

50 years
Golden
Jubilee

pta News Leather



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Chairman, PTA



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KEY NOTES

- ▲ Pakistan Pavilion successfully organized in APLF-2014, Hong Kong.
- ▲ PTA arranged dinner-reception in honour of Mr. S.M. Muneer, CE, TDAP.
- ▲ Visit of Commercial Counsellor of China in Karachi to PTA (Central Office).
- ▲ PTA delegation held meeting with CE, TDAP.
- ▲ Meeting of Turkish Vice Consul with PTA Members.
- ▲ Royal Leather Industries Limited, Lahore won FPCCI's Gold Medal for Corporate Social Responsibility.
- ▲ PTA participated in 12th Pakistan International Footwear Show at Lahore Expo Centre.
- ▲ Environmental Court appreciated the performance of Royal Leather Industries Ltd., Lahore.
- ▲ Export Performance of Leather & Leather Products for the period from July-April-2013-14 vis-à-vis July-April 2012-13.
- ▲ Press clippings.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE, TDAP INAUGURATED PAKISTAN PAVILION AT HONG KONG



Mr. S.M. Muneer, CE, TDAP and Pakistan's Consul General in Hong Kong Mr. Ghufan Memon inaugurating Pakistan Pavilion at APLF-2014, Hong Kong

Pakistan Tanners Association successfully organized Pakistan Pavilion in 30th Edition of Asia Pacific Leather Fair held from 31st March to 2nd April 2014 in Hong Kong for participation of its 80 Member Exporters of Finished Leather, Leather Garments, Footwear Gloves, Made-Ups, Products for displaying their finest / innovative quality products in Finished forms to attract buyers. About 50 countries participated in the grand event around the world.

It was the First time that the National Pavilion was inaugurated jointly by Chief Executive, TDAP, Mr. S. M. Muneer and Mr. Ghufan Memon, Consul General of Pakistan in Hong Kong. The CE, TDAP encouraging the participants assured his full cooperation in strengthening country's economy by promoting export. He also said that TDAP provided a viable platform to the exporters for showcasing their Leather & Leather Products to attract the foreign buyers during the event.

The Chairman, PTA thanked Mr. Ghufan Memon, Consul General of Pakistan, HongKong for his cooperation in organizing Pakistan Pavilion in befitting manner and specially the Chief Executive, TDAP for sparing his valuable time for inauguration of Pakistan Pavilion which would give an immense impetus to the Pakistani Participants of Leather & Leather Products.

Both the above high ups assured their maximum possible support to the Pakistani participants during the fair to make the participation a real success and result oriented with enormous business conclusion.

The Chairman, PTA alongwith the Chief Executive, TDAP arranged Meetings with the Consul General of Pakistan in Hong Kong and with the Fair Organizers. A proposal for "Pakistan as Focus Country" moved by the CE, TDAP for which a comprehensive detail was provided by the Fair Organiser is under consideration of the Government.

50 YEARS' CELEBRATION OF PAKISTAN TANNERS ASSOCIATION

During the above inaugural ceremony of Pakistan Pavilion in APLF-2014, Hong Kong Pakistan Tanners Association also celebrated its 50 years' anniversary.

A large number of the representatives of PTA's member firms attended the ceremony.

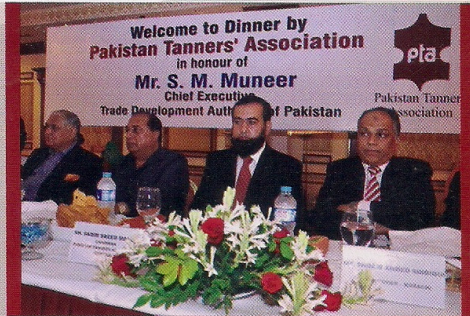


Mr. S. M. Muneer, CE, TDAP, Mr. Ghufan Memon, CG of Pak in HK and Mr. Micheal Duck, Organizer APLF cutting cake on celebration of 50 years' anniversary of Pakistan Tanners Association at Pakistan Pavilion in APLF-2014, Hong Kong in the presence of the Chairman and other members of PTA

DIFFERENT VIEWS OF PTA MEMBERS' STANDS IN APLF-2014



PTA HOSTED DINNER IN HONOUR OF MR. S. M. MUNEEB, CE-TDAP



CE, TDAP sitting on stage with Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood, Chairman, PTA, Commissioner Karachi, Mr. Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui is also seen

Pakistan Tanners Association arranged a Dinner- Reception in honour of Mr. S. M. Muneer, Chief Executive, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan on 15th April'2014 in Pearl Continental Hotel, Karachi.

