also met with Mr. Muhammad Usman Dar, Special Assistant to PM on Youth Affairs, being a relevant person engaged with Leather Business, on 29.11.2019 at Islamabad and explained all the above grievances of the Industry. He realized the gravity of the matters and assured PTA Delegation to take up the issues at his level with the highest Authorities for the resolution.

Activities of PTA - Southern Zone, Karachi



Mr. Ghulam Nabi Memon, Additional Inspector General Police Karachi at KATI attended by Mr. Farooq Ahmed, Acting Chairman PTA (S.Z). 20-9-19



Mr. Barrister Murtaza Wahab, Adviser to Chief Minister Sindh for Law, Environment, Climate change at KATI attended by Mr. Farooq Ahmed, Acting Chairman PTA (S.Z). 21-9-19.



Delegation led by Mr. Gulzar Firoz along with Chairman PTA (S.Z) Mr. Muhammad Shafi & Vice Chairman Mr. Farooq Ahmed met Respectable Mr. S M Muneer Sahab (Bhai Jan) in his Office on 01-10-19 to seek blessings and brief them about on-going infrastructure works in Sector 7-A.



Mr. Gulzar Firoz led a delegation with Mr. Muhammad Shafi, Chairman PTA (S.Z) along with Mr. Farooq Ahmed, Vice Chairman PTA (S.Z) to meet Secretary Industries & Commerce, Govt of Sindh in his Office on 26-9-19.



Delegation led by Chairman PTA (S.Z) Mr. Muhammad Shafi & Vice Chairman Mr. Farooq Ahmed met Secretary Forest, Mr. Rahim Soomro in his Office on 03-10-19.



EDF & TDAP delegation visited NILT College, accompanied by Muhammad Shafi, Chairman PTA (S.Z) & Mr. Farooq Ahmed, Vice Chairman PTA (S.Z) on 08-10-19.



Mr. Farooq Ahmed, Vice Chairman PTA (S.Z) attended a seminar at Rotary Club of Karachi on 08-10-19



Mr. Muhammad Shafi, Chairman PTA (S.Z), Mr. Farooq Ahmed, Vice Chairman PTA (S.Z) & Mr. Aziz Ahmed, Chairman Infrastructure Committee PTA (S.Z) attended a meeting called by Deputy Commissioner Korangi in his office with other officials of NRL to discuss beautification and other matters of Sector 7A on 09-10-19.



Mr. Khawaja Liaquat Mahmood, Chairman K-Electric Sub Committee along with other Members of PTA held a meeting with Mr. Hafeez Memon, G.M Operations in his office, to discuss Electric related issues pertaining in Sector 7A, KIA on 14-10-19.



Mr. Muhammad Shafi, Chairman PTA (S.Z) along with a delegation of PTA Members met high officials of K-Electric in his office. To discuss issue related to power failure and load shedding in Sector 7A, on 22-10-19



Mr. Aziz Ahmed, Chairman Infrastructure Committee PTA (S.Z) held meeting with KITE Secretary & Consultant Officials to review Infrastructural works going on in Sector 7-A, KIA on 29-10-19.



A delegation led by Chairman PTA (S.Z) Mr. Muhammad Shafi, along with Chairman Infrastructure Committee PTA (S.Z) Mr. Aziz Ahmed and other members of Association met Honorable Minister Industries & Commerce Department, Govt of Sindh Mr. Jam Ikramullah Dharejo and also Secretary Industries & Commerce Department, Govt of Sindh Dr. Nasim-ul-Ghani Sahito in their offices, to brief them about ongoing Infrastructural projects in Sector 7-A, KIA on 04-11-19.

Activities of PTA - Northern Zone, Lahore

Meeting with Asian Development Bank team at LCCI regarding Skill Development

On 15th October 2019, a team from Asian Development Bank visited Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry for a meeting. The ADB team presented some concrete possible options for cooperation with the private sector regarding Skill Development in Punjab.

From PTA, Sheikh Muhammad Shafi, Executive Committee member and Secretary PTA-NZ participated in the meeting.

Sheikh Muhammad Shafi presented the brief of leather industry in Pakistan and explained the present arrangements of training and skill development at Gujranwala Institute of Leather Technology and NILT Karachi. He also invited the ADB team for a visit to NILT Karachi in order to assess gaps and modalities for improvement.