A large number of PTA's members including Chairman, PTA, Shaikh Saqib Saeed Masood, Sr. Vice Chairman, Mr. Muhammad Usman, Vice Chairman, Mr. Fawad Jawed, former Chairmen, PTA Mr. S. M. Saleem, Mr. Muhammad Naseem Shafi, Mr. Habibur Rehman Shaikh, Mr. S. M. Naseem, Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Mr. Agha Saiddain and other senior members gathered to welcome the newly appointed Chief Executive, TDAP who is also the founder member of PTA and a prominent businessman.

Besides above, most of the prominent elites of the city were present in the Dinner specially Mr. Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqi, Commissioner Karachi, Director Generals of TDAP, Former Sindh Minister, Mian Zahid Hussain and Mr. Khalid Tawab as well as Mr. Tariq Sayeed, Group Leader Business Panel, FPCCI other Government circle & business community friends.

Chairman, PTA Mr. Saqib Saeed Masood highlighted the core issues of Leather Sector during his speech and requested the CE, TDAP for his support and recommending genuine demands of PTA. Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood also assured to extend his full support to the CE, TDAP for promotion of the export as per aspiration of the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Other speakers including Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Mr. Agha Saiddain, Mian Zahid Hussain also addressed the gathering and pointed out the problems faced by the exporters of leather industry.

Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Former Chairman, PTA & Ex-Vice President, FPCCI shared his views with the gathering during his speech and highlighted different aspects specially for awarding GSP Plus Status to Pakistan by the European Union. He emphasized the need that Pakistan can only embark on capitalizing the maximum opportunities of GSP Plus status by averting several hurdles of exporters and to provide level playing field in Pakistan. Mr. Gulzar Firoz also offered his services and for sharing his comprehensive Study - Survey Report to TDAP. He also urged to form Sectoral/Product Committees in TDAP without delay so as to initiate and analyze the problems of the Industry for early solution.



Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood, Chairman, PTA addressing the gathering on the occasion of Dinner hosted in honour of Mr. S. M. Muneer, CE, TDAP

On the occasion, Mr. S. M. Muneer, Chief Executive, TDAP addressed the gathering and assured the Business community for his maximum possible assistance/ cooperation at TDAP's platform for expeditious redressal of the issues. He also assured for providing level playing field to Leather Sector, which is the 2nd biggest export oriented Industry of the country to play its viable role more vigorously to accelerate the pace of exports to make it double within the next 3 years as per aspiration of the Honourable Prime Minister of Pakistan and Federal Minister for Commerce and Finance.



Chief Executive, TDAP expressing his views during PTA's dinner function

He also apprised that all the Commercial Counsellors of Pakistan around the world would be assigned new tasks of marketing in wide range with the main objectives for the promotion of exports within the given time-frame and evolve a policy to more close coordination between Commercial Counsellors and Pakistan Business community.



Sheikh Saqib Saeed Masood, Chairman, PTA presenting Gold Medal to Mr. S. M. Muneer, Chief Executive, TDAP. Mr. Tariq Sayeed, Group Leader Business Panel, FPCCI, Mr. Agha Saiddain and Mr. Gulzar Firoz are also present

During the above auspicious occasion, Shaikh Saqib Saeed Masood on his own behalf and on behalf of the Central Executive Committee Members presented Gold Medal to Mr. S.M. Muneer, Chief Executive, TDAP for his remarkable services for the promotion of the leather sector on the occasion of 50 years anniversary of Pakistan Tanners Association.

On the occasion, Chief Executive, TDAP, Mr. S.M. Muneer presented PTA's Crests to the Former Chairmen, PTA in recognition of their excellent contribution to the up-gradation of leather industry.

Mr. Fawad Jawed, Vice Chairman, PTA (Central) delivered Vote of Thanks and expressed his views by inviting attention of the Chief Executive, TDAP

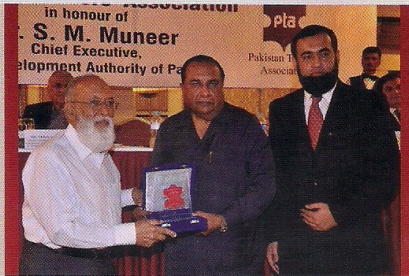
towards the deteriorating Law & Order situation in Sector 7A, KIA and bad Infrastructure and requested for its improvement and beef- up security measures. He also pointed out that despite laying new pipe lines Network in Sector 7A approved by the Governor of Sindh from Special Fund of Rs.4.5 Billion required Water has not been supplied to tannery zone so far. He requested the CE-TDAP to issue directives to the concerned authority to ensure regular supply of water to Tannery zone otherwise the pipe lines would be cracked-up and huge amount spent on the project will be lost.

He thanked Mr. S.M. Muneer, Chief Executive, TDAP, guests and members of PTA for sparing their time to make PTA Dinner Function memorable by their gracious presence.



Mr. Fawad Jawed, Vice Chairman, PTA (Central) delivering vote of thanks during Dinner-function organized in honour of the Chief Executive, TDAP

GLIMPSES OF PTA'S CRESTS PRESENTATION EVENTS TO THE FORMER CHAIRMEN OF PTA AT THE HANDS FROM MR. S.M. MUNEEER



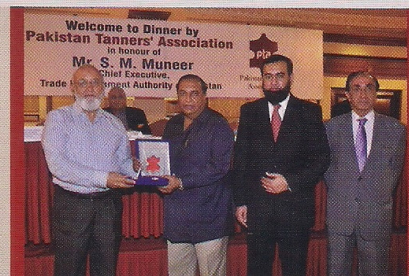
Receiving by Mr. S. M. Saleem



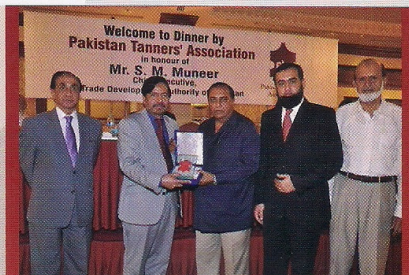
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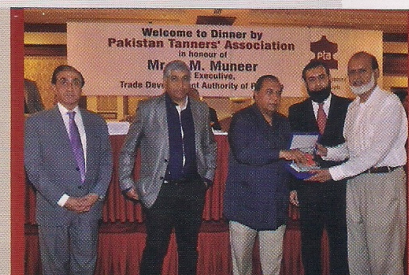
Receiving by Mr. Gulzar Firoz



Receiving by Mr. S. M. Naseem



Receiving by Mr. Agha Saiddain



Receiving by Mr. Habibur Rahman Shaikh



Group photograph of the participants with Mr. S. M. Muneer, CE, TDAP



Sr. Vice Chairman, PTA, Mr. Muhammad Usman presenting flower bouquet to the CE, TDAP

THE COMMERCIAL COUNSELLOR OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN KARACHI VISITED PTA CENTRAL OFFICE

At the instance of PTA, Mr. Yan Jianming, Commercial Counsellor of the People's Republic of China alongwith Mr. Xu Runtao, Consul visited PTA (Central Office), DHA, Karachi on 8th May'2014 and held meeting via video conference with members from PTA (SZ) and PTA (NZ) to discuss bilateral trade between both the brother countries.

Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood, Chairman, PTA, Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Chairman, Diplomatic Affairs Standing Committee and members from PTA (NZ) Lahore, Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq, Mr. Agha Saiddain and Mr. Shahid Usman thanked the Commercial Counsellor for sparing time to meet PTA's members. They also expressed pride on long historical friendship of Pakistan and China and appreciated Chinese policies and their Government support for the development and promotion of Pakistan's economy,

Mr. Yan Jianming, Commercial Counsellor of the People's Republic of China also thanked the Chairman, PTA and members for arranging a get-to-gather meeting in his honour to discuss enhancement of bilateral trade. He assured his full cooperation and continued support for strengthening their trade relations and friendship between the two countries on cordial footings.

The Chairman, PTA stated in his welcome speech that despite a friendly country, PTA member exporters are facing a lot of problems in exporting their products to China. He also drew attention of the Chinese Commercial Counsellor towards various problems and issues of leather industry in respect of trade with China. Members also offered different proposals/suggestions for the enhancement of export of Pakistani leather & leather products particularly Raw and Finished Leather, Footwear & Gloves to China.