Awareness Session in collaboration with SGS Pakistan (Private) Ltd. on Energy Management System (50001) & Environmental Management System (14001) for Leather sector

On 15th October 2019, PTA-Northern Zone office arranged and coordinated on Energy Management System (50001) & Environmental Management System (14001) for Leather sector in collaboration with SGS Pakistan, Lahore office. Representatives from as many as 12 member companies attended the session and termed it as very useful in understanding Energy Management System (50001) & Environmental Management System (14001). It was a 03 hours session focused on Basic Introduction of Energy Management System (50001) & Environmental Management System (14001).



Press Clippings

BUSINESS RECORDER KARACHI SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2019

PM urged to help resolve issue of stuck-up ST refunds

RECORDING REPORT KARACHI: Chairman, Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA) Shaikh Aftab Hossain has urged Prime Minister Imran Khan and Minister of Revenue (FBR) for the refund of sales tax on leather goods. He said the industry is facing a crisis due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods. The industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods.

BUSINESS RECORDER KARACHI TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2019 5

Refund of sales tax of finished leather PTA urges FBR to fix 'realistic' benchmark

RECORDING REPORT KARACHI: Chairman, Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA) Shaikh Aftab Hossain has urged Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) to fix a realistic benchmark for the refund of sales tax on leather goods. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods.

BUSINESS RECORDER KARACHI WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2019

PM urged to help resolve issues of leather industry

RECORDING REPORT KARACHI: Pakistan Tanners Association chairman Shaikh Aftab Hossain has urged Prime Minister Imran Khan to help resolve the issues of the leather industry. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods.

BUSINESS RECORDER KARACHI FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2019

PTA chief demands uninterrupted gas, electricity supply

RECORDING REPORT KARACHI: Chairman, Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA) Shaikh Aftab Hossain has demanded uninterrupted gas and electricity supply for the leather industry. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods.

BUSINESS RECORDER KARACHI THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 2019

FBR, govt urged to release ST refunds

RECORDING REPORT KARACHI: Chairman, Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA) Shaikh Aftab Hossain has urged the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) and the government to release the sales tax (ST) refunds for the leather industry. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods.

BUSINESS RECORDER KARACHI SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 2019 3

Zero-rated status PTA for including leather sector in 2nd FTA with China

RECORDING REPORT KARACHI: Chairman, Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA) Shaikh Aftab Hossain has urged the government to grant zero-rated status to the leather sector in the second Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with China. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods.

BUSINESS RECORDER KARACHI TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2019

FBR, govt urged to simplify ST refund claim procedure

RECORDING REPORT KARACHI: Chairman, Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA) Shaikh Aftab Hossain has urged the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) and the government to simplify the sales tax (ST) refund claim procedure. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods.

BUSINESS RECORDER KARACHI SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2019

BD Leather Tech Fair 'Participation to promote Pak-BD bilateral trade'

RECORDING REPORT KARACHI: Chairman, Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA) Shaikh Aftab Hossain has urged the government to participate in the Bangladesh Leather Technology Fair to promote Pak-BD bilateral trade. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods. He said the industry has been suffering from a cash crunch due to the delay in the refund of sales tax on leather goods.

EXPORT OF LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS FROM PAKISTAN DURING JULY-OCTOBER 2019 VIS-A-VIS JULY-OCTOBER 2018

COMMODITIES	UNIT	July - Oct 2018		July - Oct 2019		% Change	
		QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE
LEATHER	'000' SQM	6,922	86,020	6,739	70,753	-2.64%	-17.75%
	AUP/Sq.M		12.43		10.50		-15.51%
LEATHER APPAREL & CLOTHING	'000' DOZ	305	88,432	422	99,955	38.36%	13.03%
	AUP/Pcs		24.16		19.74		-18.31%
LEATHER GLOVES	'000' DOZ	1,806	69,002	2,065	77,773	14.34%	12.71%
	AUP/Pair		6.37		6.28		-1.43%
LEATHER FOOTWEAR	'000' Pairs	2,054	34,002	2,669	38,367	29.94%	12.84%
	AUP/Pair		16.55		14.38		-13.16%
OTHER LEATHER MANUFACTURES	'000' KGS	332	3,372				
	AUP/Kg		10.16		3,804		12.81%
TOTAL			280,828		290,652		3.50%

Source: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.
NOTE : Export figures for the months from July-October'2019 are Provisional.



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