We illustrate hereunder proposals/queries raised by the Chairman, PTA, Chairman, Diplomatic Affairs Standing Committee and Members during the meeting as well as response received from the Commercial Counsellor in this regard :

| SI # | PTA's Proposals/Queries | Remarks by the Chinese Commercial Counsellor |
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| 1. | To increase volume of export of Leather & Leather Products into China presently Pakistan's export is less than 1% of the total import of China at US\$ 10 Billion while the Pakistan produces best quality leather and stood at No.2 after Italy. Pakistan has huge livestock including Buffalo, Cow, Goat and Sheep particularly best Buffalo available in Pakistan which is 14% of the total global population. Pakistan needs greater trade access for Raw, finished leather, Shoes and Gloves to the Chinese market. | Mr. Yan Jianming, Commercial Counsellor stated that China always supported Pakistan as brother country. He appreciated the international quality standard of finished leather produced by Pakistani Tanners which would certainly be of value for Chinese buyers to get it from Pakistan. He also informed that due to environmental obligations of WTO in China a number of small tanneries have been closed down resultantly the manufacturers are facing short fall of raw materials. Definitely they will move to Pakistan for importing needed raw materials for manufacturing of Garments, Shoes and other Leather products. He apprised the members that the export of good quality of Leather from Pakistan and import of China can be enhanced with still more improvement in value addition and quality. |
| 2. | To ensure implementation of Zero Rating Import of Leather into China under 2nd Phase of Pak-China FTA as PTA already sent proposal for zero rating to | The Commercial Counsellor informed that the tariff will be reduced gradually through bilateral conversation. He also assured that the issue will be again taken-up with the Commercial Section of the |

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| | the MOC for consideration and approval. | Chinese Consulate and Chinese Ministry of Commerce to proceed for implementation on Zero Rating Import of Leather from Pakistan into China expeditiously under FTA. |
| 3. | To explore market by establishing Joint Ventures with PTA's interested Tanners in Leather Shoes & Leather Products as Pakistani tanners are selling best quality international standard finished leather to most of the International Brands around the World. | Mr. Yan Jianming clarified that Chinese Government is supportive of better access for Pakistani products and always supported business community in this regard. Recently China committed to invest US\$ 25 Billion in Power Sector as well as other sectors in Pakistan. He realized that there is a great potential to enhance export of Leather, Leather Footwear and Leather Gloves to China for which there is a need to establish joint ventures b/w both the countries for economic cooperation on very big platform. He assured to motivate Chinese Business Community and Chinese Government for having collaboration with PTA's members. |
| 4. | To issue Multiple Visit Visa for atleast 6 months instead of 3-months. | Regarding issuance of Multiple Visa to Pakistani exporters of Leather & Leather products, Mr. Yan realized the gravity of the situation and assured to discuss the matter with the Chinese Consul General to issue visa on PTA's recommendation like FPCCI & KCCI. |
| 5. | To send and Receive Trade Delegations of Leather & Leather Garments / Leather Products to China and from Pakistan to explore more business avenues. | He appreciated PTA's proposals for exchange of Visits of Trade delegations, views, updated market information, list of Chinese importers of Leather & Leather Products etc. He assured to extend maximum possible cooperation in this regard for expansion of exports from Pakistan. He also advised to move the above proposal through the Ministry of Commerce to Chinese Government for consideration. |
| 6. | To recommend for offering free booths in any potential event of Leather and Leather Products to be held in China like KUNMING Fair presently scheduled to be held from 6-10th June'2014 as recently offered to TDAP. | The Chinese Commercial Counsellor assured that regarding allocation of Free Booths to Pakistan exporters of Leather he will forward his recommendation to the Chinese Organizer concerned to pay their attention on Pakistan's participation as they desired. He stated that both the countries are brothers and any requirement from Pakistan's side will be taken seriously. |
| 7. | To invite Chinese enterprises i.e. Leather Shoes and Machineries to participate in proposed Pakistan Mega Leather Show to be held from 26-29th January'2015 in Expo Centre, Lahore. | Mr. Yan Jianming assured to extend cooperation by putting down information of Pakistan Mega Leather Show in their Official Website as well as motivating Chinese Enterprises to participate in the said Fair in Lahore. |
| 8. | To open Chinese Consulate Office in Lahore as presently business community has to visit Islamabad for issuance of Visa at their each business trip to China which create hurdles, wastage of time and money. | The Chinese Commercial Counsellor realized the grievances being faced by the Exporters of Leather from Lahore due to non availability of Consulate Office in their city and they have to visit Islamabad for the purpose. He assured to make recommendation to Chinese Government for opening a new Chinese Consulate Office in Lahore for easy access of the Punjab based businessmen. He also advised to move the said proposal through the Ministry of Commerce to Chinese Government with strong recommendation. |

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| 9. | To communicate Chinese Government to allow Shipments of Pakistani Leather & Leather Products directly to China instead of via Hong Kong where these are un-necessary stuck-up for long time. | Mr. Yan Jianming informed that he will forward the proposal of Pakistani exporters to the authority concerned of China to allow arrival of shipments from Pakistan at specific destination to China instead of Hong Kong. |



Chairman, PTA, Sh. Saqib Masood and members of the Association thanked Mr. Yan Jianming, Commercial Counsellor of The People's Republic of China for patient hearing and for his assurance to take measures for bolstering the exports.

On the occasion, the Chairman, PTA presented PTA's Crest to Mr. Yan Jianming, Chinese Commercial Counsellor.

PTA'S DELEGATION HELD MEETING WITH CE/TDAP, MR. S.M. MUNEEB

PTA delegation led by Chairman, Shaikh Saqib Saeed Masood, Chairman, PTA accompanied by Mr. S. M. Naseer, Senior Member of PTA & Vice President, FPCCI, Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Mr. Habibur Rehman Sheikh, Former Chairmen, PTA, Mr. Amanullah Aftab, Mr. Faraz Haleem, Mr. Hamid Zahur, Mr. Danish Naseem, Members, PTA attended the Meeting held with Mr. S.M. Muneer, Chief Executive, TDAP on 17th April'2014 at TDAP, Karachi to discuss the core issues of Leather Sector.

The Chairman, PTA brought to the notice of Chief Executive, TDAP all core issues of the Leather Sector which are briefly mentioned hereunder :-



Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood, Chairman, PTA explaining the Agenda Points to Mr. S. M. Muneer, CE/TDAP during the meeting

- 01 To release all Pending subsidies of participation of PTA members in various Int'l Fairs.
- 02 To include representatives of Pakistan Tanners Association (from Leather Sector) on the Export Committee on Leather, which is being formed by CE/TDAP to sort out the grievances sector wise for prompt redressal.
- 03 To remove 3 years condition of participation from TDAP's rules
- 04 To revise Duty Drawback Rates of Leather.
- 05 To change date of Applicability of SRO 897(I)/2013 from 12th June'2013 instead of 4th October'2013.
- 06 To include Hides & Skins in 6th Schedule of Sales Tax Act 1990

- 07 To reduce Custom duty on basic Chemicals used in tanning Industry.
- 08 To induct PTA Chairman in EDF Board.
- 09 To release Pending Sales Tax and Duty Drawback Claims of PTA's members.
- 10 To make strong recommendation for inclusion of PTA's proposal for Budget & Trade Policy for the year 2014-15.
- 11 To execute 2nd phase of FTA with China with the assurance to implement Zero Rating import of leather into China from Pakistan and also to negotiate with Japan & South Korea for the reduction of custom duty on leather into these destinations, as India has already got custom duty relaxation on Leather in Japan & South Korea.
- 12 Holding of Pakistan Mega Leather Show from 26-29th January'2015 at Lahore Expo Centre, which would be jointly organized by PLGMEA, PFMA, PGMEA & PTA to display entire products/leather under one roof to attract the foreign buyers/customers.
- 13 Increase of Government financial support upto 75% on participation in Int'l Fairs.
- 14 Allocation of sufficient fund from EDS for Leather Sector for the promotion & marketing internationally.

After hearing all the problems/grievances of the leather exporters patiently Mr. S. M. Muneer, Chief Executive, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan issued necessary directives to the concerned Directorates of TDAP to take prompt actions thereon and to submit the progress report to him as soon as possible. Mr. S.M. Muneer assured PTA's Delegation that all the genuine proposals/suggestions being productive for the promotion of country's exports would certainly be considered favourably by TDAP with the supreme motive to provide level playing field to enable PTA's member exporters to play their vital role more vigorously and enthusiastically for the uplift of leather industry.

Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Former Chairman, PTA and Ex-Vice President, FPCCI also moved their proposal for holding Expo Pakistan 2014 in Karachi Exp Centre in a more transparent method to become more result oriented specially to invite potential foreign buyers/customers after exercising thorough scrutiny so that the objectives for holding Expo Pakistan would be achieved for which Mr. Gulzar Firoz offered his services & expertise to TDAP in this regard.

Mr. Amanullah Aftab and Mr. Habibur Rehman Sheikh also shared their views with the house specially for organizing National Pavilions and to form Trade Delegations to the potential new global markets to explore business avenues.

The Chief Executive, TDAP, Mr. S.M. Muneer was thankful to the PTA's Delegation for highlighting the issues and viable proposals/suggestions as well as potential areas for the promotion of country's exports and assured firmly to Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood, Chairman, PTA to proceed together to avert all the bottlenecks faced by PTA's members for the growth of business & promotion of the country's exports.

At the conclusion, Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood, Chairman, PTA thanked Chief Executive, TDAP, Mr. S.M. Muneer for patient hearing of PTA's genuine demands/proposals as well as assurance for the removal of hurdles for Leather Sector and it was also assured by the Chairman, PTA that the export of Leather Sector may be doubled within 2-3 years, if the problems of this vital Sector of the country are resolved on priority basis.



A group photo of PTA delegation with the Chief Executive, TDAP after the Meeting

MEETING HELD WITH MR. SERCAN CELIK, VICE CONSUL, TURKISH CONSULATE IN KARACHI

A meeting was arranged by the Diplomatic Affairs Standing Committee, PTA with Mr. Sercan Celik, Vice Consul of Turkish Consulate in Karachi on 12th May 2014 in PTA Central Office to discuss issues of bilateral trade relations.

Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood, Chairman, PTA, Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Chairman, Diplomatic Affairs S/C and other members welcomed the Turkish Vice Consul and thanked him for sparing his valuable time to sit together to discuss and exchange view points for improvement of trade between Pakistan and Turkey. The Chairman, PTA assured that the mutual discussion would definitely invigorate not only business activities but also further strengthen the cordial relations b/w the two brother countries.

Chairman, PTA, Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood and Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Chairman, Diplomatic Affairs S/C invited the attention of the Vice Consul on the following significant issues:

01. To instruct the Turkish Customs authorities to wit draw collecting 3% Import Duty on Leather from Pakistan which is contradictory against the Turkish Government's decision for allowing "0%" Import Duty on Pakistani Leather.
02. To apprise the Turkish Customs authority that the LAB Test is not mandatory for Turkish buyers / customers on Import of Leather specially from Pakistan as it is already mentioned on their Invoice that "Prohibited Chemical is not used in this Leather" which should be accepted as in the case of European Union which do not require any Lab test of the goods on import.
03. To make recommendation to the Fair Organizer concerned for Concession in the Stand Rental preferably upto 50% for participation of PTA's members in 52nd AYSAF Fair to be held from 3- 6th December, 2014 at Istanbul, Turkey.
04. To exchange the Buyers/Customers Data of Turkish manufacturers of leather shoes, leather garments, leather bags/products with PTA to facilitate direct access to them for collaboration/business ties.
05. To supply the detailed information about the utilization of Free Trade Zones in Turkey to have understanding for massive marketing.

Mr. Sercan Celik, Turkish Vice Consul after patient hearing assured his support and cooperation in exchange of information b/w both the countries with the aim to boost bilateral trade. He also assured to discuss PTA's proposals/issues with the Turkish Consulate as well as with Turkish Customs authorities concerned for implementation of 0% import duty on Pakistan Leather.

Chairman, PTA, Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood, Mr. Gulzar Firoz and members present on the occasion thanked the Vice Consul for his visit to PTA (Central Office) and having good discussion on the matters of mutual interest.



Mr. Sercan Celik, Vice Consul, Turkey (C) discussing with Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood, Chairman, PTA (R), Mr. Gulzar Firoz (L) and Mr. Khurshid Ahmed



On the occasion, the Chairman, PTA and Chairman, Diplomatic Affairs S/C, PTA presented PTA's Shield to Mr. Sarcan Celik, Vice Consul of Turkish Consulate.

ROYAL LEATHER INDUSTRIES WON FPCCI'S GOLD MEDAL FOR CSR



Mr. Agha Saiddain of M/s. Royal Leather Industries Ltd., Lahore and Former Chairman, PTA (from left) receiving Gold Medal from Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif

PTA's prominent member M/s. Royal Leather Industries Ltd., Lahore was awarded a Gold Medal by the FPCCI on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in compliance with national environmental quality standards for "Zero Discharge" of wastewater on the occasion of FPCCI's 37th Export Awards Ceremony held in Lahore. It is the first tannery in Pakistan to have achieved this award.

During the ceremony, Mr. Agha Saiddain, Director Marketing & Operations of M/s. Royal Leather Industries Ltd., Lahore and Former Chairman, Pakistan Tanners Association was adorned with GOLD MEDAL by Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of Pakistan.

ENVIRONMENT COURT APPRECIATES THE PERFORMANCE OF ROYAL LEATHER INDUSTRIES LAHORE – PAKISTAN

Royal Leather Industries of Pakistan received an Environment Protection Order under section 16 of Punjab Environment Protection Act 2012, from the Provincial office of Environment Protection Department (EPD) Punjab to adopt remedial measures to abate pollution in conformance with National Environment Quality Standards (NEQS), prescribed under the law. Accordingly the case was forwarded to Environment Tribunal Punjab for want of appropriate legal measures against Royal Leather Industries. Environment Tribunal summoned Royal Leather Industries to present the defense against charges imposed by EPD.

Mr. Agha Saiddain, Director Marketing of Royal Leather Industries appeared before the Tribunal in person and presented his defense statement and denied all the allegations of EPD Punjab and condemned the complainant for singly pointing out a tannery that has won the internationally recognized 'Asia's Best Tannery Award' in 2013. He invited the members of Environment Tribunal to pay visit to his factory.

Accordingly the learned members of Environment visited the said tannery and after knowing the facts presented on ground decided to dismiss the case against Royal Leather Industries.

THE DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL READS AS UNDER

"In the noted above circumstances, the Complaint case in hand is hereby **DISMISSED** in capital words, with direction to the Complainant/EPA to take disciplinary action against its District Environment Team, which seems sleeping over wide spread pollution and destruction of environment caused by a large number of other industrial Units in the area and have singled out and reported bad picture of the respondent industrial Units for legal action without any scruple of conscience. This order be immediately notified to all concerned. File be consigned to record".

PTA PARTICIPATED IN 12TH PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL FOOTWEAR SHOW (PIFS-2014 AT LAHORE EXPO CENTRE)

Pakistan Footwear Manufacturers Association (PFMA) and Lahore International Expo Centre jointly organized "Pakistan International Footwear Show-2014 (PIFS 2014)" at the Lahore International Expo Centre from 9th – 13th May'2014 which was inaugurated by Dr. Farrukh Javed, Provincial Minister for Agriculture.

As decided, Pakistan Tanners Association also participated in the above fair for displaying best quality of finished leather and leather products which attracted a number of foreign buyers and visitors.

For the leather sector, PIFS 2014 was the largest International Fair being held in Pakistan, with representation from different companies from China, India, Taiwan, Italy, Germany, EU and Portugal.

Total 165 Exhibition stands were available wherein 96 different companies from the above countries exhibited their products.



Sheikh Muhammad Usman, Senior Vice Chairman PTA (L) receiving Souvenir from Dr. Farrukh Javed, Provincial Minister for Agriculture (R) at the occasion of Pakistan International Footwear Show 2014 in the presence of Mr. Nasir Anwer, Chairman Pakistan Footwear Manufacturers Association (C)

EXHIBITORS' DISTRIBUTION:

Footwear manufacturing and exporting companies : 64 Stands
: 101 Stands

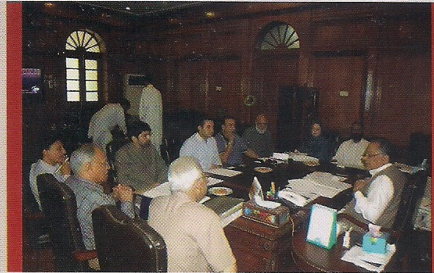
Other Exhibitors : (footwear accessories, chemicals and adhesives, natural and synthetic leathers, machinery / technology, finishes and different service providers).

Management of Pakistan Footwear Manufacturers Association (PFMA) deserves appreciation for holding country's premiere international exhibition where sourcing for the full range of footwear sector requirements, high grade hides and skins, footwear leather making chemicals, machinery/technology, finishes and different service providers were available under one roof.



PTA's participation in 12th PIFS at Lahore Expo Centre

ZONAL ACTIVITIES



Meeting of a PTA (S.Z) delegation with Mr. Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui, Commissioner, Karachi Division, held on 11-04-2014. It was led by Mr. Fawad Jawed, Chairman, PTA (S.Z) and attended by Mr. Rehan Hannan, Vice Chairman & Mr. M. Danish Khan, as well as Mr. Najme Alam, M.D. KW&SB among others. The meeting discussed Tannery Zone problems including non-supply of water.



Chairman PTA (S.Z) Mr. Fawad Jawed in a meeting with Maj. Wajid of ANF discussing Tannery Zone security system which he appreciated & lauded



Mr. Fawad Jawed, Chairman PTA (S.Z) & Mr. Gulzar Firoz, President, PTA (S.Z) Environmental Society at the 1st meeting of Korangi District Coordination Committee as its members. The meeting was held on 21-05-14 at Karachi. The Committee has been recently constituted to resolve KIA problems. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Zubair Ahmed Channa, Dy. Commissioner Korangi District

EXPORT PERFORMANCE OF PAKISTANI LEATHER & LEATHER PRODUCTS DURING JULY-APRIL 2013-14 VIS-A-VIS JULY-APRIL 2012-13

| Commodities | Unit | July – April 2012 – 13 | | July – April 2013 – 2014 | | % Change |
|----------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| | | Qty | Value | Qty | Value | |
| Leather | '000' SQ M | 21,959 | 390,142 | 21,869 | 438,205 | 12.32% |
| | AUP/Sq.M | | 17.77 | | 20.04 | 12.78% |
| Leather Apparel & Clothing | '000' DOZ | 765 | 311,865 | 1,015 | 340,292 | 9.12% |
| | AUP/Pcs | | 33.97 | | 27.94 | -17.76% |
| Leather Gloves | '000' DOZ | 4,542 | 140,129 | 6,004 | 167,070 | 19.23% |
| | AUP/Pair | | 5.14 | | 4.64 | -9.81% |
| Leather Footwear | '000' Pairs | 4,796 | 68,238 | 6,088 | 80,602 | 18.12% |
| | AUP/Pair | | 14.23 | | 13.24 | -6.95% |
| Other Leather Manufactures | '000' KGS | 753 | 11,197 | | 12,163 | 8.63% |
| | AUP/Kg | | 14.87 | | | |
| TOTAL : | | | 921,571 | | 1,038,332 | 12.67% |

Source : Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.

NOTE : Export Figures for the months from February'2014 to April'2014 are provisional.

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80 Pak companies attending 'Asia Pacific Leather Show'

HONG KONG: Eighty Pakistani leather tannery exporters are participating in the Asia Pacific Leather Show (APLF) 2014, the largest leather fair in the world, which is being held in Hong Kong from April 2 to 4. The fair is organized by the International Leather Tanners' Association (ILTA) and is the largest leather fair in the world. The fair is expected to attract over 10,000 visitors from all over the world. The fair is expected to be a major success for the Pakistani leather industry.

DAWN WEDNESDAY APRIL 2, 2014

Pakistan pavilion at APLF inaugurated HONG KONG. The newly appointed CEO of the Trade Development Authority (TDAP) S.M. Munir and Consul General of Pakistan in Hong Kong Gufran Memon jointly inaugurated the Pakistan pavilion at the APLF 2014 Show on Tuesday.

A total of number 80 companies from Pakistan are attending the APLF in Hong Kong. The fair is seen as the major international show for the Pakistan's tanners with existing and new buyers attending from all over the world, particularly from Asia, a press release said.



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BUSINESS RECORDER KARACHI THURSDAY 17 APRIL 2014

Muneer for giving task to commercial attachés

RECORDER REPORT KARACHI: Chief Executive, Trade Development Authority (TDAP), S. M. Muneer, has said that all the Commercial Consulators of Pakistan around the world should be assigned the task of marketing Pakistani products aimed at promoting exports.

Speaking at a dinner hosted by Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA), he said that the role of TDAP for marketing Pakistani products following the award of GSP Plus status is in progress in consultation with all stakeholders.

He assured the business community that he would discuss possibility of importing second hand leather machines so that export of leather products could be enhanced.

He also assured that he would apprise Federal Finance Minister Ishaq Dar that business community's concern over ongoing fluctuation in dollar value against Rupee.

All Karachi Industrial Alliance, Mian Zahid Hussain, said that energy crisis was a major challenge and to resolve it the government had paid Rs.50 billion to clear circular debts.

Former Vice President FPECI, Gulzar Firoz, said that Pakistan should make Turkey as a role model for increasing its exports.

Chairman PTA, Saqib Saied Masood, highlighted the core issues of leather sector.

Budget 2014-15

Leather sector wants zero-rated tax regime restoration

The leather sector earned benefits from the zero-rated tax regime till the introduction of Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) in 2007. The industry is now demanding the restoration of this regime to help ease its liquidity flow. The industry has estimated that it will lose \$1.22 billion for the last six years, said a statement issued by the industry.

The industry has also demanded that the government should provide a 10% rebate on the duty on leather goods. The industry has also demanded that the government should provide a 10% rebate on the duty on leather goods.

Pak pavilion of leather products opens in Hong Kong exhibition

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APLF 2014 starts at Hong Kong

'Exporters of leather goods to fetch over \$30m orders'

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TDAP finalising new market policy after GSP Plus status

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The newly-appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Trade Development Authority (TDAP) S.M. Munir and Consul General of Pakistan in Hong Kong, Gufran Memon jointly inaugurated Pakistan Pavilion at the APLF-2014 Show, said a message received here on Monday.

China's leather industry is struggling

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